

# MERCEDES Kicks Off 2015 Season In Style With A 1-2 Finish At The Australian Grand Prix

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Mercedes AMG Petronas kicked off the 2015 Formula One season by securing First and Second places at the Australian Grand Prix.

Lewis Hamilton took his 34th career victory at Albert Park-his second in Australia and 13th for the Silver Arrows while Nico Rosberg took second position after a race-long chase, finishing just 1.3 seconds shy of his team-mate. This result marks the 30th Formula One victory for the Silver Arrows and both drivers ran a one stop strategy, pitting for prime tyres.

Mercedes-Benz AMG Petronas had a dream season in 2014 by winning the Drivers' Championship and the Constructors' Championship with several races remaining in the season. Moreover Lewis and Nico broke many records-individual and team during the 2014 season.

Lewis Hamilton went on to say, "it's quite unbelievable, really, what this team has done. It's a great feeling to start off the season the way we finished the last and the car is just incredible, so thank you to the team. It was still a tough race, though, as Nico was very quick throughout. It was about managing fuel and also the tyres-trying to see howlong we could push them. Anyway, we've learned a lot this weekend and there will be a lot of analysis to do before Malaysia. Hopefully we'll keep finding ways to improve. Just because we had that gap today it doesn't mean we'll be cruising. There's still a long way to go."

Diesel & Motor Engineering (DIMO), the authorised distributor for Mercedes-Benz in Sri Lanka, organised a fun rally for the Mercedes-Benz Club on race day. A collection of young and old stunning Mercedes-Benz cars took part at the rally, which ended at the new Mercedes-Benz Center (DIMO800). The club members and their families, along with DIMO management, enjoyed the screening of the Australian Grand Prix live on a giant screen. With a packed Formula One season ahead, the Silver Arrows already have an imposing lead: they sit on 43 points, with Ferrari and Sauber next up on 15 and 14 respectively.