



Emerald Motorsport Association Inc.

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To whom it may concern,

Good afternoon,

Emerald Motorsport Association Inc. is a non-for-profit organisation formed early 2017. Our objectives are to host a variety of events to encourage safe and proper motor vehicle operation through leadership and education in a safe and controlled environment. Also to promote a "keep it off the streets" culture. We aspire to run a number of different types of auto tests for the standard car, with a vision of giving our juniors a safer way to learn how to correctly operate their motor vehicle, without the hefty price tag of specialized racing vehicles. We have support from many businesses within our local community as well as both the Department of Transport and the Police Service.

Since our inception in April 2017, we have run several Motorkhanas, annual Burn-out events, Dirt Drags and Khanacross at Ag-Grow. All these events bring people into our community, offering our younger generations a place to learn driving skills, and for the young at heart to let off some steam, without the negative impacts on our community.

We are a CAMS affiliated club with over 60 members and our membership is growing steadily. We currently have several juniors, both girls & boys. We are also affiliated with AASA, Australian Auto Sport Alliance and ANDRA (Australian National Drag Racing Association). We have purchased \$18000 worth of CAMS / ANDRA approved crash barriers and several other assets without any grants or funding. We have found that we have not been eligible for most grants/funding as we do not have tenure.

The Emerald Driver Training and Motorsport Complex was constructed here in 2010, although it has only ever had stage one completed and only used for kart racing. We are in consultation with CHRC and Emerald Karting Club regarding Single Release Bitumen Sprints on the existing track. We have had the Emerald Motorsport Complex kart track assessed for timed sprints in cars and are working through the safety requirements to make this happen. We have had event expressions of interest from a variety of Motorsport clubs from Townsville through to Wide Bay

One of our next projects is to seal a carpark which is currently used for spectator parking for the kart track. EMA hope to seal approx 100m x 100m area which will see EMA will provide infrastructural contribution to the existing 'Emerald Motorsport Complex' as well as providing an area that could be used for Bitumen Motorkhana, Drifting and possible Q-Ride style training.

The optimum surface would be; small stones, glycol and oil resistant, shopping centre style, with approximately 5yr life span. We have been given indicative costs, the majority is for equipment mobilisation.

We have copies of CHRC 2010 drawn preliminary plans which have a drag strip to be built behind the current karting facility, however we would like to firstly run an event at a temporary venue to gauge community support and participation. Emerald Motorsports Association would like to hold an ANDRA affiliated 1/8th mile drag racing event, similar to the Barcaldine Revfest, at the old Blackwater Airstrip or similar facility. We feel that this event will bring participants from all over Central Queensland.

We have completed most of the initial steps in expressing formal interest in establishing a new drag racing facility or activities involving ANDRA. We have contacted CHRC, we are working through which department this falls under. They have also advised that they are no longer the owner. The CHRC Council Planning and Environment Team advised as this facility is already constructed, we do not require development consent, however gave approval of this use as a one off, or limited event

We have been in contact with the Traffic Branch and local Police, we verbally have their support and they tabled this at a 'TAG' meeting, as a driver safety initiative. TAG is 'Traffic Analysis Group' made of Police, council and Main Roads.

Thank you for your interest and please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries.

Kind regards,

Rob Moore



President

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