

# SP TOOLS

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Racing



## SYDNEYS CONCRETE JUNGLE FINALE

It was Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009 when Shane van Gisbergen got his first taste of the new 3.4km circuit around Sydney Olympic Park on Day 1 of the inaugural Sydney Telstra 500 showcase event. Van Gisbergen's aggressive and brave driving style was rewarded on the narrow track as he set the third fastest time of the day on the demanding street circuit. Hot on the pace early and remained consistently inside the top ten across both 50 minute practice sessions.  
Shane van Gisbergen – SP Tools Racing #9

“The track is so bumpy, some corners where you have to be precise and others you just have to go for it. It's a track that suits me and my driving style.”



Saturday was a frustrating day on the hard-hitting Sydney Telstra 500 track, when yet another potential podium finish for van Gisbergen went begging at the races half way point. Sitting in 4<sup>th</sup> position after his second stop for tyres and fuel the Giz was left with nowhere to go when McConville went into the tyre wall at Turn 8, the SP Tools Racing Falcon followed and although the Giz managed to avoid contact with the jammed car the incident cost him valuable time and track positions. The Giz battled on for the remaining laps, making a decent recovery to finish 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Shane van Gisbergen – SP Tools Racing #9  
“The way the car handled the race today is encouraging, we can definitely be back up there tomorrow fighting for a podium.”

SP finished strong with a great day on track in the final race of the 2009 V8 Supercars season with SP Tools FG Falcon finishing the 250km race inside the top ten at the Sydney Telstra 500. Shane van Gisbergen was the comeback kid of the 74 lap chase after an average qualifying result, a drive through penalty and going down a lap in the race, making an unbelievable recovery to finish in 6<sup>th</sup> position.  
Shane van Gisbergen – Driver, SP Tools Racing Car #9

“There have been plenty of ups and downs this year but as a group we are really gelling together, it's a great team. Yesterday was a classic example we had all the potential in the race but we just got caught up in other peoples mistakes so next year we will just keep our heads down, keep it smooth and the results will come.”



The lead up to the Sydney V8 Finale will see SP Tools Shane van Gisbergen accompanied by Corey Williams visit the Westmead Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December for an afternoon of fun and laughter with the children and families ☺.

The Official V8 Supercar Grand Final Breakfast is on Thursday morning 2<sup>nd</sup> December where the SP show race car will be on display for all to view!

Tune in and don't miss the Sydney Telstra 500 V8 Supercar Final  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010, Go The Giz !!!

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