

AURORA RACES IN MEMORY OF FALLEN TEAMMATE

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September 22nd will mark one year since Aurora Vehicle Association Inc. chairman David Fewchuk passed away.

In celebration and memory, Aurora will tribute their participation in the 2011 Veolia World Solar Challenge starting on October 16th to their fallen teammate and leader.

Aurora's Andris Samsons took over the role of chairman at the end of 2010 and said David used his natural charm and persuasive manner to influence automotive industry leaders, challenge the solar car community, inform the general public and educate students.

"David was a legend of the Australian automotive industry, having been a popular Ford of Australia executive before becoming Aurora's full-time chairman," he said.

"David's passing was completely unexpected and he is sorely missed.

"Thanks to the strong support from our sponsors and technical partners we will still be competing in this year's World Solar Challenge. We are doing this one for David."

For more than 15 years, David was the driving force behind Aurora and the team's racing shirts will carry a simple message of 'Thank you, David'.

The 2011 Veolia World Solar Challenge will run from the 16th - 23rd of October and will see solar car teams from around the world race 3000km from Darwin to Adelaide.

The Aurora team will race *Aurora Evolution* which makes its debut appearance after formally being *Aurora 101* with a top speed of 155km/hr.

Aurora will also partner with the Royal Institute of Australia (RiAus) and take *Evolutions* sister car *Southern Aurora* on a community outreach program which will educate the general public.

The education program will make stops at Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Coober Pedy and Port Augusta on their way to the finish line at Victoria Square in Adelaide.

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