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To: State Presidents, Secretaries and Affiliated Club Presidents
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Good Afternoon All,

Here are a couple of good news stories to start things off.

The first is from a person who is very new to our sport and is an **excellent use of Social Media**. His name is Mathew Lawson. Mathew bought his first licence in March of this year and is a member of the **Eastern Lions Kart Club**. I found this on a social media site earlier this week. Do I need to say - GREAT WORK.

"For anyone thinking of getting into the sport, 4SS is a great opportunity. It's really affordable in comparison to other classes and provides close racing.

I myself was able to start racing this year due to this class, and now my brother and father have joined me on track.

The engines don't require much more than a quick check between races. This means we can spend more time enjoying each other's company at the track.

Thanks to Karting Australia for the initiative, Torini, Austech Industries, and all the team at Ringwood Kart Centre for all their help and support with the class. Finally the Eastern Lions Kart Club for welcoming my family and I into the sport.

It's been a blast so far, and I'm always looking forward to the last weekend of the month. 🏁🏁🏁"



The second is about a Club that has been part of karting for a very long time. Shane Soutar – President of the Wimmera Kart Club in Victoria attended our **Plus 1 Project** Club President's meeting that we held in Melbourne at the start of June.

He left that meeting, went back to his Club and said "let's make some things happen." Since that time the **Wimmera Kart Club** have run a Test and Tune day and have scheduled their first Club day in almost 30 years. I think that's awesome and I hope that the members of Wimmera and neighboring Clubs get right behind them.

"Entries now open for our special Club day! Late entries will be accepted until 10:30am Race day, please help numbers by PRE-ENTERING

It's been almost '30 years' since the Wimmera Kart Racing Club had its last Club day and we invite ALL Clubs from VICTORIA and as far as SOUTH AUSTRALIA to come and race with us on Sunday 30th September.

It's also a great opportunity for E-LICENCE DRIVERS to be part of their 1st race meeting in a relaxed environment. Come and learn and be tutored by 7-Time Australian Champion Remo Luciani.

ALL classes will be offered and there will be trophies for every class and also for the 1st E-LICENCE driver home!

The WIMMERA KART RACING CLUB will ensure you have FUN, because isn't that what Club days are all about! We want you to remember what a great racing experience you had at our club. See you all on Sunday 30th September for our first Club day in almost 30 years and we promise...

"It will be great"

So bring the whole family as HORSHAM is a great place to visit too!"



BUILDING BETTER KART CLUBS CONFERENCE

- A PLUS 1 PROJECT INITIATIVE



You would have received the brochure for our first BBKC Conference. The theme is **“KARTING CLUBS – More Than Just a Place to Race”**.

A further copy of the brochure is attached with this communique. Here is a link to the registration form: [REGISTER NOW](#)

This event is a first for Karting Australia and is open to all Clubs and should not be missed. **The first three registrations for your Club Executive are FREE.**

I can promise you that it will be enlightening, motivating and inspiring and is not to be missed. The messages from outside the sport and from community (grassroots) club experts as well as from some of our own karting people will, I am sure prove to be invaluable to you.

I will be meeting with the Karting WA Club Presidents on the Friday of the same weekend, before heading to Melbourne for the Conference on Saturday. While I know

that it is AGM time in WA that weekend, if any member of a Club Executive (who is not attending the KWA AGM) wishes to attend, we will welcome them with open arms and have a **travel assistance package** to help you get there.

If you’re wondering what a football coach can bring to Australian karting Clubs, the answer is plenty. I’ve known Mark since we were kids. His enthusiasm is infectious, he is a great motivator and I encourage you to join us and find out for yourself.

“I have known Mark Choco Williams for over 40 years and he continues to amaze me with his motivation to extract the best out of both himself and the people around him.

Mark will challenge you to be your best as an individual and as a team. His expertise is in creating an environment where there is a much greater buy in and connection by everyone applying this to both the sporting and corporate world.

Simply, Mark will improve you and your team that is guaranteed.”

Phil Smyth

*4 x Olympian | 5 x World Championships | 3 x NBL Championships as a Player
3 x NBL Championships as a Coach | Sport Australia Hall of Fame | NBL Hall of Fame*

“Firstly, I'd like to start by saying that you have had an immense impact on the team here at Moorabbin. In my 17 years at Peter Mac I've never known an education session to have such an effect on the entire team.”

