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271 nominees to hit track

By Jessica McGrath

The Ian Boettcher Race Parts Kingaroy Speedway is set to come alive Australia Day weekend for its season headline event, the King's Royal.

The club received a combined whopping 271 nominations across all classes, with the committee blown away by the support.

A record-number of 74 competitors are trying their luck in the highly anticipated King's Royal - Modified Sedans event with a huge \$15,000 cash prize awaiting the winner.

The Production Sedans nomination numbers surged to 78, whereas Street Stocks will have 38 competitors.

The 8th annual Queen's Royal has attracted a total of 45 competitors, and 36 juniors will try their hand at the 4th Annual Kids Royal.

During the King's Royal weekend, Kingaroy Speedway will be donating one third of the combined 50/50 raffle across all three nights to go directly to helping the Alexandra Speedway in Victoria get back on its feet. The Alexandra Speedway was recently hit hard by the bushfires, with major damage to fencing, electrical systems and key track-prep gear.

Here's the total list of nominations for the 2026 King's Royal weekend:

14th annual Ian Boettcher Race Parts Kings Royal -Modified Sedan nominations (74):

- A1/CR32 Nathan MacDonald (current National Modified Sedan champion)
- Q1/N15 Max Clarke
- V1/V38 Tristan McGraw
- V0 Cameron Dike
- CR2 Brodie Boss
- N3 Greg Worling
- SC3 Jonah Blackburn
- G4 Glenn Pagel
- GL5 Richard Cook
- SC5 Steve Blackburn
- V5 Darcy Wilson
- SB6 Brad Stein
- C7 Daniel Hillhouse
- SC7 Rob White
- M8 Scott Thomsen
- CR9 Mason Cameron
- G9 Chris Pagel (Kings Royal XII -2024 runner-up)
- SC11 Wayne Cook
- V11 Lachlan Fitzpatrick
- B12 Jake Hawkins
- RK12 Lucas Gibson
- SC13 Stephen Cook
- G15 Tim Atkin
- GL15 Nick Cook
- V17 Brad Wicks (Kings Royal XIII -2025 winner)
- V17 Dylan Barrow (Kings Royal XII - 2024 winner, and Kings Royal IXIII - 2025, third-place)
- C17 Allen Schultz
- CR17 Nathan Lowe
- SB17 Aaron Alcock
- G18 Nigel Mulvena
- M18 Bryce Bayfield
- B19 Darran Lester
- BB21 Bradley Petersen
- N21 Brett Schmidlin
- RK21 Suny Platen
- SC21 Chris Blackburn
- RK22 Jack Cameron
- R22 Shannon Blackburn
- SB22 Charlotte Christensen
- G23 BJ Cowley
- N23 Drew Harrison
- CR27 Shane MacDonald (Kings Royal XI -2023 winner)
- CR28 Aidan Raymont
- B30 Jason Dreaver
- B47 Steven Quirk
- SB48 Brett Barron
- SB53 Colin Young
- T53 Brett Hardy
- MK54 Ben Richardson
- C55 Joshua Schultz
- SB55 Josh Harm (Kings Royal XIII - 2025 runner-up)
- V56 Graham West
- V57 Billy Odonoghue
- C58 David Clarkson
- G58 Tim Weir
- V61 Matt Nelson
- M63 Brayden Pacey
- RK63 Beau Smithwick
- CR66 JJ Hamilton
- SB66 Corey Foyle
- C69 Steven Love
- CR69 Jason Schloss
- RK71 Kev Young
- BB72 Kris Hodgson
- WA74 Allan Mortimer
- B76 Matt Hannigan
- RK78 Bailey Barnicoat
- N81 Quinton Clarke
- G84 Jarrod Peacock
- SB89 TJ Horne
- SC89 Dakota Laverty
- BB92 Tim Gaffel
- CR92 Lachlan Waugh
- RK105 Tyson Jennings



Max Clarke, Joel Berkley and Brad Wicks at the King's Royal 2025 event. (Julian Lehnert: 456084)

- RK71 Kev Young
- BB72 Kris Hodgson
- WA74 Allan Mortimer
- B76 Matt Hannigan
- RK78 Bailey Barnicoat
- N81 Quinton Clarke
- G84 Jarrod Peacock
- SB89 TJ Horne
- SC89 Dakota Laverty
- BB92 Tim Gaffel
- CR92 Lachlan Waugh
- RK105 Tyson Jennings
- 5th annual Luke and Matt Excavations Production Sedan Stampede, in association with South Burnett Regional Council and Podium Speedway Panels (78):
- A1 Josh Harm
- N1 Jordan Biviano
- Q1 Kurtis Peall
- N2 Ryan Gorton
- G3 Marshall Virtue
- SC3 Chloe Lebeter
- G4 Jayden Snell
- SB4 Trent Gosley
- RK5 Luke Frenken
- SB5 Patreece Rackemann
- SB6 Russell Cowley
- CR7 Em Whell
- SB7 Chris Hams
- SB8 Nathan Barbeler
- R10 Gemma Ries
- SB10 Kyron Clegg
- R11 Alan Brumby
- B12 Brodie Hollyman
- GL12 Glen Payne
- A1 Josh Harm
- N1 Jordan Biviano
- Q1 Kurtis Peall
- N2 Ryan Gorton
- G3 Marshall Virtue
- SC3 Chloe Lebeter
- G4 Jayden Snell
- SB4 Trent Gosley
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8th Annual Speedway panels Queensland Queens Royal in association with Dirt Track Girls Top Stars (Friday Only) -28 nominations:

