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## **WRANGLER MT/R WITH KEVLAR TYRES HELP HUNTER RACING TO SIXTH SUCCESSIVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Goodyear's Wrangler MT/R with Kevlar tyres have played a crucial role in Colin Hunter and his Hunter Racing team winning their sixth successive national title in the Australian Off Road Championship (AORC) after a final round win at the 2009 Albins Off Road Gear Goondiwindi 400, held over the weekend of October 17-18.

Hunter Racing's V8 Jeep Grand Cherokee competes in 'Extreme 4WD', which is open to highly modified 4WD vehicles with engines not exceeding 6000cc.

"The Goodyear tyres made a huge contribution to the win, no doubt. They definitely helped us jump up a couple of spots in the overall standings as well," said Hunter Racing Team Manager, Stewart Knowles.

"We couldn't be happier with the performance of the MT/R with Kevlars. They're perfectly suited to this kind of racing and hard use, and they provide excellent all round grip."

The Wrangler MT/R with Kevlar, released earlier this year, is Goodyear's first off-road tyre built with the rugged toughness of DuPont™ Kevlar® for enhanced sidewall puncture resistance. They replaced the existing Wrangler MT/R as the tyre of choice for the Hunter Racing team.

The use of Kevlar® in the tyre, an innovative material that also has applications by police and the military in personal body armour, brings superb sidewall cut and puncture resistance to an area of the tyre that demands extra toughness when driving off-road.

"The new tyres allowed us to really play around with the set up of the car and our approach to the race. These tyres provided so much more side grip, which allowed them to stay straight coming in and out of the tight corners, and that's of huge benefit.

"It was a great year for us and we thank Goodyear for their wonderful support and look forward to continuing our fantastic relationship with them next year and into the future," Stewart said.

The Goodyear sponsored team of Colin Hunter (driver) and Margot Knowles (navigator) finished first in their class, 16th outright, and was the first 'car' home in the 2009 Albins Off Road Gear Goondiwindi 400.

The class victory at Goondiwindi also handed them the 'Extreme 4WD' National Championship, which they have held continuously since 2004.

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