

ROBERT CASSAR



BORN	10 January, 1975
BIRTHPLACE	Melbourne, Victoria
RESIDES	Melbourne, Victoria
MARITAL STATUS	Married to Katie
CHILDREN	None
PERSONAL INFLUENCE	My Family
HOBBIES	Drag Racing, Fishing

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS Debut Group 1 Top Bike – 2004
Winner Spring Nationals – 1999

Debut	1996
Number of Starts	80
Podium - Wins	8
Podium – Seconds	1
Podium – Thirds	2

Titles

1997/98	Club Championships
1998/99	Club Championships
1998/99	Victoria Modified Bike Track State Championships
2000	ANDRA Drag Racing Modified Bikes Spring Nationals
2000	National Open Meeting (Adelaide)
2001	National Open Meeting (Melbourne)
2000/01	Victoria/Tasmania Divisional Championships
2001/02	Victoria/Tasmania Divisional Championships

Results

1998	Victorian Championships – Runner Up
1998/99	Australian Modified Bike Championships – Fourth
1999/2000	Australian Championship – Third
2000	Spring Nationals ANDRA Drag Racing Modified Bike (R1)
2000/01	Modified Bike Australian Championships – Third
2003	Nationals – Semi Finals
2004	Top Bike Nitro Champs - Eighth

CAREER AMBITION Owing a Nitro Funny Car, competing against the best in the USA in the NHRA series

Robert Cassar was enthralled with all things motorsport from his first visit to Calder Raceway as a young child. At age 14 Robert was no longer content to sit on the sidelines. After a couple of years building and racing his own go-kart, Robert accepted the role of Crew Chief for Pro Stock bike legend Igor Krasnowsky, honing his skills from the ground up.

Krasnowsky's retirement in 1996 provided Robert with the impetus to branch out, build his own modified bike and make his racing debut in late 1996 at the Victorian Championships. In his debut attempt at qualifying Robert dialled in a disappointing 13 seconds. After negotiating with officials Robert was allowed to compete at the meet, with a best time of 11.99 seconds.

There was no looking back - Ballistic Racing was officially launched. The next few years would see Robert compete on a local and national level where numerous finals appearances resulted in winning several titles.

1997/98 saw Robert win the Club Championship, a feat he was to repeat in 1998/99.

Competing in the Australian Modified Bike Championships in 1998/99, Robert ended the season in fourth place.

In 1999 Robert took out the Victorian Modified Bike Track State Championship, which, along with Runner Up in the Victorian Championship that same year, remains a personal career highlight to this day. During this time Robert also came third in the 1999/2000 Australian Championship.

Robert's next title win came in 2000 when he won the ANDRA Drag Racing Modified Bikes Spring Nationals, closely followed by winning the National Open Meeting in Adelaide and placing in Round 1 of the Spring Nationals ANDRA Drag Racing Modified Bike that same year.

2001 was a busy year with Robert not only winning the National Open Meeting in Melbourne, and the Victoria/Tasmania Division Championships, but also coming in a respectable third in the 2001 Modified Bike Australian Championships.

Retaining his title in the 2002 Victoria/Tasmania Divisional Championships, Robert's next result wasn't until the 2003 Nationals where an intense round saw him reach the semi-finals.

2004 was to be a milestone in Robert's career. After adding a nitrous system to the bike Robert competed for the first time in Group 1 Top Bike, rounding off the season in eighth place.

The team came crashing down to earth in 2005 when a component malfunction caused them to lose an engine at the Winternationals. As a self-funded team the financial impact was high, and set the team back for the majority of the year. Not content to rest on his laurels, Robert turned this into an opportunity to build a new engine and improve the frame of the bike.

Competing with limited funds, 2006 saw the team make their way to the Summernationals in Sydney only to experience a problem with the NOS set-up. Prevented from qualifying at his next meet in Queensland due to inclemental weather, Robert decided to compete in a local meet at Heathcote (Victoria) to shake off the dust from a rather unremarkable start to the year. His efforts were rewarded when he qualified in top position, ending the meet as the Runner Up in the Open Bike Class.

Driven for the past decade by ambition and dedication, Robert has been paid the ultimate compliment by the motor sport fraternity. 2007 will see Robert compete in the invitation-only Pro Star Superbike Championship being staged in the USA, exposing Ballistic Drag Racing Team to a viewing audience of millions across the entire 52 states.

2007 will also see Robert aggressively pursue a title win in both the Competition Bike AA/CB and Top Fuel Bike national championships.