



# **PALMYRA DRAG RACING CLUBING.**

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## **Palmyra Dragway Presidents report No: 1 2017.**

It has been a slow start to the year with our first Race your Mates event cancelled due to the wet condition of the venue.

Besides all the rain a small dedicated number of club members headed up by Peter Holt have managed to keep the grass under control and the venue ready for our first event. We have also managed to do maintenance to all the venue lighting and checked the timing system. We currently have one number missing from the western timing board and this is being looked into and a repair will be completed as soon as we know what the problem is. Ken Smith has completed the maintenance required on the Xmas tree in an effort to ensure its reliability for the season ahead. Mick Deas has also supplied his time and equipment to complete a very large campaign of weed spraying at the venue.

To complete the ongoing works at the track we have been supported by:

**Prime Rentals** – They supplied the 60 foot knuckle boom required to do the maintenance on the venue lighting at no cost to the club..

**Tutt Bryant Rentals** – They supplied the compressor to clean the track prior to the planned 4<sup>th</sup> of February Event at no cost to the club.

**Coalroc Contractors** – Have completed repairs to club ride on mower, transported knuckle boom to and from the track, supplied fuel for tractors and mowers, supplied weed killer for bulk spraying of venue, supplied light fittings for xmas tree and signage on lighting towers and freighted PJ1 Powder from Willowbank all at no cost to the club.

The committee has submitted three grant applications so far this year:

- 1) For funds that will be distributed from the Mackay City Council Mackay Better community grant, for assistance to construct the proposed burn out pad.
- 2) For funds that will be distributed by the Mackay City Council Community Grant program to assist with the supply and installation of some shade sails on the spectator mound.
- 3) For funds from the Qld gambling fund for funds to maintain fencing at the venue.

Planning is going well for our first race meeting scheduled for Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. We will be adding two new classes to our race schedule in an effort to attract new competitors to the venue. These classes will be Drag Radial and Powder Puff (not sure on name for the class as yet) for female racers. It is the committee's intent to run these classes at all rounds this year if they are supported.

To date we have two class sponsors for the Round 1 event Coalroc Contractors will sponsor Super Comp offering \$300 for the winner and \$200 for the runner up. LG Automotive & Dyno will be sponsoring the Ladies class & Super Street they are offering a fuel card to the winner of each class. If you are aware of any possible class sponsors please get them to contact the committee for more details.



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At an ANDRA Board meeting in January this year the concept of running a state based championship in Qld was approved.

This proposal has been approved as a trial to allow Queensland ANDRA tracks and members to participate in a series that gives them the ability to compete for an ANDRA Xmas tree. The board is also looking at options were in the future points from this series can be used at the final round of the Australian championship.

The ANDRA Qld championship will be run at Roma (Ironbark Raceway), Benaraby (CQDRA) and Mackay (Palmyra Dragway).

The series will cater for group 3 and group 4 ANDRA Classes.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Super Gas Eliminator           | Junior Dragster Eliminator |
| Modified Bike Eliminator       | Super Street Eliminator    |
| Super Sedan Eliminator         | Modified Eliminator        |
| Supercharged Outlaw Eliminator | Top Sportsman              |

- The racing format will be three round Chicago Shootout.
- Class rules and safety requirements will be as per the current ANDRA rule book.
- The ANDRA Queensland Champion will be the competitor with the most points following the conclusion of the three rounds.
- The ANDRA Queensland Champion will wear the QLD 1 Number on their vehicle in the respective class for the following 12 months.
- Each track will be responsible for the running of its round and supply of round trophies.
- Each track will run their standard track rules for Chicago shoot out racing, seeding and count back for finals
- Each track will collect \$20 from each entrant that will be put towards the purchase of final round trophies.
- Looking to the future were point gained from competing in the Qld Championship the final round of the championship should be scheduled before April 2018. To achieve this, we need to run the first two rounds in the second ½ of 2017.
- The three ANDRA track participating in the ANDRA Qld Championship will work together to secure sponsors for the series to assist in the provision of trophies and possibly prize money for the series winners and runner ups.

**(Draft) ANDRA Queensland mile Championship Point System.**

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Pre entry	10	10	10
Travel	10	10	10
Heat win	20	20	30
Heat loss	10	10	15
Round winner	20	20	30
Round Runner up	10	10	15



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This is an exciting concept and something the committee believe will benefit our sport in regional Qld.

There are many sponsorship opportunities available at the track for local business to support our venue these include track naming rights for Lane 2. If you are aware of any companies that may wish to support our sport and venue please put them in contact with a committee member.

There has been much said by a few about the committee's decision to reduce the race distance for Super Comp from ¼ mile to 1/8 mile. This decision was done for safety reasons mainly the track surface and integrity of the safety fencing in the braking area of lane 2. The number for members effected by this decision was reduced by changing Competition from a 9.5 sec cut off to a 9 sec ¼ mile cut of and a speed of 155 mph (150 mph was given to us by an ANDRA rep as an appropriate speed for the ¼ mile time). To fix the issue we have with regard to the fencing we need to re-establish the footings along the fence line by replacing and compacting the dirt that has been removed. Whilst doing this we need to fix the drainage so the ground under the braking surface has a chance to dry out. None of this work can be done until the area dries out and we have some equipment available to replace the dirt and can compact the area. Not an easy job and will require lots of support as the club doesn't have the finances to complete these works with a sub-contractor.

There is always the option to run the track as a 1,000 foot track (same distance as USA runs) or the option of running the faster vehicles to 1,000 and rest of fields to ¼ mile. I understand that some work has been done towards this but it hasn't been completed and the ability to switch between 1,000 foot and ¼ mile is yet to be proven. The committee has no experience in this area and it would require club members or interested and experience people to put thre hands up and do the work that is required to trial this system. If anybody is interested contact a committee member and we can discuss what is required and the best way forward to make it happen.



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## **2017 Race Brackets**

### **Brackets that will run over 1/8 mile.**

- Super Comp:** Contested by all Sedans, Hot Rods, Dragsters, Roadsters & Altered - *0 to 6.00 ET* run on Chicago Shootout Format over the 1/8 mile.
- Junior Dragster:** Contested by Junior Dragsters run on Chicago Shootout Format.
- Drag Radial:** Contested by vehicles with Radial Tyres (max 315) over the 1/8 mile Chicago Shootout Format *DYO Pro Tree*.

### **Brackets that will run over 1/4 mile.**

- Competition:** Contested by all Sedans, Hot Rods, Dragsters, Roadsters & Altered - *9.00 to 10.99 ET* with max of **155mph** run on Chicago Shootout Format.
- Race Bike:** Contested by motorcycles - *0 to 9.99 ET* run on Chicago Shootout Format.
- Modern Bike:** Contested by motorcycles 10.00 and slower ET run on Chicago Shootout Format
- Super Street:** Contested by vehicles with ET's from 11.00 to 12.49 ET run on Chicago Shootout Format.
- Street:** Contested by vehicles with ET's from 12.50 and slower run on Chicago Shootout Format
- Powder Puff:** Contested by ladies in vehicles with ET's from 11.00 and slower run on Chicago Shootout Format

The next schedule club members meeting will be on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March at the Aero Club at 6.00pm.