

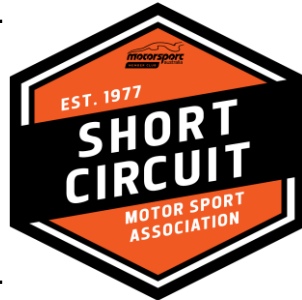
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**To Whom It May Concern,**

**Subject: Status Update – Carnell Raceway, Rifle Range Road, Stanthorpe**

We have an important updates on the current status of Carnell Raceway.

Firstly, we are excited to share that we have recently received a Letter of Occupancy regarding the raceway, which marks a significant and positive step forward for our operations. This milestone has only been possible due to the dedication and tireless efforts of our hardworking committee and volunteers.

We are proud to report that all seven improvement notices issued by Workplace Health & Safety Queensland have now been officially lifted. This outcome reflects the proactive and committed approach of the committee in addressing all health and safety concerns within a very short timeframe. As part of our ongoing safety management, we have also engaged a qualified arborist and implemented a structured action plan to manage and maintain the trees within the raceway precinct.

On a more sombre note, Southern Downs Regional Council also conducted their own audit as owners of the facility after receipt of the recent complaint. Following their due diligence and assessment of the track and its facilities, the SDRC has made the difficult but necessary decision to temporarily close the track to all members, contractors and events until further notice while they conduct their own works, likely until sometime in 2026.



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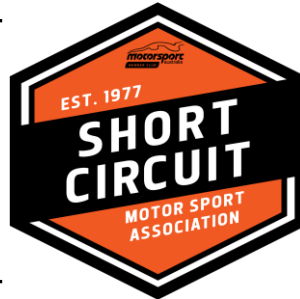
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We want to assure all stakeholders that extensive work is continuing behind the scenes. Our primary objective is to secure a long-term lease arrangement that designates the site as a compliant and fully operational motorsport precinct—free from ongoing or unresolved issues.

We appreciate your continued support and patience as we work collaboratively with Council and other relevant authorities to ensure the future of Carnell Raceway is both safe and sustainable for all users.

Having just been made aware of this development, we will need some time to consider options for our remaining 2025 events.

Yours in Motorsport

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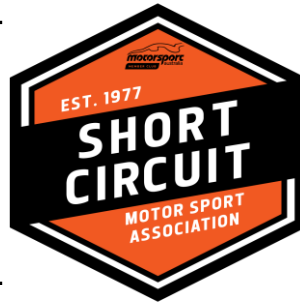
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## Carnell Raceway – 2025 Timeline of Events

### March 2025

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> SCMSA Round 1 postponed due to ex-cyclone Alfred  
22<sup>nd</sup> – New committee elected at AGM  
29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup> – Postponed Round 1 event held at Carnell Raceway  
31<sup>st</sup> – Committee notified in writing of tree fall incident at 11:30pm

### April 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> – Committee notify Workplace Health & Safety Qld (WHSQ) of incident  
2<sup>nd</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> – Incident response and action plans put in place  
7<sup>th</sup> – Incident and site cleared by WHSQ  
9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> – Carnell Raceway trees assessed & trimmed as required  
11<sup>th</sup> – Affected parties notified of outcome and action plan  
21<sup>st</sup> – Complainants respond & escalate matter to WHSQ minister, Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) & Motorsport Australia

### May 2025

6<sup>th</sup> – WHSQ & SDRC officers attend Carnell Raceway with SCMSA representative for inspection  
8<sup>th</sup> – WHSQ issue 7 improvement notices relating to safety, tree risk & site management  
9<sup>th</sup> – SCMSA Round 2 event cancelled due to safety concerns & pending risk mitigation 9<sup>th</sup>  
May-9<sup>th</sup> June – Remedial actions including

- Developed Emergency Response Plan
- Updating Risk Register
- Review of Health & Safety Responsibilities

10<sup>th</sup> – Contractor engaged to fence around dam  
16<sup>th</sup> – New safety & directional signs installed  
16<sup>th</sup> – Committee meet with WHSQ & SDRC at Carnell Raceway  
16<sup>th</sup> – Committee discuss event options with Morgan Park Raceway  
19<sup>th</sup> – Electrical contractor engaged to perform necessary repairs  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Meeting with arborist to inspect whole site  
30<sup>th</sup> – Carnell Raceway occupancy letter received from SDRC



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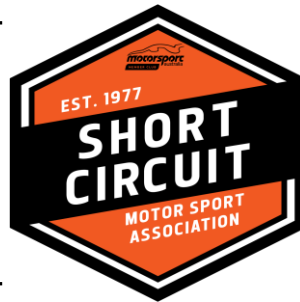
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## June 2025

Ongoing communication with SDRC regarding lease and site, including formal complaint review

4<sup>th</sup> – Arborist survey conducted & quotes received

6<sup>th</sup> – SDRC notify committee of Carnell Raceway closure and access restriction until further notice.

No further details provided

10<sup>th</sup> – All improvement notices lifted by WHSQ – a significant milestone achieved

11<sup>th</sup> – SDRC notify verbally of closure until sometime during 2026 due to state of facilities

13<sup>th</sup> – Still no progress report from SDRC



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