

# AIDKA DIRT FROM THE DESK

## welcome aBOARD

At the AIDKA Special General Meeting held Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, AIDKA took another important step forward with the successful election of the AIDKA Board and the formation of the Sub Committees. Thank you to all the applicants who applied for a position within AIDKA and congratulations to all the successful applicants. We are excited to announce the following individuals who have been appointed to the AIDKA Board and the respective Sub Committees:

### **AIDKA Board**

**ASHLEY COOK**  
(2 year term)

**ADAM FRITH**  
(2 year term)

**TONY CONNOR**  
(2 year term)

**BAILEY HEINRICH**  
(1 year term)

**JAKE WHITEHEAD**  
(1 year term)



### **AIDKA Calendar & Events Sub Committee**

**Chance Jones** (2-year term)

**Stacey Iwanow** (2-year term)

**Jaime Virgin** (1-year term)

### **AIDKA Publicity & Marketing Sub Committee**

**Dean Devlin** (2-year term)

**Sharon Saxby** (2-year term)

**Position Vacant** (1-year term)

### **AIDKA Rule Change Sub Committee**

**Greg Bishop** (2-year term)

**Mark Burford** (1 year term)

**Aaron Griffiths** (1 year term)

### **AIDKA Technical Sub Committee**

**Thomas Unwin** (2-year term)

**Michael Burford** (1-year term)

**Allan Brown** (2-year term)

The following committees are already formed (as previously advised) and operational:

### **AIDKA Finance Sub Committee**

**Janelle Hammerstein** (AIDKA Treasurer)

**Aaron Griffiths** (2-year term)

**Darren Rowe** (2-year term)

### **AIDKA Officials Sub Committee**

**Barry Sullivan** (2-year term) **Chairperson**

**Stephen Forrester** (1-year term)

**Position Vacant** (1-year term)

### **AIDKA Safety Sub Committee**

**Ryan Rodda** (2-year term) **Chairperson**

**Jason White** (1-year term)

**Shane Price** (1-year term)

## NEXT STEPS

- With Tony Connor being elected to the AIDKA Board, this has created a casual vacancy on the **Officials Panel**. Applications will open for this position shortly, and will be communicated to clubs via email, and AIDKA Members via the AIDKA App.
- We still have a casual vacancy on the **Media & Publicity Sub Committee**. Applications will open for this position shortly, and will be communicated to clubs via email, and AIDKA Members via the AIDKA App.
- Over the coming weeks, the Board and Sub Committees will convene and begin the process of electing the Chairman of the AIDKA Board, as well as the Chairs for each of the Sub Committees. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this transition period. These appointments mark a significant milestone for our sport, and we are confident that these people will help guide AIDKA to even greater achievements in the coming years.



# NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

**Nominations: \$160 per Classes  
Rookies & Midgets \$40**

**Nominations close Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 @ 9pm (ACDT)**

**Prospectus available from AIDKA Website  
[www.aidka.com.au](http://www.aidka.com.au)**

## STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING #2

Following the Special General Meeting another Strategic Planning Meeting was held on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> February. It was again well attended with plenty of discussion from all. The day was all about setting goals for AIDKA in 2025 and start to formalize a Planning Grid for us to work with. These meetings have been very successful and an important part of our future. An [AIDKA Strategic Planning Presentation Results](#) from the first meeting is available on the AIDKA Website, we will distribute further updates when they become available.

We Received an email after the last meeting and wish to share with you all:

*Regarding Special General meeting and Saturday's planning day Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025.*

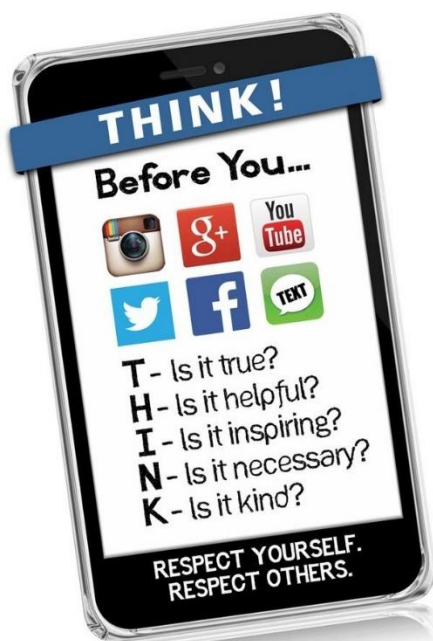
*Hello everyone,*

*I would like to say as delegate of the Top End Dirt Kart Club Thanks to everyone that organised the weekend of planning. The new direction our association is now heading should be exciting for all involved. Lets all get behind the new ideas and new direction that's started well with the two planning days full of new ideas. If we all make the effort to be inclusive of all clubs and consider all ideas moving forward the association will be come more respected and guarded by its delegates.*

*Saturdays discussions focused on all aspects and I commend Adam for his commitment and skillset he has brought to the new board.*

*On behalf of the Top End Kart Club we thank those have chosen the responsibilities of the executive and look forward to the year ahead with a new direction and a focus on inclusion for all AIDKA Members.*

*Best regards, Michael Baxter, TEDK Club President.*



## LETS TALK ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA AGAIN!

We have received complaints about intimidation, bullying and generally unacceptable behavior via social media in OUR SPORT. This must stop as of NOW.

