

# **RICHARDS TEAM** *MOTORSPORT*

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## Michael Bristow to Test Supercheap V8 Supercar

NZ V8 driver Michael Bristow will head across the Tasman to QLD raceway on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March to experience his first taste of Aussie V8 Supercar muscle. Bristow will saddle up in one of the Supercheap Auto Racing Paul Morris Motorsport Commodores.

Young Bristow's opportunity was negotiated by TEX Onsite CEO Mick Kirwan as part of the recently established commercial partnership between PMM and TEX. "We just wanted to give the kid a chance to benchmark himself against the best operators" Kirwan said. "It's his second season aboard the TEX NZ V8 it has always been on our radar to try and create such an opportunity for Michael" he added.

This will be the first of a number of testing opportunities in which Bristow will be provided throughout the 2009 season. He, like many young drivers in NZ and Australia, has aspirations to ultimately find a gig within the elite V8 Supercar category. Opportunities such as this are therefore invaluable in building an experience base from which to launch ones push toward this goal.

"We are happy to give him the chance, our team has a reputation and proud history of giving young drivers an opportunity to experience V8 Supercar" said Team Principal Paul Morris, " We are very excited about our new relationship with TEX Onsite and appreciate the importance of working together to meet each other's expectations " Morris continued.

Bristow will make the trek to PMM's gold coast base on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March to meet the team and make preparations for the test. "This is a fantastic opportunity for me and I am really grateful to Mick Kirwan and Ross Gamble from TEX Onsite and Paul Morris for giving me this chance. I have no expectation other than to listen, learn and get as much from the experience as I can," said an excited Bristow.

Michael will have a very busy few days upon his arrival, he will attend the Supercheap Auto Racing official team launch on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, he will be given a day long training and briefing on the Tuesday and go with the team to QR on the Wednesday.