- SC3 Chloe Lebeter
- RK5 Dakota Laverty
- SB5 Patreece Rackemann
- SB6 Amy Harm
- CR7 Em Whell
- SB8 Chantelle Small
- R10 Gemma Ries
- G13 Sue Chapman
- V21 Ellen Vagg
- C23 Chloe Wakelin
- CN25 Ashleigh Atto
- CR35 Jacinta Burgess
- B36 Sarah Franz
- CR36 Shanelle Jacobi
- M36 Tanya Mathews
- CR41 Katie Rolands
- SB48 Sheree Barron
- V52 Zoey Salau
- SB55 Kirstie Harm
- RK62 Dakota Smithwick
- V65 Felicity Roycroft
- RK77 Jo Storer
- BB87 Jessica Dakin-Masters
- SB88 Michelle Barberler
- CR88 Kristy Bonwick
- G97 Bree Evans
- LV99 Samantha Thompson
- SB116 Charlotte Hebb

8th Annual Speedway panels Queensland Queens Royal in association with Dirt Track Girls New Stars (Friday Only) -17 nominations:

- C5 Lisa Doughty
- SB12 Holly Jones
- C15 Katie Jenner
- GL15 Jade McCann
- B17 Hailey Hunter
- RK18 Selena Lennon



David, Caden and Samuel Lewis from Kingaroy cheered on the drivers at King's Royal last year. (Daniel Pelcl: 455899)

- C24 Christine Humphreys
- BB27 Bek Donovan
- RK33 Nikki Maloney
- SB34 Jayde Busiko
- RK37 Stacey Carroll
- CR59 Tammy Gill
- RK77 Janita Huddleston
- R78 Felicia Hines
- RK84 Farrin O'Neill
- N88 Aimee Parsons
- RK99 Madeline Newton

Street Stocks (38):

- CR3 Corey Langton
- N5 Lucas Gray
- LV7 Riley Killick
- SB12 Mathew Jones
- G13 Sue Chapman
- C15 John Stoward
- GL15 Phil Fox
- B17 Thomas Hunter
- SB17 Dylan Jarman
- G25 Michael Irwin
- N28 Luke Gray
- BB27 Dan McColm
- SB31 Jake Wilkinson
- N32 Bruce Johnson
- RK33 Nikki Maloney
- SB33 Darren Ciesiolk
- C34 Brandon Stoward
- RK37 Ken Carroll
- CR37 Chris Reibelt
- BB40 Stewart Kerr
- WA40 Andrew Norton
- CR46 Aaron Paul
- BB51 Chris Spiteri
- SC56 Graham Maloney
- B78 Beau Coplick
- CR81 Ken Iseppi
- BB82 Matt Nelson
- RK83 John Roycroft
- RK84 Josh O'Neill
- BB87 Beau Pieters
- CR88 Gary Bonwick
- SB88 Nathan Barberler
- M92 Peter Kluytenberg
- CR96 Ben Langton
- RK95 James Russell
- RK99 Ian Hardman
- LV99 Peter Thompson
- RK333 Toby Maloney

4th Annual Kids Royal (36)

120 Novice (12)

- Q5 Chelsea Barron
- Q17 Levi Houldsworth
- Q19 Jaxson Stead
- Q22 Zac Jarman
- Q23 Cooper O'Keeffe
- Q26 Cayliana Jones
- Q71 Brantley Young
- Q77 Eli Roza
- V9 Hudson Belk
- V82 Nate Roycroft
- V28 Lewis O'Brien
- V Scotty Chippindall

120 Restricted (7)

- Q9 Curtis Young
- Q45 Kaya Cook
- Q77 Archie Roza
- V98 Jed Simpson
- V13 Thomas Manley
- V12 Morgan Hampson
- V33 Braxton Bonnici

120 Open (11)

- Q7 Deacon Barron
- Q20 Mercury Simpson
- Q31 Caiden Jones
- V72 Leo Parsons
- V85 Ollie Roycroft
- V92 Phoebe Belk
- V67 Niki Chippindall
- V77 Josie Chippindall
- V23 Jack O'Brien
- V96 Charlie Simpson
- V36 Edward Miles

160cc (6)

- Q15 Noah Cormick
- V0 Billy Parsons
- V37 Zac Parsons
- V71 Ben Parsons
- V24 Kaiden O'Brien
- V58 Cooper Mc Kerrow



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Confident Wicks is keen to keep crown

By Julian Lehnert

The reigning monarch of Kingaroy's Speedway said he was confident his 31 years of racing experience can carry him to a back-to-back King's Royal title this weekend.

