

SunRace 2003



Daily Report

Day 9 - Sunday 23rd February, 2003

Its official, Aurora-RMIT 101 wins 'back to back' Sunrace events in 2002 and 2003!

The final results were announced at the Awards luncheon held at Leighton Hall, The Scientia at the University of New South Wales in Sydney.



The RMIT team came through as champions winning both the outright first place and the award for being the most professional team. Final times and placings for Sunrace 2003 are as follows:

Placing	Team	Car	Speed	Distance
First Place	RMIT University	Aurora-RMIT 101	77.0 kph	1763.3 km
Second Place	Chisholm	International Eagle	70.2 kph	1763.3 km
Third Place	UNSW	Sunswift	69.2 kph	1763.3 km
Fourth Place	Willyama	Broken Hill	48.5 kph	1351.0 km
Fifth Place	Bushranger	Orange	53.8 kph	1295.9 km

In an event affected by much needed rain, the Chisholm electric car caused an upset by leading the UNSW solar car in the overall result. Two days were effectively abandoned as the entire entry list had to be transported in their trailers to make the planned evening stops in Albury and Canberra. In the AGO Sunrace 2002 the average speed of the Aurora-RMIT 101 solar car was a record 94.25 kph.

The official duties for Day 9 were to bring the cars to the Sydney Opera House which was the official finishing line. Even at this landmark the rain was continuous so the prospects on a fine Awards lunch were inviting.



Essenhawk, the RMIT team sponsors, are to be thanked for strongly supporting the team. The RMIT students settled into the job of becoming a race team very well under the guidance of team manager, Professor Ian Bates and race team manager Dennis Thoroughgood. Congratulations to all the team which also included Caroline Murphy, Stella Ngondi, Carol Bates, Marko Levatic, Danny Jutrisa, Damien McArthur, Tom Baker and Kon Kotsonis.

