



COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS AND STATES

8 July 2020

Good Morning Everyone,

As you would be aware, Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews announced yesterday that based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer, Stage 3 "Stay at Home" restrictions will be reinstated across metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire from 11:59pm tonight - Wednesday 8 July.

He went on to say *"these restrictions will remain in force for six weeks, and if you live in these areas, there'll be only four reasons to leave your home:*

- *Shopping for food and essential items*
- *Care and caregiving*
- *Exercise (outdoor exercise only, with only one other person or members of your household)*
- *Work and study – if you can't do it from home.*

Otherwise - Stay home. Stay home. Stay home. In case it needs repeating, stay home. We are fighting a global and deadly pandemic."

The government has stated that ***"Community sport training and competition cannot occur within the Melbourne metropolitan area or the Shire of Mitchell. If you live in this area you cannot participate in community sport elsewhere."***

Unfortunately, this means that **the Circuits run by the Eastern Lions Kart Club, Go-Kart Club of Victoria and Oakleigh Go-Kart Racing Club are not permitted to be in operation during the restrictions.**

As has been the case since the restrictions started to be imposed across the country back in March of this year, the Karting Australia family has at all times conducted itself responsibly and with all due care for our karting family and for the broader community. It is unfortunately again time for our Victorian Clubs and our Members to show their true colours, resilience and integrity and to comply in full with the Government's orders – no matter how tempting it may be for some to try to attend a competition or social karting event at a track that remains open. Please don't do it.

While this is enormously disappointing and challenging for the residents of Melbourne and Mitchell Shire, the Stage 3 Stay at Home Restrictions do not currently extend beyond those areas.

"For people who live in regional Victoria, where case numbers remain low, current restrictions will remain the same for now. We've talked about this virus being like a public health bushfire. By putting a ring around metropolitan Melbourne, we're essentially putting in place a perimeter to protect regional Victorians." - Premier Daniel Andrews.

This provides the opportunity for the 14 regional Clubs in Victoria to remain operational at the current point in time for their members – but in accordance with the restrictions, at **NO TIME should anyone from metropolitan Melbourne or the Mitchell Shire be permitted to attend you Circuit until the restrictions are eased.**

We have updated the COVID-19 Declaration for the Victorian regional Clubs to incorporate a declaration that no one who resides at or has visited a declared COVID-19 hotspot in the last 14 days can attend your Circuit. **Should an Essential or Permitted Person answer YES to any of the questions on the Declaration, they are not to be permitted to enter your facility.**

We encourage the regional Clubs to continue to operate as normal unless the restrictions change – that includes conducting COVID-19 Social Karting Activities and your upcoming Club Race Meetings.

We know that the karting community will work together to get through this latest setback and please remember, as the Premier said in his statement *“Now more than ever, we need Victorians to play their part. Lives are counting on it.”*

Karting Australia will continue to working closely with Karting Victoria as we monitor the situation and provide the best advice possible in a timely manner.