Bendigo racer Brad Wicks, 39, is set to defend his crown at the 2026 King's Royal event across 23, 24 and 25 January.

A bitumen sprayer by trade but a lifelong racer in his spare time, Wicks has been behind the wheel of a racing machine for almost 80 per cent of his life - starting his journey on the track all the way back at age eight.

Following a four-year career on the Victorian go-karting circuit that saw him take out a number of titles, the young Brad Wicks made his entry into the Speedway scene at 13, winning his state's Junior Standard Saloons championship before starting a 15-year run in the Super Sedan class.

Wicks claimed the Victorian Super Sedan Series championship and added two K-Rock Cups to his name; soon after, he set his sights on a new set of titles.

Since switching to the Modified Sedans circuit, Brad Wicks has taken out the Victorian championship in 2024, won the six-round Victorian Modified Promotions Association series in 2025, claimed two second-place finishes at the T-Bar Nationals in Toowoomba - and donned the King's Royal crown in 2025.

"We had one of those weekends that I'll probably never, ever repeat in my career," Wicks said of his magical King's Royal run last year.

The Bendigo racer won four out of his five heat races, coming second once, before going on to dominate both the pole shuffle and feature to claim the \$15,000 prize money - all in his very first appearance at the Kingaroy track.

"Nothing could go wrong. For a joint I'd never seen before it was ridiculous," he said.

Wicks recounted how his bid for the 2025 crown almost did not come to be.

He and his team made the snap decision to contest the title following a \$4,000 windfall victory at the 2024 T-Bar Nationals on New Year's Eve. Wicks explained that the prize money covered the cost of his December trip to Queensland, allowing him to pencil in further out-of-state appearances for the season.

Kingaroy's event felt like the perfect addition to the Victorian's season.

"The King's Royal is the biggest race in the country for our class outside of the national title," Wicks said.

"It's got a well-respected history behind it. It's been something I've always wanted to [race in] if I got the chance."

"So we put together a really, really hasty plan. My mum and dad took the car and everything else up and I and my brother flew in, raced, and flew home," Wicks explained.

"I was only gone for four days!"



Reigning King's Royal champion Brad Wicks from Victoria is getting ready to defend his title this weekend. (Supplied: Wicks Racing Team)

Brad Wicks will again take his victorious - and favourite - 1996-97 Ford EL Falcon to the Kingaroy track, hoping for a repeat of his 2025 run.

"It suits my style and my history," Wicks said of his choice of car.

"Coming from Super Sedans, we came from a live rear axle field. The way an EL Falcon is, it's quite similar to a Super Sedan: it's got the same philosophy and driving techniques."

"The way the car drives and responds is fairly similar to what I've spent a lot of my time learning," he explained.

"It really performs well on this sort of track. The track at Kingaroy is such a momentum-heavy, tight track; it's almost a complete circle."

"You have to wind the car up, keep it wound up, make quick, good and strong decisions - don't dilly-dally and just commit. They're all traits that are some of my strong suits as a driver and suit my

car pretty well too," Wicks said.

Backed up by his little brother Michael once again in the role of crew chief, the Wicks Racing Team are confident they can prove 2025's run was no fluke - even when faced with 73 other high-performing competitors.

"Not to blow our own tyres up too much, but we're definitely well within a shot of going back-to-back," Wicks said.

"We're going in with some reasonable pace. We haven't raced a lot this year so far but I believe we've got the car to do it."

"In saying that (...) there would be a solid 20 to 25 cars that have a genuine, proper chance to win it. Just making the A Main is going to be a massive effort, let alone winning the final."

"It's going to be a hell of a feat to go back-to-back. In this class, those drivers will put on a show - there's nothing surer," Wicks said.



Returning King Dylan Barlow is set to take to the track once more. (Supplied)

Previous King returns

By Maddison Richards

Well, the King has returned to reclaim his throne.

Dylan Barlow, winner of the 2025 Kings Royal, is set to return to the track and compete in the upcoming 2026 Kings Royal meet.

Introduced to the world of Speedway through a friend's father, it went from there.

"I raced juniors and climbed the ranks from there," Dylan said.

So far, Dylan's standout race achievements include: winning the Kings Royal, winning the VMPA series championship, and being the youngest VMPA pole shuffle winner.

This year will see Dylan attend his 4th Kings Royal meet, with winning the Kings Royal taking centre place as his favourite meet memory.

As returning King, "I feel confident in our program and the pace in the car that we can have a strong result," Dylan said. "The first thing is having luck on our side. Everything has to go your way and not make any mistakes throughout the event."

The winner of the Kings Royal receives a substantial amount of prize money, with \$15,000 up for grabs.

If Dylan were to win again, he said "the prize money would go back into our racing program and help to go up and down the road, and go into race tyres."

