

NEWSLETTER

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2026 – KEY CLUB ROLES

As a members' club run entirely by volunteers, we are always in need of extra help. Looking ahead to 2026, we are seeking two (or more) people members, or friends and family of members to support two critical roles within the club.

1. Track Day Operations Leader

This role is responsible for coordinating volunteers on race weekends, including setup and pack-up activities.

2. Auskart E-Series Leader

This role will lead the new Auskart E-Series, working with both Auskart members and third-party vendors to help launch and run the 2026 Auskart E-Series. Both roles are essential to the success of the club and include free 2026 Club membership.

For more information, or to register your interest, please contact Rob at

✉ vicepresident@auskart.au



MEMBERSHIPS



Welcome everyone to 2026.

Membership renewals are already coming in daily, and in the first two weeks we have seen 43 drivers renew and have welcomed 8 new members to the club, great to see such a strong start to the year.

For 2026, we have also introduced two new membership types:

1. 4-Round Membership

- This option allows racers to enjoy Auskart racing while competing in events such as the Sugar Rush Cup or the Endurance Series.
- Please remember: to be eligible for the Sprint Championship, drivers must compete in a minimum of 50% of the sprint events.

2. Enduro Team Membership

- This new membership allows team managers to register karts, race numbers, and other details, helping teams better manage data and results throughout the season.

Finally, please note that any age exemptions from last year that are still required must be resubmitted for 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact us at membership@auskart.au



ROUND 1 LAKESIDE - 7TH FEB

On Saturday 7th February, we will be holding our second-last round at Lakeside DTC.

In previous years, this event has often been used as a test and tune day. However, for 2026 we will be running this event as Round 1. This decision is due to several factors, including limited track-hire availability and increased track-hire costs at Lakeside for 2026.

If time permits, we are aiming to run two practice sessions in the morning to assist competitors who are running in engines, where possible.

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JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETING

Over the season break, the Club Committee has been hard at work preparing for the 2026 season. The first full Committee meeting was held on 21 January, with a number of key topics discussed.

These included:

- Financial performance of the past three events
- Website updates for 2026 to improve the member experience and align with updated social media requirements
- Confirmation of minor amendments to the 2026 Rules and Regulations, now available on the website
- Member updates
- E-Series planning and next steps
- Pending Government Grant submission
- Licensing and insurance matters
- Pimpama Kart track support and progress.
- General club business

We are always looking to welcome new additions to the team. If you would like to be involved in shaping the future of the club and taking part in decision-making, please contact any current Committee member or email president@auskart.au



Round 1 Lakeside Con't:

Gates will open:

- 6:00am – Support crew only (for event setup)
- 7:00am – All members

We will be using Track A, running in the clockwise direction, for both of our final two rounds.

Regarding the confusion on Licenses, as lakeside is a **Racers only location** we are currently stuck with needing a racers license for both round 1 and 2. We are still in confidential discussions with other vendors and ways to manage the cross over if any change is decided, but for now round 1 and 2 need to stay with Racers. We will update everybody at drivers briefing as we understand the confusion this is causing many of you.

Entries close at 9:00pm on Wednesday 4th February. Enter now: [Racers](#)



SUGAR RUSH CUP

In June, September, and October, we will be hosting our first mini three-round series within the SEQ Sprint Series.

The Sugar Rush Cup will consist of:

- Two rounds in Bundaberg
- One round in Gladstone, featuring night racing under lights

Following the final Bundaberg round, we are planning to host an awards dinner on Saturday night to crown the Sugar Rush Cup Champions. For these three rounds, all races will be double championship points events, making this series a key highlight of the season.

We are currently seeking event sponsors to support the three rounds and the awards dinner. More information on sponsorship opportunities will be released soon.