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Letter from the Committee to the Members of the Short Circuit Motor Sport Association

Dear Members,

No one can say that this year has been simple or straightforward for our association. The current committee has had to navigate several unexpected issues since being elected at the AGM in March.

From the outset, we committed to being open and transparent with our members. Throughout the year we have continued to provide updates on the committee's work and on the association's position, both in relation to club operations and to Carnell Raceway.

Carnell Raceway Update

The honest truth is that we still do not know what the future of Carnell Raceway looks like. We are currently waiting on the Southern Downs Regional Council to make a decision regarding the facility's reopening and its longer-term direction.

After several frustrating months of communication with various council staff with little progress, we have only recently been contacted by a council representative who has taken responsibility for obtaining answers to our key questions: Will the facility be reopened, and if so, when?

To provide some general updates:

- The asbestos issue identified during the Workplace Health and Safety inspection appears, to the best of our knowledge, to have been resolved.
- During council's own building inspections, concerns were raised that some structures
 may not be structurally sound and may require an engineer's report. The main buildings
 in question are the canteen and the timing tower. We are not aware of any engineering
 assessment having occurred to date.
- The issue of unsafe trees in the pit area is still outstanding. Our committee arranged and paid for a complete arborist inspection, and the full report was provided to council as the landowners. Council has since advised that an additional habitation restriction applies to the pit area, and this must be worked through before any tree removal can occur.





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At this time, we are waiting for council to place Carnell Raceway on a meeting agenda so that the matter can be formally discussed and the next steps determined.

2026 Racing Options

Given the uncertainty surrounding Carnell Raceway, the committee determined that we needed to secure alternatives to ensure racing opportunities for 2026. None of us wanted to spend the year simply waiting for council.

Morgan Park Raceway was the most logical alternative and demonstrated strong support by accommodating a round for us in June this year.

After discussions with their management:

- We have secured one standalone SCMSA event for February 2026, at a 50% discounted venue hire rate. With the standard weekend fee being approximately \$40,000, this discount will allow the club to cover costs—provided we have strong member support.
- We have also secured three additional dates, aligned with Morgan Park's C Series calendar. These are not C Series rounds, and you are not required to enter their series.
 - o We will run our own groups.
 - o Points will be awarded as per previous years.
 - Entries will be lodged through Morgan Park's system, but simply by selecting the Short Circuit entry option for each event.
 - After each event, all timing data will be provided to us so we can complete our own presentations.

Communication With Members

If we had been able to run more events this year, we would have provided updates during general meetings. As this hasn't been possible, the committee chose to keep members informed through written timelines and updates. This has ensured **all** members remain up to date—not just those able to attend events. The feedback we have received so far has been very positive, and we will continue to communicate in this way as new information becomes available.





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Moving Forward

We fully understand the frustrations around the ongoing closure of Carnell. Unfortunately, much of the delay is beyond our control. Anyone who has dealt with a government agency knows that progress can be slow.

The committee remains committed to returning to Carnell as soon as we are permitted to do so. If circumstances change next year, we will work quickly to organise additional events at the facility.

If you have further questions, please direct them in writing to **secretary@scmsa.com.au**. We will compile all questions and provide a written response to all members.

Given the time of year, it is unlikely that we will be able to hold an in-person general meeting before Christmas. Once we receive an update from council, we intend to call a general meeting early in the new year and are likely to combine this with our presentation dinner.

We look forward to catching up with everyone soon and hope to have positive news in the near future.

Yours in Motorsport

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