Dylan calls the state of Victoria home, residing in south-east Melbourne in the Lilydale suburb.

His home Speedway is Alexandra Speedway, which is his closest track, and is registered with Ballarat.

"We decided to travel because it's a prestigious event with such high prize money, you can't not go," he said.

So keep your eyes on the track on Kings Royal weekend and see the returning King take to the tracks once more.

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Driving ace chasing title

By Jessica McGrath

Australia's current top modified sedans driver is set to contest the King's Royal.

Toowoomba speedway driver Nathan Macdonald is among the King's Royal Modified Sedans line-up at Kingaroy Speedway this weekend, 23 to 25 January.

Nathan is the 2025 National SSA Modified Sedans champion, however he shared that securing a King's Royal title would top off his career.

"Winning the Australian title was pretty cool -it's up there with one of the races you want to win," he said.

"A King's Royal win would just top off my career... with the King's Royal calibre up there with the national title, it'd be pretty special to add to my resume."

Nathan has been a regular face at almost all of the Kingaroy Speedway King's Royal meets over the years, enjoying the short commute to the neighbouring speedway track.

"It's definitely the one event I look forward to the most year after year... it's fortunate it's close to home," he said.

"It's definitely a great atmosphere every time we go there, I always look forward to going each year."

His best finish previously at King's Royal has been a podium finish of third place in 2019, however with a NSW Title win and the national title now under his belt, he is feeling confident.

His King's Royal highlight was sharing the podium with his brother Shane, who was runner-up the year Nathan came third.

"It's pretty special to make it onto the podium and to be up with my brother [is more special]," he said.

Shane Macdonald went on to win the Kings Royal XI 2023 race.



Toowoomba speedway driver Nathan Macdonald is currently Australia's top modified sedans driver, making him a strong King's Royal contender. (SUPPLIED)



Nathan Macdonald is set to return to King's Royal in 2026. (SUPPLIED: RB's Photography)

"It's a really wide track which means people don't have to drive through and crash other people to put on a good race," Nathan said.

He added the facilities are also nice with most of the pits having the luxury of green grass.

However, the King's Royal itself is simply a memorable event.

"It's always really big, you have a lot of fans coming up to you over the weekend... I've loved coming up for the whole event, it's definitely a good atmosphere," he said.

The Macdonald brothers will both be contesting the King's Royal Modified Sedans title, with Nathan in the A1/CR32 vehicle and Shane in the CR27 vehicle.

Nathan's car is a three-year-old hand-built Holden VZ commodore, similar to the same car model he has worked with over the past decade.

"I know the car quite well, I've stuck with the same car and combination," he said.

If he wins the \$15,000 King's Royal top prize, Nathan said he would shout his family and crew lunch, dinner and a round at the bar as there is a huge team of support behind him and his racing success. The rest of the winning prize would go back into racing, to keep doing what he loves.



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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Event	Division	Heat/Final	Laps	Event	Division
1	Queens Royal Top Stars	Heat 1	8 Laps	1	Production Sedans
2	Queens Royal Top Stars	Heat 2	8 Laps	2	Production Sedans
3	Queens Royal Top Stars	Heat 3	8 Laps	3	Production Sedans
4	Queens Royal New Stars	Heat 1	8 Laps	4	Production Sedans
5	Queens Royal New Stars	Heat 2	8 Laps	5	Production Sedans
6	Modified Sedans	Heat 1	10 Laps	6	Production Sedans
7	Modified Sedans	Heat 2	10 Laps	7	Production Sedans
8	Modified Sedans	Heat 3	10 Laps	8	Street Stocks
9	Modified Sedans	Heat 4	10 Laps	9	Street Stocks
10	Modified Sedans	Heat 5	10 Laps	10	Street Stocks
11	Modified Sedans	Heat 6	10 Laps	11	Street Stocks
12	Modified Sedans	Heat 7	10 Laps	12	Modified Sedans
13	Queens Royal Top Stars	Heat 4	8 Laps	13	Modified Sedans
14	Queens Royal Top Stars	Heat 5	8 Laps	14	Modified Sedans
15	Queens Royal Top Stars	Heat 6	8 Laps	15	Modified Sedans
16	Queens Royal New Stars	Heat 3	8 Laps	16	Modified Sedans
17	Queens Royal New Stars	Heat 4	8 Laps	17	Modified Sedans
18	Modified Sedans	Heat 8	10 Laps	18	Modified Sedans
19	Modified Sedans	Heat 9	10 Laps	19	Production Sedans
20	Modified Sedans	Heat 10	10 Laps	20	Production Sedans
21	Modified Sedans	Heat 11	10 Laps	21	Production Sedans
22	Modified Sedans	Heat 12	10 Laps	22	Production Sedans
23	Modified Sedans	Heat 13	10 Laps	23	Production Sedans
24	Modified Sedans	Heat 14	10 Laps	24	Production Sedans
25	Queens Royal Top Stars	Heat 7	8 Laps	25	Production Sedans
26	Queens Royal Top Stars	Heat 8	8 Laps	26	Street Stocks
27	Queens Royal Top Stars	Heat 9	8 Laps	27	Street Stocks
28	Queens Royal New Stars	Heat 5	8 Laps	28	Street Stocks
29	Queens Royal New Stars	Heat 6	8 Laps	29	Street Stocks
INTERVAL / MASCOT					
30	Modified Sedans	Heat 15	10 Laps	30	Street Stocks
31	Modified Sedans	Heat 16	10 Laps	31	Production Sedans
32	Modified Sedans	Heat 17	10 Laps	32	Production Sedans
33	Modified Sedans	Heat 18	10 Laps	33	Production Sedans
34	Modified Sedans	Heat 19	10 Laps	34	Production Sedans
35	Modified Sedans	Heat 20	10 Laps	35	Production Sedans
36	Modified Sedans	Heat 21	10 Laps	36	Production Sedans
37	Queens Royal New Stars	A Main	20 Laps	37	Production Sedans
38	Queens Royal Top Stars	A Main	20 Laps	38	Modified Sedans