Again, we are taking this opportunity to remind ALL AIDKA LICENCE HOLDERS that AIDKA do have a Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy (which is in the 2024 AIDKA Rule Book). Familiarise YOURSELF with the Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy.

Penalties can be and have been imposed (including licence suspensions) for any person deemed to be in breach.

Members need to think about what they type/post, and the potential impacts on other people before hitting send. Sometimes what you think is a funny off the cuff comment can be damaging.

Parents/Guardians of AIDKA members under 18, please have the conversation with them regarding what IS and IS NOT acceptable as well as the potential ramifications of their comments/posts. Some discussion topics are listed below.

These have been shared before, however are great discussion starting points.

\*\* Be nice. Mean behaviour is not OK. Make it clear that you expect your kids to treat others with respect, and to never post hurtful or embarrassing messages. And ask them to always tell you about any harassing or bullying messages that others post.

\*\* Think twice before hitting “enter.” Remind them that what they post can be used against them. Once they hit enter their comments cannot be taken back.

\*\* Follow the “WWGS?” (What Would Grandma Say?) rule. Teach kids not to share anything on social media that they wouldn’t want their teachers, parents, AIDKA Executive — and yes, grandma — to see.

\*\* Use privacy settings. Privacy settings are important. Go through them together to make sure your kids understand each one. Also, explain that passwords are there to protect them against things like identity theft. They should never share them with anyone, even a boyfriend, girlfriend, or best friend.

\*\* Don’t “friend” strangers. “If you don’t know them, don’t friend them.” This is a plain, simple — and safe — rule of thumb.

\*\* Defriend “friends” who are harassing or bullying them. Encourage your kids to leave chats, groups or defriend people who make them feel uncomfortable or upset. Or if they feel they are being harassed or bullied.

## UPDATED POLICIES

AIDKA Council Delegates had previously discussed the AIDKA Weather Policy and Updates to the AIDKA Quad Bike Policy. From these meetings and feedback received AIDKA presented a revised copy of both

- AIDKA Weather Guideline
- AIDKA Quad Bike Policy

These were both accepted by majority vote of Council Delegates and are now in place for 2025.

Please review these documents and make sure you are compliant prior to racing in 2025.

Both documents are available on the AIDKA Website and can be viewed using links in this edition of Dirt from the Desk.

# SPORTSMANSHIP and RESPECT

## A MESSAGE FROM SHANNON

Hi There

I hope this message finds you well and you're getting ready for your next race meeting?

Today, I'm reaching out to talk about something that is of great importance and close to my heart. "Sportsmanship and Respect."

For me it's important that we aim to uphold the spirit of sportsmanship amidst the intense environment of Dirt Kart racing. We don't need reminding, that Dirt Karting is a fast and furious sport with racers of all levels - from seasoned experts to beginners, through to those with the big fancy trailers in the pits to those that are working out of the back on the family car.

With this mix, it can make emotions run high on and off the track. Especially when we're racing for Plastic Ice Cream lids (Title Plates), accidents and altercations can happen! While it's understandable to get caught up in the moment, it's crucial for everyone – this means you, me, your parents and your mechanics to remember, that how we handle these heated moments defines our dirt kart racing community and culture.

There will be moments of disappointment, heartache and defeat. There will be great celebrations when you take that win, you'll feel a sense of pride, delight and euphoria. BUT, did you know, you have a powerful role to play in this sport – win or lose? You can be a role model!

Lead by example and foster a supportive environment that prioritizes respect, fair play, sportsmanship and an appreciation for everyone involved. This includes, your parents, volunteers, officials, your equipment and most importantly YOUR FELLOW COMPETITORS.

To become a role model;

- Treat your fellow competitors, the way you want to be treated.
- Show respect to your fellow competitors by giving each other racing room. Don't run a fellow competitor into the windrow. Not only are you showing complete disregard for your own well-being but that of your fellow competitor!
- Be inclusive. This means showing good sportsmanship and respect to all your competitors.
- Own their mistakes and apologise whole-heartedly for them.
- Respect the decisions of the officials – you might not agree with them, and that's okay, but remember there is another race to be won just around the corner.

Whether you know it or not, someone has put the time, effort and Dollar Bucks into your racing. Your Mum, your Dad, your Grandparents and your Friends watching on the side lines all want you to have fun but most importantly be safe on track. Enjoy your racing, have fun but most importantly respect each other on and off the track.

Always feel free to come and have a chat to me at your next race meeting.

Shannon Barry



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