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### **HOLDEN'S V8 SUPERCARS CHARITY AUCTION – A MUST FOR MOTORSPORT FANS**

Holden's V8 Supercars Charity Auction is a motorsport fan's dream come true, with a raft of exclusive memorabilia on offer to raise funds for the New Zealand Leukaemia & Blood Foundation.

The auction, which starts on Monday 13 April at [www.trademe.co.nz/holden](http://www.trademe.co.nz/holden), features an exclusive experience with V8 Supercar Driver Jason Richards, where the winner and a friend will get a personal tour of the pit facilities along with the opportunity to sit in Jason's car. Greg Murphy's 2008 team uniform and a limited edition Hamilton 400 jacket signed by Garth Tander are among the 13 items included in the auction.

Simon Carr, Holden New Zealand Managing Director says the auction brings together two areas close to Holden's heart, V8 Supercar racing and community support. "Holden has long been a supporter of the Leukaemia & Blood Foundation (LBF) providing vehicles for its patient support services staff," he says. "Our sponsorship of the Hamilton 400 provided a great opportunity to bring the two together to raise vital funds for the LBF."

Pru Etcheverry, the LBF executive director, says she has been overwhelmed by the generosity of the V8 Supercar Drivers involved. "The drivers have donated some unique items and all proceeds will go towards our patient support services to ensure that patients and their families have the advice, empathy and support they need. We are also grateful for Holden's active and generous involvement in our work."

Greg Murphy, V8 Supercar driver says the auction is a great way for teams to give back to the New Zealand community. "I'm pleased to donate an item that will hopefully bring enjoyment to a Holden V8 Supercars fan and raise money for such an important cause. I encourage all Holden fans to check the auction out."

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The auction also features unique items such as the rear bumper from Todd Kelly's Jack Daniels vehicle. The bumper comes complete with damage sustained during race two of the Australian GP this year where the vehicle was hit from behind by Brad Jones's Racing driver, Cameron McConville. The bumper has been personally autographed by both Todd and Rick Kelly.

The damaged rear bumper end from Lee Holdsworth's Garry Rogers Motorsport vehicle is also on offer. The damage was sustained over the Bahrain and Tasmania rounds and rumour has it that some of it was caused by team member Michael Caruso getting a bit too close! The bumper is signed by both drivers.

Holden's V8 Supercars Charity Auction will close at 8pm on Sunday 19 April 2009. However bids for the exclusive Jason Richards experience will close at 7pm on Thursday 12 April 2009.

The Leukaemia & Blood Foundation is the only organisation in New Zealand dedicated to supporting patients and their families living with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood conditions. Since 1977 its work has been made possible through fundraising and the generous support received from individuals, companies, trusts and grants. The LBF does not receive government funding.

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### **Media event and Photo Opportunity**

**What:** An opportunity to view the auction items and meet with some of the V8 Supercar drivers and hear from leukaemia patient and V8 Supercar fan, Paul Snowsill. Drivers include – Greg Murphy, Jason Richards, Lee Holdsworth, Michael Curaso, David Reynolds and Paul Dumbrell.

**When:** 9.30am Friday 17 April

**Where:** Hamilton 400 Venue, Ebbetts Corporate Hosting Villa

**Please note: tickets are needed to access the venue....**

Please see over for full list of auction items

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**Holden's V8 Supercars Charity Auction Items**

Item No	
1	Exclusive experience with V8 Supercars driver Jason Richards
2	Bumper from V8 Supercar driver Todd Kelly's Jack Daniels vehicle - autographed
3	V8 Supercars Driver Lee Holdsworth's Rear Bumper from #33 car - autographed
4	Greg Murphy's 2008 Team Jacket - autographed
5	Greg Murphy's 2008 Team Shirt - autographed
6	Toll HRT jacket, shirt and cap autographed by Garth Tander and Will Davison
7	1:18 scale model of the 2008 Autobarn Racing Car signed by Paul Dumbrell
8	Holden Racing Team Jacket signed by 14 Holden V8 Supercar drivers from the 2008 series
9	Limited edition Hamilton 400 Jacket signed by Garth Tander
10	Limited edition Hamilton 400 Shirt signed by the top three drivers from the 2008 event - Garth Tander, Rick Kelly, Steven Richards
11	Framed limited edition poster signed by Garth Tander
12	Frames limited edition 2007 Series Win Poster
13	Bundaberg Red Racing T-shirt signed by David Reynolds