Vortex Rok Report

Round 1 2017 Australian Kart Championship (Newcastle)

The 2017 Australian Kart Championship season got underway at Newcastle's Mount Sugarloaf Raceway on the weekend. The season opener boasted 275 entries across nine classes and while the race program was modified in consideration of the extremely hot conditions the on track racing was action packed and closely fought.

Cadet 9 Vortex Mini Rok

The Cadet 9 Vortex Mini Rok final provided the closest finish of the day when defending Australian Champion passed Harry Arnett on the final lap of the race to take the win. Just 0.074 seconds separated the pair as they greeted the chequered flag side-by-side, ahead of Marshall Crofts and Maddison Feather.

Result	Qual	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Total Points	
1st	Brock Barber	Brock Barber	Ryan Tomsett	Harry Arnett	Brock Barber	Ryan Tomsett	**Ryan Tomsett**	**63**
2nd	Maddison Feather	Ryan Tomsett	Marshall Crofts	Maddison Feather	Harry Arnett	Harry Arnett	**Harry Arnett**	**57**
3rd	Harry Arnett	Harry Arnett	Maddison Feather	Ryan Tomsett	Ryan Tomsett	Marshall Crofts	**Maddison Feather**	**45**
4th	Ryan Tomsett	Maddison Feather	Harry Arnett	Brock Barber	Toby Dvorak	Maddison Feather	**Brock Barber**	**41**
5th	Marshall Crofts	Ben Holliday	Toby Dvorak	Marshall Crofts	Maddison Feather	Macka Hazard	**Marshall Crofts**	**38**



Cadet 9 Vortex Mini Rok podium



Ryan Tomsett won the Cadet 9 class

Cadet 12 Vortex Mini Rok

Rhys Smith stormed from seventh on the grid to take an early lead and victory in the Cadet 12 Vortex Mini Rok final. Behind him, a battle for second and third ensued with James Wharton, Ethan Feather, Adrian Haak and Tex Starr-McKoy all in contention. In the end, Wharton crossed the line second ahead of Haak.

Result	Qual	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Total Points	
1st	Tex Starr-McKoy	James Wharton	Adrian Haak	Tex Starr-McKoy	Rhys Smith	Rhys Smith	**James Wharton**	**55**
2nd	Ethan Feather	Tex Starr-McKoy	Rhys Smith	James Wharton	Ethan Feather	James Wharton	**Tex Starr-McKoy**	**51**
3rd	Adrian Haak	Adrian Haak	Tex Starr-McKoy	Ethan Feather	Adrian Haak	Adrian Haak	**Adrian Haak**	**51**
4th	Costa Toparis	Ethan Feather	James Wharton	Adrian Haak	Tex Starr-McKoy	Ethan Feather	**Rhys Smith**	**49**
5th	James Wharton	Jesse Lacey	Fletcher Harris	Fletcher Harris	James Wharton	Tex Starr-McKoy	**Ethan Feather**	**44**



Cadet 12 Vortex Mini Rok podium



Cadet 12 race winner Rhys Smith

KA2 Vortex DVS Junior Rok

A turn one pile-up involving eight competitors triggered a full course caution on the opening lap of the KA2 Vortex DVS Junior Rok final. Lachlan Hughes leapt to the lead from the restart with top qualifier Reece Cohan in hot pursuit. The duo battled for the majority of the 18 lap race before a broken bearing carrier bolt robbed Cohen of a maiden KA2 podium. Cody Burcher finished second in his first ever KA2 race ahead of Taylor Hazard.

Result	Qual	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Total Points	
1st	Reece Cohen	Lachlan Hughes	Lachlan Hughes	Reece Cohen	Reece Cohen	Lachlan Hughes	**Lachlan Hughes**	65
2nd	Lachlan Hughes	Cody Burcher	Reece Cohen	Harrison Hoey	Benito Montalbano	Cody Burcher	**Cody Burcher**	44
3rd	Benito Montalbano	Benito Montalbano	Benito Montalbano	Lachlan Hughes	Lachlan Hughes	Taylor Hazard	**Benito Montalbano**	43
4th	Cody Burcher	Harrison Hoey	Harrison Hoey	Benito Montalbano	Harrison Hoey	Broc Feeney	**Reece Cohen**	37
5th	Harrison Hoey	Travis Worton	Cody Burcher	Cody Burcher	Jac Preston	Jordyn Sinni	**Harrison Hoey**	31



KA2 winner Lachlan Hughes



KA2 Vortex DVS Junior Rok Podium

KA1 Vortex DVS Senior Rok

Jace Matthews dominated the KA1 Vortex DVS Senior Rok class across the weekend, setting the top qualifying time before taking a clean sweep of the four heat races and final. Kyle Henry-Smith finished second in the final ahead of Daniel Edmonds who claimed his first ever Australian Kart trophy.

Result	Qual	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Total Points	
1st	Jace Matthews	Jace Mathews	Jace Mathews	Jace Matthews	Jace Matthews	Jace Matthews	**Jace Matthews**	**75**
2nd	Kyle Henry Smith	Thomas Steele	Thomas Steele	Kyle Henry Smith	Kyle Henry Smith	Kyle Henry Smith	**Kyle Henry Smith**	**56**
3rd	Thomas Steele	Kyle Henry Smith	Kyle Henry Smith	Luke Flynn	Daniel Edmonds	Daniel Edmonds	**Thomas Steele**	**39**
4th	Daniel Edmonds	Daniel Edmonds	Daniel Edmonds	Mathew Stenner	Thomas Steele	Luke Flynn	**Daniel Edmnds**	**38**
5th	Luke Flynn	Mathew Stenner	Scott Sorensen	Scott Sorensen	Mathew Stenner	Thomas Steele	**Mathew Stenner**	**33**



KA1 Vortex DVS Senior Rok podium



KA1 race winner Jace Matthews