FRIDAY

SUNDAY

Heat/Final	Laps	Event	Division	Heat/Final	Laps
Heat 1	8 Laps	1	Production Sedans	Heat 22	8 Laps
Heat 2	8 Laps	2	Production Sedans	Heat 23	8 Laps
Heat 3	8 Laps	3	Production Sedans	Heat 24	8 Laps
Heat 4	8 Laps	4	Modified Sedans	J Dash	10 Laps
Heat 5	8 Laps	5	Modified Sedans	I Dash	10 Laps
Heat 6	8 Laps	6	Production Sedans	Heat 25	8 Laps
Heat 7	8 Laps	7	Production Sedans	Heat 26	8 Laps
Heat 1	8 Laps	8	Modified Sedans	II Dash	10 Laps
Heat 2	8 Laps	9	Modified Sedans	G Dash	10 Laps
Heat 4	8 Laps	10	Production Sedans	Heat 27	8 Laps
Heat 22	10 Laps	11	Production Sedans	Heat 28	8 Laps
Heat 23	10 Laps	12	Modified Sedans	F Dash	10 Laps
Heat 24	10 Laps	13	Modified Sedans	E Dash	10 Laps
Heat 25	10 Laps	14	Production Sedans	Heat 29	8 Laps
Heat 26	10 Laps	15	Production Sedans	Heat 30	8 Laps
Heat 27	10 Laps	16	Production Sedans	Heat 31	8 Laps
Heat 28	10 Laps	17	Modified Sedans	D Dash	10 Laps
Heat 8	8 Laps	18	Modified Sedans	C Dash	10 Laps
Heat 9	8 Laps	19	Production Sedans	Heat 32	8 Laps
Heat 10	8 Laps	20	Production Sedans	Heat 33	8 Laps
Heat 11	8 Laps	21	Production Sedans	Heat 34	8 Laps
Heat 12	8 Laps	22	Production Sedans	Heat 35	8 Laps
Heat 13	8 Laps	23	Modified Sedans Pole Shuffle Cars	Hot Laps	4 Laps
Heat 5	8 Laps	24	Modified Sedans	C Main 1	12 Laps
Heat 6	8 Laps	25	Modified Sedans	C Main 2	12 Laps
Heat 7	8 Laps	26	Production Sedans	C Main	12 Laps
Heat 8	8 Laps	27	Production Sedans	C Main	12 Laps
RACE / FIREWORKS	15 Laps	28	Modified Sedans	B Dash	10 Laps
		29	Production Sedans	B Main 1	20 Laps
Heat 15	8 Laps	30	Modified Sedans	A Dash	10 Laps
Heat 16	8 Laps	31	Production Sedans	B Main 2	20 Laps
Heat 17	8 Laps	32	Modified Sedans	B Main	20 Laps
Heat 18	8 Laps	33	Modified Sedans Top 7 + A Dash Winner	Pole Shuffle	1v1 2 laps
Heat 20	8 Laps	INTERVAL			
Heat 21	8 Laps	34	Production Sedans	A Main	30 Laps
Heat 29	10 Laps	35	Modified Sedans	A Main	50 Laps
Heat 30	10 Laps				
Heat 31	10 Laps				
Heat 32	10 Laps				
Heat 33	10 Laps				
Heat 34	10 Laps				
Heat 35	10 Laps				
A Main	30 Laps				

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Poised for Royal revenge

By Julian Lehnert

The South Burnett will send one of its own in Josh Harm to contest the 2026 King's Royal crown, with the Australian number one looking to best the man who out-raced him last year.

Harm, 33, has spent more than half his life in the racing scene, getting his start in the Queensland Saloon Car Association's junior bracket age 16.

From there, the Burnett racer claimed three Queensland Production Sedan trophies and the prestigious title of Australia's number one.

At the Kingaroy Speedway track this coming weekend, Harm will contest both the Production Sedan bracket as well as the King's Royal Modified Sedan title.

