

### **Palmyra Dragway Presidents Report November 2017.**

Our Motorsport complex has continued to get favourable stories in local Newspapers and TV stations over the last couple of months. Work by the Management Committee to gain support from politicians and the local media is starting to show positive results. The aim of the Management committee is to show the positives of our facility and the community benefits of our Keep the Speed off the streets meetings and the addition of the burn out pad to allow local car enthusiasts another forum to let of steam in a controlled environment.

The opening of the burnout pad in conjunction with a race your mates event were the track was opened back up to ¼ mile for street cars was a great success with 1500 plus paying adults at the venue, 90 plus day licences issued for the track and 50 plus entrants for the burn outs.

Support received has included:

- Dog Gone Fencing donated the supply and installation of the trash fencing for the burn out pad
- Coalroc workshop for rebuilding and supplying a new pump to the PJ1 Track Spraying trailer
- Coalroc workshop collected cleaned, painted and delivered to the complex the sleepers that now form the internal fencing.
- The Bumper 2 Bumper & OFF TAPP crew that supplied support and pad management of the burnout event.

The November club meeting at the track approved some changes to the club membership costs and benefits. The new membership forms are on the web site and membership can be renewed via the online shop. One of the main changes is that members when they renew membership and supply relevant information will receive a photo ID membership card that will allow free entry to the venue for events managed by the Palmyra Drag Club.

The final race meeting for 2017 was well attended and saw a reasonable amount of spectators on the hill for racing. At the end of the day the 2017 track bracket champions received there trophies. The management committee take this opportunity to thank all racers that have supported the club by attending the race meetings that have been restricted to 1/8 mile due to damage received earlier in the year.

The Club AGM will be the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at the Palmyra Dragway at 2:00pm. Nominations for positions on the management committee that have been received 14 days prior to the AGM as per the constitution Section 11 (3b) are:

- 1) Glenn Cunningham nominated for President
- 2) Ken Smith nominated for Vice-President
- 3) Coral Smith nominated for Secretary
- 4) No nominations for Treasurer have been received. Nominations for this position will be asked for at the AGM. Please this is a critical position on the management committee and must be filled so we can move forward into 2018.
- 5) Completed nomination forms for committee positions have been received from Carley Spooner and Peter Holt.

The treasures books have been sent to the Auditor and will be available at the AGM but in short the financial position of the club at the end of November is:

- a) Balance in working account: \$ 38,045.00
- b) Balance in Business account: \$ 46,701.00
- c) Balance of loan account:\$ 139,912.00

We are still to receive \$20,000 that is to be spent \$ for \$ on the continuation of concrete works on western side of braking area.

If Labour Government finishes with enough votes to govern the state we will be entitled to \$120,000 for track resurfacing. We are unsure of the conditions that go with this but will find out if and when it happens.

The committee is currently completing an application for a Grant from the Federal Government for track upgrades this application will be based on getting the \$120,000 from the state Gov as it is a \$ for \$ grant so if Santa is nice to us we may get \$250,000 to complete track upgrades next year.

Xmas party will be held at 3:00pm following the AGM at the Palmyra Dragway.

- 1) Track will be open and operate under an ANDRA Test and Tune sanction from 3:00pm till 6:00pm
- 2) Track will be prepped to 1/8 mile.
- 3) Day licences will be available at a cost of \$10 to non members.
- 4) This is a great opportunity for all family members to have some fun on the track.
- 5) Following the track time a BBQ dinner has been organised.

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Looking forward to 2018 i have attached the calendar of events, once the lease agreement is signed with OFF Tapp they will add the dates that they want to run Burnout comps/events and we will update the calendar.

We have also added a couple of events, including a Sunstates round in August, we are looking at holding this event as our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, we are still in discussions with ANDRA about the support from them and as details are finalised we will advise all.

The QLD Championship Series will also be run again next year with Roma holding the first round at Easter, Palmyra holding round 2 in June and Benaraby holding the final in September.

We will be looking into the ability to put together enough nostalgia vehicles to run one of our scheduled meetings with these vehicles as the feature class.

We are also looking at holding a car show in 2018 that will include planes and driving events in July I'm looking for ideas and suggestions or the possibility of a sub committee to run this event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow management committee members, Ken Smith, Coral Smith and Carley Spooner for their support and dedication to our club during the year. We as a management committee must also thank the following business for their support through the year:

- Tutt Bryant Hire
- Prime Rentals
- Mackay wholesale paints
- Pro Coat Mackay
- Coalroc Contractors
- Twin Hills Engineering
- Dog gone fencing
- Piranha Insurance Brokers

If you get a chance please support the businesses that support our facility.

Our next meeting will be the Club AGM to be held at 2:00pm at Palmyra Dragway.

Thanks to every body that has supported our facility and club through 2017 and we can look forward to an exciting 2018.

Regards

Glenn Cunningham

PDRC President.