Anne Collins

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

Travel Assistance to Attend

To help those Clubs that are situated well away from Melbourne to attend the conference, we will be making available several travel assistance (reimbursement) packages (maximum of 1 per Affiliated Club) as follows:

| DISTANCE FROM MELBOURNE | TRAVEL ASSISTANCE |
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| 300 – 500km | \$150 |
| 500 – 1000km | \$200 |
| More than 1000km | \$300 |
| Interstate Flight 1 From places other than North Queensland, NT and WA | \$300 or 50% of Ticket Price, whichever is the lower amount. |
| Interstate Flight 2 North Queensland, NT and WA | \$500 or 50% of Ticket Price, whichever is the lower amount. |
| Travel reimbursements will be made following the completion of the Conference. | |

2019 CALENDAR

We are still on target to announce the key elements of the National Events Calendar in the first part of September.

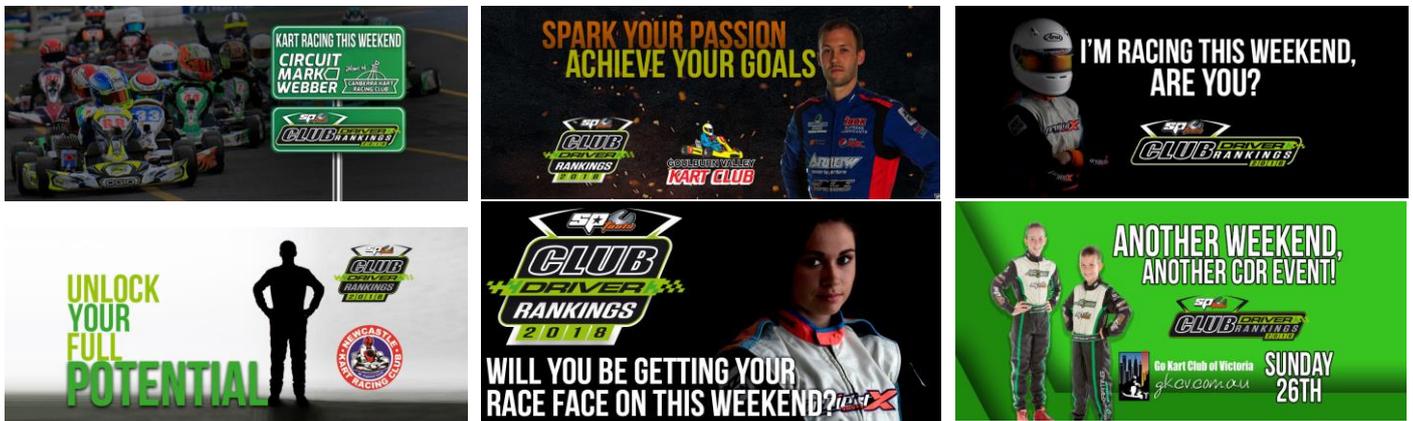
The dates that we have identified for the AKC have been confirmed as not clashing with the Supercars Calendar (at this stage) and we are now starting to look very seriously at venues for AKC and Pro Tour. We are looking to announce these dates in the coming two weeks with venues shortly after.

This will enable States to accelerate their local calendars and Clubs to do the same.

CLUB DAY/ CDR RACE MEETING ARTWORK

Following are some examples of the great artwork that we have been producing for Clubs to use on their social media to promote Club Competition. Karting Australia Operations Assistant Matthew Gould has been customising the images for your own Club. If you want to avail yourself of this FREE service, send Matthew a note at:

Matthew@karting.net.au



OPTION TYRES

Last month I told you that there was one final piece of Option Tyre testing that we want to do before we send out the polls about Option Tyres/Prime Tyres for Grassroots level karting to our licensed drivers, Clubs and State Associations.

The country is in a drought, so what happened, the first day was completely rained out. We are now finalizing the option tyre polls and expect to deliver them to the karting community shortly.

KA OFFICIALS TRAINING SESSIONS

National Officials Co-Ordinator Mark Horsley will be travelling to both **Western Australia** and **South Australia**, to coincide with State Championship events in those States in the coming months to conduct **“Stewards”** and **“Event Command & Administration”** training modules for officials in both States.