The South Burnett racer - nowadays based in Hervey Bay - came a close second in the 2025 King's Royal, improving on his fourth-place finish in 2024.

Harm will face Victoria's Brad Wicks, the man who snagged the King's Royal crown from him last year, in the 2026 race.

"As long as I stay out of trouble, I should be pulling myself up hopefully towards a win," Harm said of his chances.

"But there are a lot of fast people coming to race and hoping to do well, so we'll have to see what happens."

Josh Harm will take a Holden VY Commodore into the Production Sedans fight, choosing to contest the King's Royal crown in a Ford FG Falcon.

Saturday and Sunday will be especially tough days for Australia's number one, with the experienced racer having to compete in both the Production and Modified Sedan classes at the same time.

Should he take home the crown, Harm



Buoyed by his loyal support crew and the Harm family name, South Burnett racer Josh Harm came within inches of winning the 2025 Kings Royal. He hopes to run it back - and also contest the Production Sedan section as Australia's number one - this year. (Supplied)

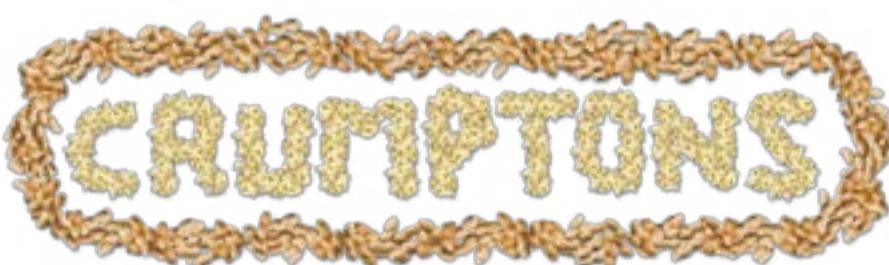
hopes to invest the \$15,000 prize money into an engine upgrade for his Falcon.

"I see how good the event is for the Kingaroy area," Harm said of his home club in King-

roy.

"Around this time of year, it's awesome."

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President set to compete

By Maddison Richards

Kingaroy is set to see engines revving and crowds a plenty as their annual Kings Royal meet draws ever closer.

From King and Queen drivers, to Kids and Production Sedans, the number of drivers is astounding.

Kingaroy Speedway's own President, Pacey Clegg, is one such driver, ready and set to compete in the Production Sedans category.

With a race career spanning nine years, Pacey's standing has quickly grown.

Beginning at the age of 16 in modified sedans, he moved to modlites for three seasons before returning to modified sedans, and now competes in production sedans.

Pacey has been around Speedway for most of his life and was introduced to the lifestyle through his uncle, who had been in the industry for many years.

"I sort of went to my first Speedway when I was a couple months old," he said. "I grew up around Speedway, and when I turned 16, I was old enough to get into it."

Pacey said that the last time Production Sedans raced at Kingaroy, it was for the Queensland title held in November 2025, where he placed third in the competition.

This will be Pacey's sixth Kings Royal meet, but will be racing in the Production Sedan Stampede at this year's meet.

Production Sedans is a racing division that is a step down from modified sedans, and was introduced after interest grew and production sedans became more popular.

"We do a lot with modified sedans, and wanted to add something for production sedans," Pacey said. "Kings Royal was already a big weekend, and we wanted to add something



Kingaroy Speedway President Pacey Clegg is set to compete in the King's Royal. (Supplied)

for the Production Sedans."

"As it continues to grow Australia wide, we wanted to do something special for them," he said.

This year will see 80 cars registered for the Production Sedans, and with the growing number and increased support, the prize money for Production Sedans has been increased from \$3000 to \$4000.

When asked how he felt about achieving a podium finish, Pacey said it was a fair shot.

"I always have a strong finish at my home track," he said. "Obviously having 80 cars coming a lot can happen."

"Just to make it to the final would be a win in my eyes," he said, with the final goal to place in the top five.

Kings Royal is a competition that draws drivers from all over, including interstate, with Pacey describing it as exciting, to compete against these interstate drivers.

The diversity allows him to compete against

competitors he's raced before, and ones he hasn't.

"It's a good and exciting challenge," he said. "It allows me to improve myself, and improve myself as a driver."

As president of Kingaroy Speedway, Pacey is in a unique position that allows his personal experience to guide decisions.

Despite being new to the presidency side of Speedway, and feeling overwhelmed now and then, Pacey says he has people backing him, to help lessen the load and ensure everything runs smoothly.

"To see the hype and the support around the Kings Royal, especially this year, it's a good feeling," he said. "It's an honour to continue and build on what the previous president built, trying to do the best in both worlds."

Pacey says he's lucky to have a good team backing his racing career, providing him the best chance while working behind the scenes, and to have people in his corner supporting his time as president, helping to make the workload easier.

"It's honestly a privilege to do both roles," he said. "To have people in both corners who support me. It's difficult but rewarding at the same time."

