

Welcome to this month's competitor bulletin and thank you to everyone who came to the combined Beat the Heat Off Street and T&T on Friday 12 April. It was a massive night with 91 registered teams. A big thank you to everyone who persevered with our venue changes. We've debriefed after the event and can see where we can further improve and we will fill you in later in this bulletin.

Previous bulletins are available on the [website](#) under the Competitor menu.

LESSONS LEARNT FROM 12 APRIL

With such a big change to the way we structure our events at the venue we knew there would be some teething problems but who would have guessed that we'd have an increase of 200% in competitors for our first event! After reviewing there were some clear areas where we can improve;

- **Lighting** – we were meant to have 3 light towers but unfortunately were only able to secure one. We stayed back until 3am moving the tower around to see where the most appropriate location would be. For our upcoming event we are working to hire 4 light towers to illuminate the entry and pit area. These will be located at the rear of the pits to minimise glare as you come in through the return gates
- **Scrutineering** – the location where we had scrutineering led to congestion when entering the track. As such, the scrutineering will be relocated to pit bays 25-26. You will enter through the back of the pits, through the garage, then turn left and exit via the appropriate gate. Please refer the attached map later in this bulletin.
- **Staging** – we are going to continue with the concept of staging along the V8 straight in front of our control tower to minimise congestion for tow vehicles however with one slight change to when vehicles are ushered around to the fire up area. Read the changes later in this bulletin.

2013 SEASON CALENDAR

Mar-29	Off Street / T&T
Apr-12	BTH Off Street
Apr-27	Season Opener
May-03	BTH Off Street
May-18	Track Champs Rd2
Jun-28	BTH Off Street
Jul 12-13	2013 NT Titles
Jul-26	BTH Off Street
Aug-03	Track Champs Rd4
Aug 16-17	ANDRA Pro Series
Sep-07	Track Champs Rd6
Sep-21	Season Finale
Sep-27	BTH Off Street

2013 MEMBERSHIPS

Don't forget, memberships are due. Register a new account and log into the Competitor Area on the website. There you will see a 2013 MEMBERSHIP event that you can register for and pay via credit card.

**SEASON OPENER
ENTRIES CLOSE
SUNDAY 21 APRIL**

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- **Power** – unfortunately there is no power in the middle of the pits. For teams needing power please remember to bring a generator or alternate power source. We understand this is a small impact to the new pit area but if the relocation is successful we will investigate power options in the future.

GARAGE HIRE

As part of the relocation to the V8 pit area for Track Championship events limited garages will be available for hire. Garage hire is limited to selected brackets and incurs a small hire fee. Full details are available online under the [track regulations](#) at www.hiddenvalleydrags.com/competitors/regulations

You may share garages with a fellow racer that is in the same category as yourself, just make sure only one of you register for the garage during your online entry.

As we progress through the season we will assess garage usage and determine if it's viable to open to more brackets.

2013 SEASON OPENER

Our competition event is almost here. Register online today!

Gates open	1:30pm
Qualifying	2:30 - 5pm
Racing	6pm - 10pm



EVENT REGISTRATIONS

Event registrations are now open for all 2013 events including the 2013 NT Title and ANDRA Drag Racing Series events. Jump online to the [competitor area](#) at www.hiddenvalleydrags.com

STAGING LANES

After working through our first event the staging lane model for our upcoming season opener will be as follows;

- Exit the pit area and travel past the drag strip control tower
- Stop in the pre staging area at the end of the witches hats (beside the concrete wall) in the 2 lanes
- For Exhibition and Outlaw classes you will be sent around 2 at a time by the official to the fire up area (our old staging lanes), giving plenty of room for tow cars.
- For all other categories (Street, Super Street, Super Sedan, Top Sportsman, Bikes) after you have stopped at the witches hats you will be sent around as an entire bracket by the official.

Check out the following Youtube video to also help guide where you are going;

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGoPVVP-Gtw>

Remember you must have a crew band to enter the staging lanes along with enclosed footwear.

Tow vehicles must not be parked forward of the waterbox.

EVENT SCHEDULES

Remember the week leading up to our events we send out competitor information to registered teams. Included in this info are any last minute changes you need to be aware of and the event schedule. It is critical that you read this information as it is an important part of our communication.

As with 2012, the event schedule will include the specific times for your qualifying sessions and race sessions. You are not to proceed to the staging lanes until directed to do so. We will be endeavouring to provide a 10 minute warning via the PA so listen carefully to when you are called. If you line up for qualifying outside of our scheduled session you will be turned away.

