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Provisional Update

CRUISER CARS OF THE FUTURE – JUDGED AS TEAMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE SHINE IN ADELAIDE

Cars of the future we could well be driving tomorrow were on show today in Adelaide's Victoria Square. The Bridgestone World Solar Challenge Cruiser Class category showcases solar cars with a difference – those with design, technology and practical features that could become part of mainstream motoring.

The Cruiser Class was introduced to bridge the gap between high end technology and everyday driving practicality. The resultant cars are distinctly different ranging from sports coupes, to luxury four seater family car; solar cars with smart apps, sound systems and everything in between.

This category is about much more than speed. Cruiser class cars are judged on passenger kilometres travelled, energy efficiency speed and a subjective practicality and design criteria including: cabin space and comfort; features; ease of operation; desirability and innovation. The Event judging panel will take into account design and practicality, with the winner announced at the award ceremony and via live streaming on Sunday night.

Five of the 12 Cruiser Class cars made the entire distance on solar kilometres. The Japanese Kogakuin team in their aerodynamic catamaran shaped 'Owl' was the fastest of the Cruisers into Adelaide, but other competitors like team Eindhoven of the Netherlands in their four-seater family car 'Stella Lux' may have more passenger kilometres. Germany's team, HS Bochum in 'SunRiser', the sixth car built by this team, and Australia's UNSW Sunswift team in 'eVe' are looking to the sports coupe market. The University of Minnesota with their solar car 'Eos' designed their car to have improved practicality over 2013, still maintaining a sleek image solar cars are known for.

The remaining cruisers, UK school team Ardingly College, Hong Kong's HKIVE in 'Sophie', Indonesia's ITS in 'Widya Wahana', Poland's Lodz solar team in 'Eagle One', Singapore's 'Sunspec 4', Iran's University of Tehran's 'Persian Gazelle', will be ranked according to solar kilometres travelled having completed the distance with a combination of solar kilometres and trailer kilometres.

The cars also faced a practicality test on the finish line, testing parking skills, hand brake starts, manoeuvrability and storage capacity.

In the Challenger Class home town team Adelaide University Solar Racing team were welcomed home in Lumen having completed more than 2,000 kilometres under solar power. They were joined by teams celebrating on the finish line throughout the day.





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Festivities continue over the weekend. Official City of Adelaide Finish Line activities at Victoria Square include:

- Solar car teams on display from 22 countries
- Schools program - BUILD YOUR OWN SOLAR CAR, TECH TALK
- AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL MODEL SOLAR CHALLENGE
- **Experience the solar car street parade 3pm Sunday**
- **Live streaming of the awards – Sunday night – including winner of the Cruiser Class -**
<http://livestream.com/liveaustralia/events/4409969>

An update will be available after Day 7 of the Challenge concludes at 5pm Darwin time on <http://www.worldsolarchallenge.org>

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