His favourite Kings Royal memory is when he gets to walk onto the hill and see the place packed with spectators, with standing room only, Sunday night with a giant crowd.

"Realising that I've been a part of this, made this possible," he said.

Pacey would like to thank all his family, crew and supporters who have helped support his dream of competing at this level.

"And to all the people who support me from the club side that make things easier. I would just like to say thank you to everyone who makes this possible for me."



Current Queensland No. 1 Production Sedans driver Kurtis Peal will take to the track. (Supplied)

'Peal' to peel onto track

By Maddison Richards

Third generation driver Kurtis Peal is set to peel onto the track for the Kingaroy Kings Royal meet.

Introduced to Speedway through his Dad and Pop, Kurtis has risen through the ranks and now sits as Queensland's current Number One in Production Sedans, with his biggest race achievement to date winning the Queensland Production Sedan Title in 2025 and winning the Rocky Round Up.

Kurtis is familiar with the Kings Royal Meet, having attended since 2019, however, he has competed at only one meet so far.

His favourite Kings Royal meet memory is being able to watch Aiden Raymont and Kye Walters battle it out at the 2020 meet.

Kurtis makes his home up in Bundaberg, with his home track being Carina Speedway.

His reason for making the trek down to

the small town of Kingaroy is that "the Kings Royal is a marquee event and always has good racing."

As Queensland's current Number One, Kurtis says "it's such an honour" to carry the title. "I've dreamed about it ever since I started racing."

With his experience in racing, Kurtis feels good about a possible podium finish.

"If I can put us in a good position with set up and decisions on the track, then we should be up the front somewhere," he said.

The Kings Royal draws drivers from here, there and across state lines. "It's awesome for people to travel to Queensland," Kurtis said. "It adds more competition and people we don't race against very often."

"I'd like to thank Gazz-Chele Autoworx, Universal Home Improvements, Larsen's Aircon Hire, Nashy's Produce and all my awesome team for helping me race."



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Vic driver aims to be queen

By Maddison Richards

The Kingaroy Kings Royal weekend will see many drivers from all over, with Queen's Royal entrant Felicity Roycroft among them.

Felicity calls the state of Victoria home, coming from Kialla in West Victoria, with her home track Wangaratta.

Her introduction to Speedway began at an early age, kick starting her spot as a third generation racer.

"I was pretty much born into the Speedway. There is a photo of me as a baby in my dad's arms while he was accepting his trophy," she said. "My parents both raced and my grandparents also."

Felicity has also brought her kids into the family legacy, with Ollie (10) and Nate (6) racing also.

Her grandparents ran a Speedway track in Seymour, where she lived as a kid.

"I wasn't really racing until I met my boy's father, Shane, where he let me drive his car 10 years ago," she said. "I then crashed his car twice, so he then built me my own."

Felicity has many racing achievements under her belt.

- Wangaratta Club Champion for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024
- Wangaratta Ladies Champion for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024
- Open Sport Sedans Club Champion for 2021, 2022 and 2023
- Production Sedans Club Champion 2024
- SSV Production Sedans 2nd place Victoria State Series in 2024
- SSV Best present production in 2024
- VSC Victoria Number One ladies in 2023 and 2024



Felicity Roycroft is ready for the trek up to Kingaroy. (Supplied)

■ VSC Senior Driver of the year in 2023 and 2024

Despite calling the state of Victoria home, Felicity has made the trip up to Kingaroy quite a few times, with 2018 seeing her become a fly-in driver, where she drove for the Thompson family from Kingaroy.

2020 saw her race again for Peter Thompson, 2022 saw her compete for Shane's street stock, where she finished 5th, and 2024 with Shane's street stock again, however, she rolled it at that meet.

Her favourite Kings Royal meet memory is

"racing Darren Lester around Kingaroy speedway on foot in the early hours of Sunday morning," she said, "and the crowd going crazy (my family) for me as I turned around and waved to him as I was running backwards."

Felicity said that her family and friends are confident for her to finish on the podium, but she says she struggles at this track, so anything can happen.

Her decision to travel up to Kingaroy this year was strongly influenced by her kids.

"My two boys were offered a spot for their quarter midgets on the Belks semi trailer," she said. "So with them going, it's only fair I tag along too."

"It's a really cool event, and it's one that we can all participate in together," Felicity said. "This year we have a three car team again, but with Shane's street stock Australian title only two weeks away, his car is sitting this one out."

Unfortunately, it won't be a full four-car family team, unless he can get his dad's car, Felicity said.

As an interstate driver herself, Felicity likes traveling and being able to race against different people.

"It's what it's all about," she said, "and the field this race meeting has is the best around, and the numbers show it."

The Quarter Midget Race, or Kids Royal, that will be held over the weekend, Felicity thinks it would be cool to get people down to watch it, saying there are 20 Victorians coming up to race.

"It really is a reason we're here," she said. "It'd be cool to get people out there to watch our next generation."

"So come down and meet them, meet me." Felicity and her kids are excited to get racing.



