



Carrick Speedway Management

Management

Committee

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to submit an Action Plan under section 64 of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

Background

Carrick Speedway has been at the same location, East Street, Carrick Tasmania for close to 50 years. There have been minimal upgrades to the track and its facilities for many, many years.

Speedway is an outdoor sport held generally from 6pm to approx. 11pm of an evening from October – April each year. The land consists of dirt and has very minimal grassed area.



A new management committee has taken over the running of the track and have been required to make many changes. Carrick Speedway is run by a fully volunteer based committee made up of representatives of two Tasmanian speedway divisions – The Carrick Speedway Drivers Association and the Tasmanian Formula 500 Club. The track runs as a not for profit company, Carrick Promotions Pty Ltd. Carrick Speedway lease the premises off Tas Racing - <http://tasracing.com.au/>

All improvements take time and money. Being a not for profit, voluntarily run business Carrick Speedway has done the best it has been able to do with the funds available. The new Management Committee are investigating various funding options to help with improvements including government grants.

In November 2014, a new toilet block was opened after 3 years of construction. This building has been the only construction upgrade to the track for 30 years.

We have employed Michael Small Consulting to guide our Committee and advice on our requirements under the Federal Disability Discrimination Act and the state Anti-Discrimination Act – Tas.

Plans for the future

Carrick Speedway has eight access points to the viewing spectator banks. Six of those access points allow access for the disabled, prams or the elderly through ramps. Patrons have the choice to sit in chairs they supply themselves, sit on the ground or in one of the three grandstands supplied.



This access point is between turn 1 and 2 of the track. We plan we grade the ground to remove any loose items. This will be done on a regular basis.

This area has 3 tiers of seating with access for everyone.



Fencing of the back of the spectator bank in line with the rest of the track.

This area of the track will be upgraded. The vehicle access ramp has been filled in and will be fenced from behind. No vehicle access during race meetings is permitted. Upgrading this area is required for insurance and will improve OHS issues.

In the long term, the grandstand in the background will have a ramp built along the back and follow the current ramp up the bank. A firm, stable area will be fitted at the top of the ramp.

In front of this grandstand, the cement strip in front will be extended to allow for firm, level seating area suitable for wheelchairs.

The toilet block has a disability access toilet.

A firm and stable disabled parking area will be installed close to the back of the grandstand and toilet block.



This area between turn 4 and 1, directly adjacent to the control tower will be graded for easier access. We plan to make the area as firm and stable as possible. A disabled parking area will be placed in close proximity to this area.

If patrons require assistance to gain access to the spectator areas, this can be arranged. Vehicle access can be arranged to drop patrons and their possession off and can be collected at the conclusion of racing.

Timeframe

All access areas will be graded and made as firm as stable as possible prior to the commencement of this coming season.

Disability parking areas will be put into place and made as firm as stable as possible prior to the commencement of this coming season.

Ramp access behind the grandstand will be completed as funds become available.

The seating area in front of the grandstand on the back strait will be cleared and graded and made as firm and stable as funds become available.

Kind Regards

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Carrick Speedway Management Committee

