



Australian Karting Association Qld Inc T/A Karting Queensland

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Dear members,

I trust everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

I thought it was time to give a short update to the activities of the Karting QLD Management since the last General Meeting and to provide an update to where 2014 is heading as the racing season commences.

Following on from last year, Jill Samson has been busy organising the come and try calendar for 2014 , John Lane and John McCleverty have been organising the year of training ahead and Richard Losper has been applying the budgeted structure within MYOB for future reporting. It is clear that looking over the yearly distribution of licence renewals, that the first few months of 2014 will give us a good indication to how well the budget will project and what position QLD will be in for 2014.

In addition to this, the SEK QLD group has been busy getting together a set of regulations for competition in QLD under a similar model to that currently operating in NSW and the Vintage Karting community in QLD has been gearing up for the Australian Vintage Kart Prix to be held at Ipswich Kart Club on the 22nd/23rd of March.

Karting QLD now has its own facebook page - thanks to Richard Losper for setting this up. Richard has been moderating the facebook page and the purpose is very much to increase the exposure of QLD karting to the social networking community by providing updates to events. other karting related matters of interest and a place for people to ask questions. Over 200 people have already joined the page and this will complement the Karting QLD website. The link to the facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/kartingqld>

Review of the Management Structure of Karting QLD

The review of the structure of our association is underway. Malcolm Saunders, Annette English and Trevor White have been appointed to initiate the review. This is an exciting time for Karting QLD as we recognised unanimously at the 2013 Annual General Meeting that the Management of the sport of karting in QLD, under its current structure, can be markedly improved. Together with the recent implementation of a National Board, this is an opportune time to be reviewing our Association's functionality. For input that is constructive and of assistance, please contact Malcolm (saundersfamily11@hotmail.com), Annette (tingira@hotmail.com) and Trevor (tcmmwhite@gmail.com), via email.

Meeting with the Board and Executive Commission

Recently the first Executive commission meeting was held together with a forum to address the issues that are facing the sport and just as importantly to us, the issues that QLD is facing in karting. This was an intense meeting, but overall was professionally organised and it was a pleasure to be part of forward

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thinking discussions. The new image of the sport was unveiled, together with the appointments to the various committees formed under the Directors of the Board. There was much opportunity to speak to the Board about the cultural issues (both behavioral and competitive) embedded in the sport and administration as the strategic plan for karting nationally is developed. Much of our constructive concerns surrounding administrative structure, training, policy development, increasing participation at competitive and volunteer level, driver standards, future engines and junior training were discussed throughout the weekend. These are exciting times for karting and if anyone has any questions regarding the weekend please feel free to contact me.

Furthermore, I would like to remind everyone, that if there are ever any issues and/or suggestions that you would like to discuss, please get in contact with me.

As usual I would like to thank my fellow Management and volunteers for their efforts and look forward to a constructive and productive year ahead.

Regards,

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