

*FORMULA VEE ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES*

## *LIVING LEGENDS*



## *FRANK KLEINIG*

Since the beginning of Formula Vee racing in Australia, Frank Kleinig has become a true legend of the category and our sport. Admired and respected since inception, the Formula Vee values taken for granted today are a true reflection of his participation and contribution.

After winning the first ever Formula Vee race in Australia way back in 1965 at Warwick Farm, Frank has remained an active member of the Formula Vee community and is recognised throughout the country in his many roles as either a driver, competitor, entrant, team owner, spectator, committee member, car builder, advisor, technical sealer, enthusiast, mentor, ultimate professional and family man.

Following in his father's footsteps, Frank pursued the dreams and aspirations of motor racing. Fortunately for Formula Vee, Frank made the category his home. At a young age, his early driving ambitions coexisted with a professional career within the automotive industry. This combination together with commitment, desire and hard work, not only rewarded Frank's driving and professional success, but set a benchmark that many people still strive to achieve today.

Throughout the decades, Frank's driving achievements have included countless race wins, lap records and state title victories all complimented with his racing car design and engineering expertise. Frank was one of the first Formula Vee drivers in the 1960's to compete in his own designed and built car – the MAKO. During the 1980's, this combination set him at the pinnacle of his sport gaining true respect from his fierce rivals as he pursued and secured podium dominance. Today, Frank continues to design, build and sell his beloved MAKO Formula Vee's as well as keeping many other cars and drivers on the track through his business.

The attitude and approach Frank has shown to Formula Vee is unquestionable with active participation at both a state and national level. Throughout the decades, he has pioneered, innovated and contributed greatly to the ongoing category development and progression. His experience and willingness to assist is still highly sought at an administrative, engineering, and competitive level.

Frank is an ultimate good guy and many friendships within the category and throughout the motor racing fraternity have been established. Known as 'cranky FRANKY' for his blunt talking and socializing prowess, all have learnt something and benefited from his life experiences. Whether at the track, or in a social environment, Frank will always make the effort to engage with others to tell stories and be adamant the party should never end.

This lifetime of achievement and success was recognised with the award of Formula Vee Association of NSW Life Membership and Frank Kleinig will always be known as a true 'FORMULA VEE LEGEND'.