



APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER



News from the Chair....

And what a difference a month makes! There is a saying that “a lot can happen in a week of karting...” but I’m not sure any of us could have envisaged the impact a global pandemic like Covid-19 would have on our sport, communities and our lives by April 2020.

Fortunately, prior to 25 March 2020 when all karting activities ceased due to the recommendations from the NSW Government, we were able to still hold Round 2 of the Southern Stars Series, as well as have our Clubs hold events at Manning Valley and Canberra.

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, we also made the decision to place all current KNSW licenses “ON HOLD” from 25 March 2020 until we are able to return to practice or racing. This decision has been well received by the karting community and we note that a number of KNSW Member Clubs have followed our lead and replicated the same or similar programs with their Club memberships.

For those of you that sit on our various Club Committees, we have launched our “**KNSW Clubs – Information Hub**”. We have filled it with information that we think you will find useful in assisting the running of your KNSW Club. Please feel free if there are any topics that you would wish for us to include as we continue to develop it.

We continue to take this opportunity to work on return to racing contingencies for the remainder of 2020 – with fingers crossed we get to action them sooner rather than later. We remain in the hands of the NSW and Federal governments on this.

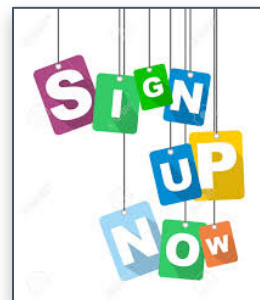
The office will be closed over Easter, allowing Karen and Donna to take some well-earned annual leave. We will be re-open on 20 April 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Board of Karting (New South Wales) Inc to wish all of our Clubs and Members a safe and happy Easter Break.

Ilona Alsters
KNSW Chair



Member Protection Information Officer – Expressions of Interest



A reminder that applications for our Member Protection Information Officers (MPIO) close on 30 April, 2020. MPIO's play an important role in our sport. They provide information and guidance on complaints procedures - they are the 'go to' person if you want to discuss problems at your club/association, particularly if you are considering making a formal complaint.

Further information about the MPIO position can be found on our [website](https://www.kartingnsw.com.au) or email info@kartingnsw.com.au.

A message from our Director of Competition

Firstly, I would just like to say that I hope everyone is safe and doing alright in these challenging times!



While we can't get out to the track from some practice or racing at the moment, there is still many opportunities to fill in some time with karting related things. It could be a good time to give your equipment some TLC, or maybe looking at upgrading, you could go through data, watch the endless content of kart racing on YouTube, or jump on the sim racing bandwagon! Remember to check up on your racing friends and have a chat.

So, what are we doing at KNSW in this relatively quiet period? Heaps!! You will notice that our website has been updated, with our new KNSW Clubs Information Hub project. This project provides information regarding marketing ideas, advice on grants/funding applications, governance information, and much more content for member clubs to access. We have also announced that we have placed all licenses on hold effective from the 25th of March, with the remaining term to be credited to your license when practice or racing resumes. We are continually keeping up to date with the Covid-19 situation and putting plans in place for when we can back on track.

Until then, stay safe, get your racing fix somehow, wash your hands and keep in contact with your mates!

Nick Becker
Director of Competition

Canberra's First Club Day on the new Track

So we were all able to squeeze in one last club day of racing before Covid-19 social distancing restrictions brought a screeching halt to our events. But what better track to do it on than at CKRC's Circuit Mark Webber's opening Club day!

Entries were capped at 120 to ensure we kept everyone safe and well within the then cap on numbers for outdoor events. And literally within 2 days of confirming we were racing and announcing the cap – the event was FULL!



With many of us mindful of social distancing requirements on the day – competitors had one thing on their minds – and that was all about getting out on the new track and working their way around the new layout. Feedback from competitors on the new technical design was overwhelmingly positive with new angulations, 9 new corners, and more passing opportunities!

Needless to say we are all busting to get back out there asap!

Congratulations - Manning Valley Track Upgrade!!



We were recently able to announce that Manning Valley Kart Club has secured funding of over \$250k to resurface it's track.

With no racing currently taking place, we understand that the Manning Valley Kart Club Committee may fast-track its plans to hopefully have the track re-surfaced within the next six months. Ideally, if we are back racing in October – the resurfacing would be complete for the last round of the Northern Zone in November and the Dave Hammnet in December 2020.

Fingers crossed we will all be back racing soon and can add yet another recently resurfaced track to our repertoire of racing with KNSW. Congratulations Manning Valley!

KNSW Clubs – Information Hub



On 07 April 2020 we launched our “**KNSW Clubs - Information Hub**”.

This has been particularly designed to assist our KNSW Clubs and their management committees!

Check it out at:

[HTTPS://WWW.KARTINGNSW-INFOHUB.NET/](https://www.kartingnsw-infohub.net/)

Coming Soon – KNSW Officials - Virtual Classroom!



Our training & education team have been hard at work behind the scenes developing an online interactive virtual classroom to deliver our KNSW Officials Training. The training is being designed from looking at an end to end race day format.

Registered KNSW Officials keep an eye on your inbox over the next few weeks for further information. If you would like to be included in completing the training or becoming a KNSW Official, please email info@kartingnsw.com.au for further information.

Call our Welfare Directors

They have nothing to do – call them and let them know what's happening at your Club during social distancing!

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See you (soon) at the track!