



**Southern Go Kart Club Inc.**

"Bolivar Raceway"

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Dear Club Member,

Please be advised that The Southern Go Kart Club Inc. is intending to host the 2020 Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 7:30pm. The AGM is planned to take place in the Training Centre/Canteen. The club is expecting that current restrictions will be lifted in time for the AGM to take place as advertised. All club members are welcomed and encouraged to attend; it is an opportunity to participate in the positive future direction of this great club. Any amendment to this plan will be communicated to club members via email and a Facebook post prior to the meeting.

2020 has been a year none of us saw coming. It has affected many of us personally and professionally, just like it has affected our sport. However, we have seen great improvements in the second half of this year, with higher race entries for club days compared to what we have seen for a number of years at the club. The situation has brought some extraordinary circumstances, and we have some special mentions for people who have gone above and beyond to help the club succeed during this time:

- Huge thank you goes to Steve Nicolson, who has coordinated all of the clubs practice sessions and COVID-19 related administration and paperwork,
- Thank also goes out to all of our club members who have put their hand up to complete the Grade 4 Officials training, making it easier for the club to conduct organised practice sessions,
- Another huge thank you to Beckie Jones, who has almost singlehandedly comprehended the Covid-19 restrictions and ensured the club was in a position to operate,
- Thank you to Greg Trengove who, with support from Beckie and Steve, successfully applied for and received funding for the club from a government grant to offset some of the loses the club has incurred due to the impacts of Covid-19.

Due to the club's strong financial position, we were able to extend all current club members memberships by two months, the same duration that the club was forced to shut due to Covid-19 (this was put in place before the government grant was received).

This year we saw a revision to our lease agreement with the gun club, which is not only more favourable for both parties, but also means a more stable and predictable future for the club. It also meant that we were able to hold membership prices at the same price again.

This year we kicked off our 4SS senior come 'n try program with the karts utilised at every available meet. The success of this program has been seen with new members joining our sport. Building on this, the club, with a lot of work from Ollie Marold, has been acquiring and preparing karts and equipment that will allow us to host junior come n' try days for potential new Cadet and Junior members. There is still a bit of work to do, but it is intended to have this ready for use over the Christmas school holiday period. Recently, the club has been awarded a government grant to purchase safety gear and equipment for this program.

The key activities undertaken around the club in 2020 include:

- Upgraded the security cameras and system
- Work has progressed on the toilet block and new shower (nearing complete)
- General grounds tidy (e.g. removed old, rusted out shipping containers)
- 4SS Senior come 'n try karts established and utilised (often hired for race meets)
- Built new tech area in the weigh shed
- Continued to upgrade the tyre barriers around the track
- The school education programs continue to be a success with Prince Alfred College and Kings Baptist Grammar again hiring the track throughout the year for their students.

Huge thanks to all of those club members who have volunteered their time and services to the club. Special thanks goes to:

- Steve Nicolson for acting as the Race Secretary all year (vacant position) as well as covering his Membership Officer duties
- Scott and Amanda Harrison, from Xpert Electrical and Air, for donating time, resources (hair dryers), skills and equipment (electrical) to the club
- Matt Hall, from Matt Hall Plumbing, for all of his work around the club (particularly the new toilet block and shower)
- Craig Owen for building, maintaining and running the 4SS senior come 'n try karts
- Simon Major for cleaning the clubroom floors on a number of occasions
- Scott Boorman for his professional assistance in preparing for the track extension project
- Greg Trengove for his proactive efforts with various grants programs
- Joe Mercuri for assistance with electrical work around the club
- Brett Fortainer for painting in the new shower block and tech shed
- Gary Owen for continuing to assist with OLS's
- Beckie Jones for running the canteen, and for everyone that lends her a hand
- Glenn Davidson for the promotional materials

- Last, but definitely not least; Ian Watson, Danny Miller and Steve Nicolson for their tireless efforts in brainstorming ideas for the club, supporting our projects and making the grounds look fantastic! We couldn't have done it without you!

On behalf of the SGKC Executive (Danny, Beckie, Steve, Darren, Ian and myself) we cannot thank you all enough for the hard work that you have put into our club. The club not only survives but thrives because of your efforts! And the SGKC Executive are tirelessly pushing ahead to restore the facility and track to one of the best places to race in the country.

I would also like to thank the following business for their continued support: Matt Hall Plumbing & Gas, Pro-Karts Pooraka, Sprint Auto Parts – Munno Para, Kings Baptist Grammar School, Iocane and Prince Alfred College.

To all the volunteers and officials (new and old!) who donate their valuable time and continue to support our club and this wonderful sport, you do an outstanding job each year and is it much appreciated. The number of officials we have to call on is unfortunately getting shorter and shorter; we would love to replenish our pool of talented officials, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch.

In order that there remains stability within the club, as per the club's constitution, each Executive Committee position is a two (2) year term. The Executive Committee positions becoming vacant for 2021 and 2022 are:

**President** – currently held by Brett Fortainer (re-standing)

**Treasurer** – currently held by Beckie Jones (re-standing)

**Race Secretary** – currently Vacant

**General Committee Positions (15)**; one (1) year term and will be filled at the AGM:

**Grounds/Works Manager** – currently held by Ian Watson

**Track Safety Officer** – currently held by Ian Watson

**Club Orientation Officers** – currently held by Brett Fortanier and Jason Piszcyk

**State Karting Council Delegate** – currently held by Brett Fortanier

**State Karting Council Co-Delegate** – currently Rob Burgemeister

**Website Officer** – currently held by Mario Storti

**Publicity Officer** – currently held by Mario Storti

**Social Secretary** – currently held by Mario Storti

**Engine Measurer** – currently held by Danny Miller

**Canteen Manager** – currently held by Beckie Jones

There are a further six (6) positions that make up the general committee. It would be great to see the many new faces around the club not only on practice and race days but also at the table with welcomed fresh ideas.

AGM Agenda Items should be forwarded to the club secretary via [secretary@southerngokartclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@southerngokartclub.com.au) and received no later than Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. In order to nominate a club member as a life member, please forward nomination to secretary email prior to Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Yours in Karting

Brett Fortanier

SGKC President