He will also be conducting some Grade 1 and 2 Officials Assessments while there.

If you have Officials in your Club that could benefit from some new or additional training, please contact the SA and WA State Officials Co-Ordinator's for more details.

SAFETY GRANTS

Our Safety Grant Program supports the improvement of safety infrastructure at our Clubs. In the past two years Karting Australia has provided well over quarter of a million dollars to Clubs across the country to improve the safety structures and facilities at their Clubs for the benefit of our members.

We have decided to extend the closing date for the second round of Safety Grants for 2018. **The extended closing date will now be 1 October.**

Here is the link to the information that you need to make an application:

<http://www.karting.net.au/karting-australia/safety-grants>

KARM LEVEL 3

Karting Australia's Risk Management Program (KARM) Level 3 will be released during September. Look out for it and please work to make sure that your Club is leading the way with simple risk management initiatives to make your track and Club a safer place to be.



Once you have attained Level 3 status, your Club will receive the KARM Level 3 Silver Insignia to signify to your members and anyone who visits your facility that your Club is constantly working to manage risk for their benefit.

HIRING YOUR CIRCUIT TO A THIRD PARTY

Something that comes up often is a third party approaching a Club to hire their Circuit. I am sure that you have all been approached from time to time. Well managed it can be a great source of funds to the Club or it could allow you to provide a service to your community. The issue that arises most often related to insurance cover.

By way of a short summary, these are the things that you should look to cover off on with the potential hirer of your facility to ensure that the risk to the Club is managed appropriately:

- Have the hirer provide the Club with a current Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency that lists the Club, your State Association and Karting Australia as interested parties (get that checked by KA's insurers) as they aren't all the same and may specifically exclude motorsport activities.
- Have a hire agreement in place with the hirer that includes the requirement for a Risk Assessment from the hirer for the activity that they wish to undertake at the Club's venue.
- We recommend that the hirer should have insurance for damage caused by their activity at the venue but whether a Club deems that necessary is your decision, partially based on the identity of the hirer.

Karting Victoria have developed a Third-Party Hire Agreement for the use of their Clubs. It has been approved by our Insurers. They have very kindly allowed us to share that form with all of our Clubs and we thank them for that. It is attached to this email. It obviously needs to be customized for local use – Logo, address etc. but it forms a very good base for establishing the Club/Hirer relationship.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Several times during this year I have fielded questions from different State Associations about Member Protection as it relates to Child Protection requirements. A link to our Member Protection Policy Part B follows.

The simple and overriding principle that as a sport we need to follow, is that all the people who work with children must have completed the appropriate **CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS** for your State. Even if these

requirements are still optional in your State, for the sake of our sport, they need to be done by everyone. Just because a State Government hasn't acted yet, doesn't mean that we should be just as lax as they are.

Having a WWCC application approved can take a little time after the application is submitted so as an interim measure it is good policy and recommended to ask all volunteers and officials at your Club to complete a **KA MEMBER PROTECTION DECLARATION**. The declaration form is attached to this email for your use.

<http://www.karting.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/KA-Member-Protection-Policy-Part-B-Final-V2.pdf>

NEW CLUB KARTING SESSIONS FOR 2019

The KA staff have been working on some new concepts for Club level karting.

I had the opportunity 10 days ago to discuss them with the Queensland State Karting Council. The reception was extremely positive, and we are now working to put 'more meat on the bones' of both concepts.

We will present them at the Conference and look to roll them out from the start of next year if the enthusiasm for the concepts that was evident in Queensland is also apparent when we present them fully in Melbourne.

FULL THROTTLE

The next edition of Full Throttle will be published in early September. It's not too late for articles to be submitted if you haven't already done so.

It would be fantastic to be able to include some **State News, Club News and Series News** sections in each edition.

It's a chance to tell the world what you're doing and what you have planned. It's **FREE**, it goes to all our Members and is read internationally as well.

To include those sections, we need the information from you. Get your Club/Series to become a contributor – it only needs to be brief or if you have a budding journo in your Club – get them to write an article about something positive in your region. Share your news with us, so we can share it with the rest of the Australian karting community.

Send your copy to Matthew@karting.net.au

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH



Have a great weekend.

Cheers

Kelvin