

A day at the race track



In her winning 'Your retirement dreams' competition entry, UniSuper member and Executive Assistant Lyn Harris wrote: "As a single female, I am still racing my car after 13 years ... I have now competed in the Bathurst Festival Regularity at Easter twice, finishing 6/55 in 2014 ... My ultimate goal is to drive the Holy Grail, the Nürburgring in Germany". Intrigued, we went along to Phillip Island earlier this year to watch her in action.

Since taking up motorsport more than a decade ago, Lyn Harris has embraced the world of motor racing. Affectionately dubbed 'Penelope Pitstop' (a character from the 1960s animated series *Wacky Races*) by her peers, she is thriving in an arena traditionally dominated by males. Lyn and 'her girl'—a Subaru 1998 WRX which she mainly works and maintains herself—have competed at some of the major Australian circuits: Bathurst in NSW; Phillip Island, Sandown, Winton and Calder in Victoria; and Symmons Plains in Tasmania. On many of these occasions she's

come first in her class or been runner up. She's also a committee member of the WRX Club Victoria and is the club's delegate for the Victorian State Council of the Confederation of Australian Motorsport (CAMS). With her busy schedule and responsibilities, Lyn demonstrates that, "It's never too late to do something you have always wanted to do and something you really have a passion for". Here's a peek into Lyn's day at the Phillip Island Circuit—just months before she headed off to Europe to fulfil her dream of driving a race-prepared car at the Nürburgring in Germany.



The day starts just after sunrise, as Lyn joins the procession of cars arriving at the circuit.



Lyn replaces her road tyres with 'R-rated' racing tyres that are stickier and give more grip.



Signing in for driver briefing.



The 'Clerk of Course' goes over the day's regulations at the driver briefing.



Lyn and her Subaru WRX hit the track for her first session of the day.



Car still in one piece and satisfying lap times: the end of a long but good day.