Cousins on the speedway track -Cayliana in pink, Caiden in the blue vehicle and Zac in the green vehicle. (Supplied)



Cayliana and Caiden Jones, along with their cousin Zac Jarman will be competing in the Kids Royal.

Cousins take relationship through twists and turns on track

By Jessica McGrath

Three cousins are set to make their Kid's Royal debut this weekend as fourth generation speedway drivers.

Maryborough siblings Cayliana and Caiden Jones, and their Kingaroy cousin Zac Jarman are excited to compete in their first ever King's Royal weekend, in the Quarter Midgets Association's Kids Royal competition.

Proud Kingaroy grandfather Wayne Jones has been part of the Kingaroy Speedway since 1979, and currently volunteers as part of the club's track crew.

He has recently enjoyed seeing his grandchildren experience speedway racing for the

first time.

Six-year-olds Cayliana and Zac both made their speedway debut at Kingaroy Speedway on 8 November 2025, whereas nine-year-old Caiden did not make his first appearance until 29 December 2025.

With only a couple of meets under their belts between them, the cousins are buzzing with excitement to get back on the track for the Kid's Royal.

"They're loving it," Wayne said.

"Just turning the wheels and getting them going.... It surprised us how quick they picked it up."

As for Kid's Royal, the cousins are looking forward to meeting the drivers from Victoria,

and having the chance to race against a wider range of young competitors in their class.

The family spotted two speedway cars for sale from a team in Ipswich, and decided to build a third for Caiden.

Wayne explained a family friend had a property where the children did practice laps leading up to their first speedway race.

"They've all had plenty of turns there before racing on the speedway track," he added.

Racing is definitely in the blood for these three youngsters, with grandfather Wayne a former racer, Cayliana and Caiden's dad a former racer and Zach's mum and dad are both currently speedway drivers.

The fourth-generation speedway drivers

have grown up watching their parents race.

"They're great to see - it's good watching the grandkids," Wayne said.

"It's great to watch the little ones have some fun.... we never had this little class when my kids were younger."

Wayne said it was crucial to have these junior events and to inspire the next generation of motorsport competitors.

The Kid's Royal takes place during the mornings from 9am on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 January with Zac in the #22 green car and Cayliana in the #26 pink car in the 120 Novice division, and Caiden in the #43 blue-ish vehicle the 120 Open Division.



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Ready to defend the crown

By Jessica McGrath

Two-time Top Stars Queen Sarah Franz is hoping to defend her crown.

Franz is hopeful it will be third time's a charm for her as she heads to the Kingaroy track on Friday, 23 January with her signature purple B36 FG Falcon to compete in the 8th Annual Speedway panels Queensland Queens Royal in association with Dirt Track Girls Top Stars.

"I'm really excited about the event coming up, it's the largest field we've had so far," she said, noting she was in a field of 28 competitors.

"There's been lots of strong competitors coming on in the last 12 months."

The Gympie driver was the 2025 and 2024 Queen Top Stars winner, and also the 2022 Queen before the competition split to accommodate the top and new stars.

"I'm set up at the moment, of course I'm going out for the three piece," she said.

"I'm happy to have achieved three wins out of four wins... but it'd be nice to get 2026."

Franz has been a podium finisher at the Queen's competition two other times, attending all seven Queen's Royal races.

The 2025 Queen's Royal - Top Stars event stands out as a highlight for Franz, even with the disaster of crashing her car early in the night.

"My crew worked tirelessly to get me back out there for the feature race," she said.

"I started towards the back of the field.... I drove my own race, and drove it all the way through and came through for the win"

She finds the Queens -New Stars round a good speedway entry level for women.

"New stars drivers are the wives, girlfriends of regular racers... who don't race on a regular



Sarah Franz is ready to claim her third consecutive Queen's Royal - Top Stars crown at the Kingaroy King's Royal weekend. (SUPPLIED)

basis ... but want to experience what it's like," Franz said.

"I encourage everyone who can, to take part."

Whereas the Top Stars Queens are those who are more experienced, regular racers who have competed in the New Stars before or been on the podium.

"It's good to separate it... just to give those guys an opportunity to [experience speedway]," Franz said.

"I love the event and celebration of women in speedway... and the contribution they make to the sport."

However, Franz loves to be a competitor in normal speedway racing.



Sarah Franz's B36 Purple FG Falcon. (SUPPLIED)

"I like to give it to the boys... on the race track - there's no gender," she said.

Racing for the past 22 years, Franz is now a veteran on the track.

Her mum had always been involved in the sport and shared the passion with her children.

Franz started out spectating, and then became a passenger, before purchasing her first car and joining in the racing.

"I wouldn't have ever called myself a rev head...but the rush and adrenaline you get on the race track there's no better feeling," she said.

Franz thanked the Kingaroy Speedway Club for putting on the Queen's Royal for the past seven years, and the King's Royal for the past 13 years.

Keep an eye out for B36 Sarah Franz in her Purple FG Falcon in the Queen's Royal - Top Stars line-up.

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