



**2017 ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
COMBINED DISTRICTS KART CLUB**



## Mission Statement

Combined Districts Kart Club aims to deliver good quality race meetings that caters for all levels of ability as well as actively promoting a family friendly environment.

## Values

### We will:

- Conduct race meetings in accordance with Karting Australia rules & regulations.
- Treat people with dignity, be open, respectful, ethical and accountable in our behaviour and outcomes
- Maintain high quality services and continuous improvement
- Value input from members and other stakeholders
- Ensure compliance with CDKC Constitution
- Consider member and stakeholder safety at all times.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee and the members of the club for their support over the past 12 months.

Although as a club, and a sport, we have faced a number of challenges with a reduction in numbers CDKC has continued to focus on the long term strategy of providing a "family friendly" environment to go racing.



For my first 12 months in the Presidents role I am very pleased with the progress the club is making. My priority has been to make sure that we offer good value to our members and customers at race meetings, improving and making better use of our track and facilities.

We have tried to make sure our meetings start on time and run efficiently so Karter's get lots of laps and are finished early enough to make the day enjoyable.

We have completed the major works required to re surface the track and upgraded the ripple strips. This project has been in the works for around 5 years and it is great to see it complete. We have paid for this project with the club funds and a loan from Karting Australia's "Track Development Fund".

Thanks for assistance with this work must go to Peter Toole, Graeme Abbott, Corey Gurney, Dave Freeburn, Jeff and Joshua Buchan and Peter Ferguson.

We have run 2 race meetings since the track was re surfaced and entry numbers have been up by around 30%

We have recently introduced a car free zone in the top 2 rows in the pits to allow more people to pit closer to the grids.

This financial year we had 785 entries across our race meetings, while this was a small drop from 820 in the previous financial year (4.3% reduction) it was achieved with 2 less race meetings so the average entry increase per meeting was 17%. This has been achieved with no allocation of State or National meetings.

Our Canteen now has a dedicated Canteen Coordinator as of the July race meeting, I would like to welcome Amanda Wood to the role. The Canteen will now be open Saturday and Sunday on a race weekend, Amanda has experience in this role and we look forward to a more efficient operation of the Canteen, we will still need volunteers to help staff the Canteen on race and practice days.

My thanks go to Lyn Rahaley for her dedication in the Canteen over the past few years.





2017 Ladies Trophy Event competitors

CDKC was again the proud host to the Atlantic Oils Ladies Trophy Event in January. The club has now raised over \$180,000 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The event could not have been held without the passion and dedication to the event by Russell Grimson and Cathy Beatty. In 2017 we had the largest entry we have had for several years at the Ladies

The Clyde Marshall Memorial had the biggest prize pool I recall at Lithgow thanks to the efforts of committee member Steve Wright. The meeting was well supported and we hope to make the event even bigger this year.

Unlike some of our fellow metro clubs CDKC has the wonderful challenge of owning our own circuit. Although this brings stability it also brings additional cost, responsibility and the need for more resources on an ongoing basis, not just at the race meeting. If you are able to share your expertise or passion to help maintain and improve our facility please do not hesitate to send us an email with what you might be able to assist with. Email [president@cdkc.com.au](mailto:president@cdkc.com.au)



Our Club Champions for 2016 are James Freeburn (Cadet) Peter Obrien (Junior) and Nick Becker (Senior) out thanks got to all members that supported our club events and to Michael O'Brien for his support with the Club Championship point score. This is another job that takes place behind the scenes which is very important to the success of the club throughout the year.



**2016 Club Champions  
James Freeburn, Peter Obrien, Nick Becker**

Thank you to all the members who have supported the club and please continue to support us with your entries, practice time at Lithgow and assistance with making CDKC and Lithgow City Raceway a better place.

Yours sincerely

Russell Becker

**Secretary's Report 2017****Race meetings:**

Our major race meeting last year 'The Clyde Marshal' saw 105 entries. There was a great atmosphere with great anticipation as to who got the pick of the prize pool. Big thanks go to Steve Wright for his hard work in securing the prizes for this meeting and we look forward to another great meeting later this year. This meeting also kick started the NBCF fund raising campaign.

January once again saw the running of the Ladies Trophy Cup which was supported by 62 Lady Entrants. The format was a little different this year with qualifying on the Friday and racing concluding on Saturday. The Saturday night dinner was very successful and everyone was very generous at the auction. To all involved in making it a great success thank you and congratulations to the winners of the 'Charity Princess' contest. Well done everyone.

The track resurfacing interrupted our usual monthly meetings so April 2<sup>nd</sup> was moved to April 30<sup>th</sup> and 121 entrants were very eager to get onto the new surface. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Luke Mortlock the President of Wollongong Kart Club for helping to secure this date for us.

On May 21<sup>st</sup> we held the first round of the TAG Super Series in conjunction with our club championship and it was great to see 112 entries for this meeting and the sun shone. We look forward to seeing them all once again later this year. I look forward to the rest of the years racing and wish everyone the best of luck in the club championship.

As this is my last report as Secretary/Race Secretary I would like to thank all the officials who have helped run our club meetings. It has been a pleasure working with you all.

**Memberships:**

Club membership listing:

We have at the time of writing this report about 320 listed members, this number includes family members as well as Life members not just licence holders.

Membership is a very fluid thing we gain a few and lose a few. New members usually join through word of mouth but we do not always know why people don't renew. Some of the reasons given this year have been, multiple memberships, moving interstate or leaving the sport completely.

### **Officials Training:**

In January this year KNSW held an officials conference. Reports from those who attended the conference said it was very informative.

July 29<sup>th</sup> will see another training seminar for CM:S as well as officials training. These training sessions are very important to club's in order to increase their pool of officials.

If you would like to know more about being an official or helping in some other way please let us know we'd love to hear from you.

As I mentioned a little earlier I will not be re-standing for the Secretary/Race Secretary position this year. However if successful I would like to continue as the membership officer and OLT officer.

I have enjoyed my time on the committee as Secretary and I wish to congratulate all the current and past members of the committee for the job they have done and will continue to do and their dedication to the club.

I wish the incoming committee all the best of luck for the coming year and look forward to seeing the continued progress of our club.

Yours truly

Lilian Stones

### **Treasurers Report – Gillian Martin**

Audited Accounts will be available for review at the AGM.

# Thank you

It is with the valued support of loyal volunteers, organisations and members of the community that support CDKC to continue to provide great racing events.

## Volunteers

A each and every person who has held a flag, sold a hot dog, completed a race entry, lap scored, been an official, attended a working be or fixed something

## Sponsors



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