



# Palmyra Dragway

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Hello and welcome to an all new year of racing at Palmyra. 2009 is shaping up to be an exciting year with plenty of changes, some of which you may have already seen under way.

Straight off the bat are two new ways to keep you informed, one of which is this newsletter, a monthly release of the upcoming events, results and other track related information.

Second is our website, [www.palmyradragway.com.au](http://www.palmyradragway.com.au), already up and running, however over the coming months is in for a full facelift, giving you access to photos and updates and generally all things drag related locally and from around the country.

We're all looking forward to a great year with plenty more on the horizon.

Stay safe out there, enjoy the new year and happy racing.

## RETURN ROAD

As most of you would have seen the return road is well under way. Unfortunately this is progressing slower than hoped, due to a few issues including bad weather.

Even after a break in the weather the road needs a minimum 3-4 days to dry out before work can continue.

The bitumen will be a welcome change from the dirt we're all used to, so we ask for your patience until the road is complete.

During the Test and Tune's, entrants will continue to be returned on the strip, which from all accounts hasn't slowed racing up too much or discouraged any racers from attending.

## RACE MEETINGS

Please understand we do live in the tropics and at this time of year we do experience very consistent rain fall, that teamed with the return road as mentioned above means we have pushed race meets out until April 4th. While we do apologise for this, we hope that by this time the return road will be complete, the time boards in and the track at its best.

## HELMET CLARIFICATIONS

There have been some concerns expressed around the new Australian / New Zealand Standards for helmets. The new standards are as follows:

The **AS/NZS 1698:2006**, which is also labeled as **AS/NZS 1698**, supersedes both the older AS 1698:1988 and AS 1698:1974.

Older standards are no longer recognised by Standards Australia for motor sport activities and therefore are not acceptable. ANDRA wishes to inform us all that it was Standards Australia that took this course of action which we now need to implement as a matter of safety.

Other helmet standards currently accepted by ANDRA, directly related to relevant performance levels found in section 4.10.8 Helmets of the 2008/2009 ANDRA Rulebook, are SNELL SA2000, SNELL SA2005, SNELL M2000, SNELL M2005, SFI 31.2A, SFI 41.2A (or later) and BS 6658-1985.

New helmets meeting these regulations are already well distributed locally and interstate however, some old stock still exists so please be aware when purchasing a helmet to check that it does meet the new standards.

## TIME BOARDS

The scoreboards have made the long trip across the U.S.A from Daktronics and with a holdup in customs over Christmas, have finally arrived in Mackay. These will hopefully be in place, ready to kick off the new season of racing in April.

The boards themselves are an LED setup, roughly 2 metres high, 4.5 metres wide and are the same boards used by WSID, Calder Park and Willowbank.

These boards wouldn't be possible without the generosity of Coalroc and RDP. Further thanks are extended to Mark Clifford for the concrete bases.



The 572ci powered Charger SS/A of Dave McNichol's/Craig Prescott at the Sunstate Nationals.

## **IMPORTANT**

The **AGM** will be held at the Aero Club on the 31st of January at 3:00pm. This will be a secret ballot.

Please have your pre-nominations in by

**FRIDAY 16th of  
JANUARY**

## **Test 'N' Tune**

Due to the rain leading up to the January T'N'T and the condition of the pits and track we have postponed this until

(weather permitting)

**Australia Day  
26th of January.**

Racing from 3:00pm  
until 7:00pm  
Gates open at 2:00pm.