



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER



As the 2018 year comes to a close it would be appropriate to reflect on the clubs achievements during this time, and its progress, and the projects commenced and those that have been completed, which have enhanced the facilities for the members and visitors at your club.

On the racing side, we have had a great outcome this year, in spite of some race meetings being thrown in against our dates by other organisations and clubs, but we are in the business of providing great race events and services for our members, and for those who want to participate at our facility and enjoy our hospitality.

The track surface here at Greer Park is not a rib breaker, is easy on the body and tyre wear is minimal, provides a bonus to all that attend our circuit, we have had members and visitors continue to support our events at all of our race dates, and we are happy to welcome them. The concluded events in 2018 saw our average attendance numbers exceed 110 entrants per race day, and our membership numbers have also seen a marked increase as we continue to provide membership fees at a reasonable cost, with the bonus of Associate membership with our Vintage enthusiast's club colleagues.

A number of works during the year have been completed, these include the new showers and toilet block – the completion of the technical inspection facility and Tracks lights storage, the installation of 16 high resolution CCTV cameras that now not only cover the whole racing circuit but also the pit areas and inside the Stewards room, the installation and repair of the electronic lap board lighting – TV screens and transmitters from tower to pit of race monitor details, installation of water to the facility, removing the need to rely on rain, the re organisation of the Stewards and Committee rooms , the replacement and installation of flooring in the canteen, and the addition of outdoor tables in the “parc ferme café” area. Some roadworks and better access to the grid from the lower pit areas – The PA system has been updated and serviced and the control tower computers upgraded



There remains other projects scheduled to commence in 2019, and as we have a full on racing calendar in 2019 together with Driving and School students safety training in the mix – We hosted the Ford Driving School during November, and that appears to be an ongoing event to assist local young people in road safety & driving skills.



Applications have been made for Government grant funding, and whilst in the mix with hundreds of other organisations, we were not successful this last round, but we have a submission in for the next rounds and will continue to make applications to assist with ongoing improvements at the facility.



The racing year also culminated in providing a group of well-deserved Club Champions for 2018, which included the prestigious Presidents Award for the most diligent and contributing club member, this went to our Club photographer **Christine Grant**, and was presented at the awards day and received a rounding applause

from the 90 members present at the event, and by all accounts a well-deserved recipient

Congratulations to all our Club Champions for 2018

- Senior Club Champion - Terry Grant
- 2018 Junior Club Champion - Brody Nunn
- 2018 Cadet Club Champion - William Sharp
- 2018 Comer Club Champion - Madhava Steinbeck



Congratulations to our 2018 Class Champions:

- Cadet Comer : Madhava Steinbeck
- Cadet 9 Rok : William Sharp
- Cadet 12 : Charlie Bowen
- Junior Performance : Lachlan Murphy
- Junior IAME Light ; Brody Nunn
- TAG 125 Light : Stephanie Duffy
- TAG 125 Heavy: Andrew Morgan
- TAG125 Rest Light; Brock Thornton
- TAG125 Rest Heavy : Joshua Betts
- TAG Rest Masters: Terry Grant
- Open Performance : Dan Hutchinson



2019 will see a new Club Championship format introduced, we have discovered that certain situations arise from time to time that require us to look at ways that do not create these issues ,our aim is to ensure that all competitors benefit from attendance in the same way. We also have a major prize for **all those** who attend a race meeting as a competitor at our club in 2019.



All entrants of every event will go in the draw for a Motorised Scooter valued at \$4000 as shown in the picture, and this has been supported by Elite Motorcycles of Toowoomba, this will be a welcome addition to any household. So your race day participation also gives you a chance at this fabulous prize for 2019.

It goes without saying that your club committee and our assistants have all made a diligent effort to ensure the direction of the club remains focused on our activities, and the wellbeing of the members, and that we are not detracted from what occurs outside our areas, we must continue to ignore the rumours, petty jealousy, and detractions that arise from time to time. Our goals are set – we must continue to be focused on our operations, this year that has reflected favourably on our financial well-being, the club has never been in stronger position in a long time, nor as operationally sufficient as reiterated by one of our life members last week at Awards Day, and the atmosphere at the club has been created by the very people who attend and support our events.



Our awards and luncheon day on Saturday 8th was a great club and family social presentation event, highlighted by the efforts of competitors on and off the track during the year . We can all be proud that our club has continued to show growth, remains financially sound, has a group of dedicated people who see Toowoomba Kart Club as a great place to visit, and enjoy the participation in competition here. Our 2019 race calendar is displayed on the website and is packed with great events including the Queensland State Open Championships in May, all our club categories and 3 reverse direction events, and we welcome the Qld F100 Retro group to join us during the year as a club Championship category..



In closing and on behalf of all our members – we say thank you for your continued support, wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous New Year, and look forward to the challenge of providing a great place to enjoy and participate in the activities at the club in 2019. Membership forms and Vintage Associate are attached in addition to club licence applications – all due 1st January- those with 30th June expiry are not required to complete the forms till expired.

Tom Kenneally
President

