

**July 27, 2018.** Welcome to the inaugural Carrick Speedway Racing Newsletter.

Over the coming season, we will be producing our "Racing News" on a regular basis. We plan to include anything related to Carrick Speedway, both old and new.

A bit of history - Carrick Speedway is a volunteer owned and run speedway. The ground is owned by the Carrick Park Pacing Club whilst the lease is owned jointly by the Carrick Speedway Drivers (C.S.D.A.) Association and the Tasmanian Formula 500 Club. Each division nominates three members who are entrusted to run Carrick Speedway on their behalf. These members are full volunteers and are held responsible to ensure that Carrick Speedway is ran in an acceptable manner abiding by all local, state and federal regulations and as a Speedway Australia affiliated track, we must also abide by Speedway Australia Rules and Regulations.



Carrick Speedway was the dream of Dave Powell and Lex Sturnberg. Speedway inaugurated in Tasmania in 1964 and Powell and Sturnberg envisaged that Northern Tasmania should also build a track. Construction

began in late 1967 but with inclement winter weather their first scheduled race meeting for March 1968 was pushed back to October. A meeting was then held every fortnight on a Sunday afternoon for three divisions of stock cars. Averaging 80 cars per race meeting Carrick Speedway had begun and made its mark on Speedway not only in Tasmania but across the country.

The future of Carrick Speedway - Over the past 24 months, Carrick Speedway has been working with the Carrick Park Pacing Club on the signing of a new lease. This is proving to be an extremely difficult task to complete and there have been many time restrictions placed on the track.

Under the guidance of Tasmanian Treasurer Peter Gutwein, ex Racing Minister Jeremy Rockliff and the current Racing Minister Sarah Courtney, we are continuing the fight for Carrick Speedway to remain.



We believe a 50-year-old institution that contributes to not only the Carrick economy but the economy of Tasmania and has a huge financial footprint for our state, deserves a fair go. The Tasmanian Liberal Party came on board during last season and we



have had numerous meetings attempting to move forward and finalise an agreeable lease for all parties.

As part of their 2018 election commitment, the Tasmanian Liberal Party have paid \$50,000 to Carrick Speedway. These funds will be used by Management for facility and track upgrades as they see fit. You are sure to see where some of the funds are being spent very soon.

Moving forward, we have our fingers crossed that soon we will have the opportunity to sian mutually a agreeable lease, for both Carrick Speedway and the Carrick Park Pacing Club, which will enable Carrick Speedway to get on with what we are all there for - speedway racing. More information will be provided once it becomes available.



Season Passes – If you are a regular at Carrick, and well who wouldn't want to be, why not take advantage of our Season Pass Discount Offer.

Scheduled Meetings	9		Discount Price	
Adult @ \$25	\$	225.00	\$	180.00
Concession @ \$20	\$	180.00	\$	145.00
Family @ \$60	\$	540.00	\$	435.00

2018/19 will see Carrick Speedway race its 51st season.

Our racing calendar is as follows and subject to change if required:

22nd September, 2018 – Practice Day

**13th October, 2018** - Formula 500's, Modifieds, Street Stocks, Junior Sedans, AMCA's, Wingless Sprints, Tassie Sixes

**3rd November, 2018** - Sprintcars, Modifieds, AMCA's, Tassie Sixes, Speedcars, Late Models

**24th November, 2018** - Super Sedans, Formula 500's, Junior Sedans, AMCA's – Mark Triffett Memorial, Wingless Sprints race for Make a Wish Foundation, Tassie Sixes

**26th December, 2018** - Sprintcars, Super Sedans, Formula 500's, Street Stocks, Junior Sedans

**12th January, 2019** - Super Sedans, Street Stocks Tasmanian Title, AMCA's, Tassie Sixes, Speedcars

**2nd February, 2019** - Late Models, Formula 500's 50 lapper, Modifieds, Street Stocks, Wingless Sprints, Speedcar Tasmanian Title

**23rd February, 2019** - Sprintcars, Modifieds, Juniors Sedans, AMCA Tasmanian Title, Late Models

**9th March, 2019 -** Sprintcars, Super Sedans, Street Stocks, Wingless Sprints Tasmanian Title, Tassie Sixes, Speedcars

**30th March, 2019** - Late Models, Formula 500's, Modifieds, Junior Sedans, Wingless Sprints, Speedcars

**27th April, 2019** - Club Day



During the 2017/18 season Carrick was supported by all divisions and nominations were great. We averaged 95 cars a night which works extremely well for our facility.

Initial discussions with all divisions have increased numbers for all, Stridey, Roarky and Angryman will be back, our most important fire crew will also be there along with divisional officials and track volunteers, so it looks set to be a spectacular season. If you would like to become involved, please feel free to get in touch.



We want your feedback - Until the 31st of July Carrick Speedway is conducting a survey. There are 21 questions and gives everyone an opportunity to contribute feedback, both positive and negative, regarding Carrick Speedway.

The information being collated, gives us the details to move forward in a way that spectators, drivers and sponsors see fit. The more input from the speedway community gives a larger impression of what you see as the good, the bad and the ugly.

Over the coming weeks and months, both in this newsletter, on Facebook and at the track, we will attempt to answer many questions or points that are being raised. Some of the comments coming through are fabulous and is giving some wonderful thoughts and ideas that we will endeavour to implement. Of course, there are some real weird ones that are either impractical, financially unviable or in some cases against the law.

All details are on the website, Facebook and Instagram. For your time two random winners will be chosen. The first winner will receive a season family pass and the second a season adult pass to Carrick Speedway for the coming 2018/19. Not a bad payment for 9 or 10 minutes work – but you will need to ensure a valid email address is entered for us to be able to contact the winner. Follow this link

- <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C</a> arrick Speedway

An area of concern that has surfaced from the survey is **Unsupervised** children.

We have a sign at the main gate stating children MUST be supervised. Whilst we completely understand that kids get bored, there is a difference between

- 1. running around with their friends having fun and
- 2. Getting into mischief.

On a regular basis children interfere with cars and motorbikes in the car parks, they congregate around the toilets and fill them with rocks, dirt or toilet paper (total waste of money), they run around the back of the fences sliding down the banks, bang on the back of fences



annoying those sitting in front, throw rocks over the fences and some even use sticks as weapons and have fights.

All these actions have an impact on others around them.

We do offer a Kids Club, but Carrick Speedway is not a baby-sitting service and you are responsible for the supervision of your own children.

It was suggested that security should do more. We could have 50 security guards (all costing money) around the facility and those kids wanting to cause a problem and mum and dad have no idea where they are or what they are doing, always move onto another area. It is time for parents and guardians to take responsibility and look after your own children. The spectators have spoken.

**Merchandise** – This is the time of the year teams and divisions are looking at their merchandise requirements for the coming season. The Cranes Combined Merchandise Shop on turn 3 is more than happy to chat about selling your goods for you at every race meeting. Contact us to discuss.

Whilst talking about merchandise, any team or divisions who would like to work with Carrick Speedway to promote themselves, we are more than happy to have a chat. Your requirements maybe as simple as having a chat to the commentators during a race meeting or as detailed as a season giveaway. We would love to work your with team and divisions to help you, help yourself.



Our next Clean Up Day is on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon. Keep up to date with details on Facebook. Drinks and a BBQ will follow around the fire pots.

One sombre final note, we take a moment to reflect the passing of a few speedway icons over the past month.

The passing of any speedway family member hits home to us all and it can sometimes make us wonder if it is all worthwhile.

From our perspective, yes, it is all worthwhile - we think about our family and friends and the wonderful memories we have created. We hope you feel the same way.

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