QUICK REMINDERS

- New vehicles and licensing – it is your responsibility to engage with an ANDRA Steward to ensure your performance testing is performed as per section 2.8 of the ANDRA rule book.
- The [fire suppression amnesty](#) has now expired. All vehicles quicker than 8.00sec must now have onboard fire systems.
- Category cutoffs have changed for 2013;
 - Outlaws quicker than 8.00
 - Top Sportsman quicker than 8.99
 - There are no lower ET cutoffs for these categories.

PIT RADIO – 88.7FM

We will be trialling the use of FM radio so you can also listen in to pit announcements. Turn in to 88.7FM and we'd be interested in your feedback.

12-13 JULY

16-17 AUGUST



OFFICIALS SPOTLIGHT

Continuing on with our officials spot light, this month we would like to introduce our race director, the man calling your numbers to the tower, Brad.



Name: Brad Stott

Position: Race Director

Day Job: Cabler

Hobbies: Classic Holdens, got a yard full of them!



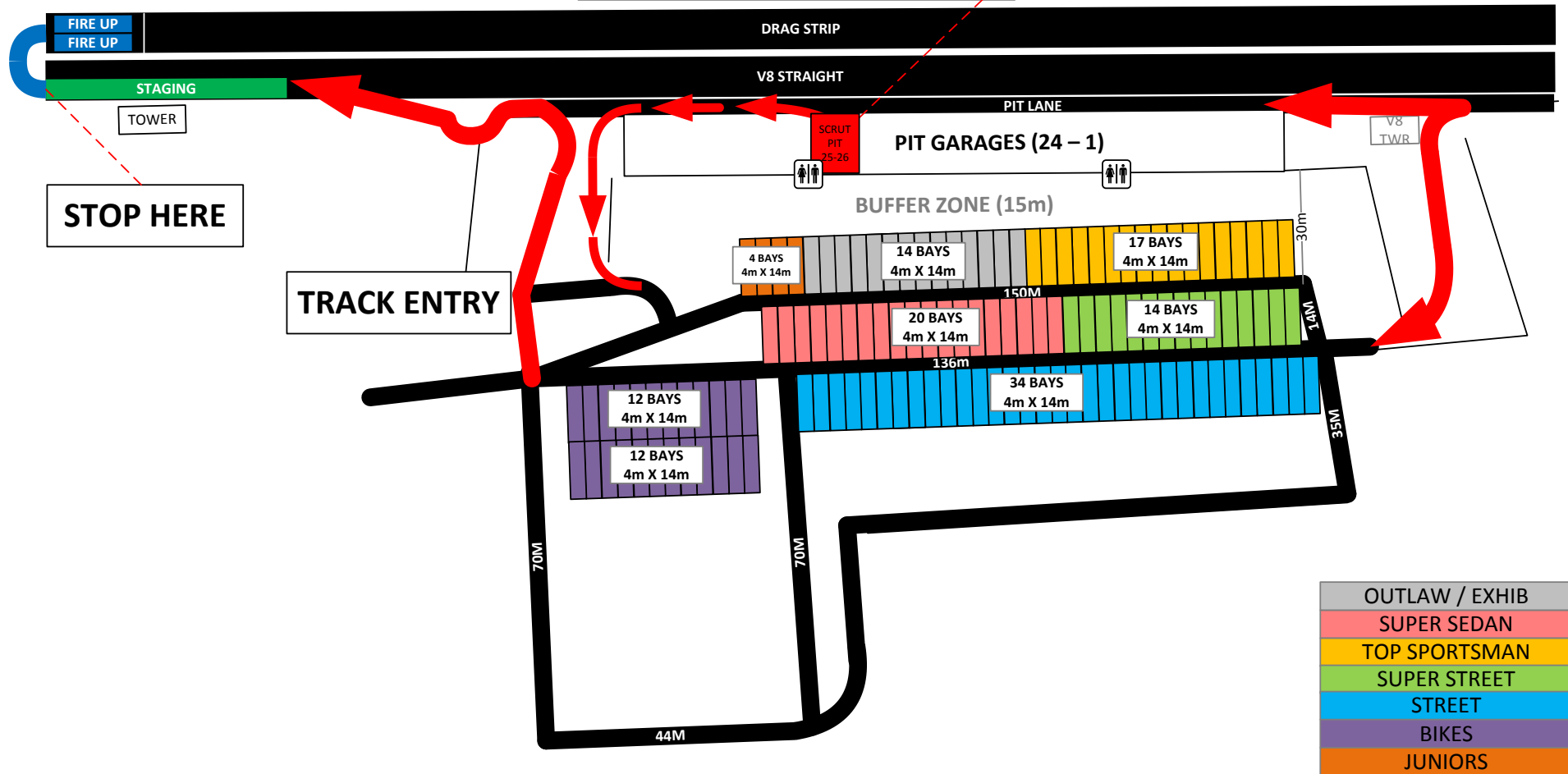
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