



# The Motorsport NZ Elite Academy Newsletter. October 2018.

## News from the Trust.

Welcome to the first of the Class of 2018's newsletters.

As we have done in the past with these newsletters they are the words directly from the class of 2018 as they write them to present to you all. It is part of the process in what we teach at the Academy and equally it's a chance for you all to meet them a bit more and know what they are up to and how the academy is assisting them all in their personal growth within the sport. On behalf of my fellow trustees we think this years class is again a very talented bunch of people and we hope you share with us the desire to see them all do well within the sport. David.

*Billy Frazer*

Although the Formula First Championship hasn't started, I have certainly been busy!

Since Academy week I have been preparing both mentally and physically for the upcoming season with the support of my Academy mentors. Thanks to Jenny-May Coffin I am working on my organisation skills as I balance the start of the race season and school exams. The mental skills I have learned from Ian Lambie will really help when things start to intensify. My fitness over the winter break has improved thanks to the help of Alistair from Formula Fit Online. My individually tailored training program will definitely aid me during the race season. My fitness has also greatly improved from my racing on two wheels, as a winter sport I have taken up cycling which really complements car racing nicely. Cycling has meant I haven't been completely off the track as most of my bike races have been around Pukekohe Park and the cycling nationals were held at Ruapuna - track time is track time!

I have had one outing in the car this pre-season and it is nice to see the changes we have made to the car have made it faster! This season the car is in a new livery thanks to the five new sponsors that have come on board since the Academy (Thanks Nicky Felton and David Turner for the advice). The championship season starts Labour weekend at Manfeild and I'm real excited to put everything I have learnt into practice. My Facebook and instagram pages "Billy Frazer Racing"

Thanks for reading everyone. Billy.

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## Peter Vodanovich

Since our week long camp, I'm privileged to have gained a large and diverse range of sponsors. Most significantly, my partnerships with MacClures ITM and the international trading company CMC Markets. I'm very grateful for the support they have provided and it was awesome taking my sponsors out on track for the Toyota 86 Media Day. Our team has put in the hard work and we have ticked off all our tasks to ensure we are ready for the Toyota 86 Season starting with the V8 Supercars round in November.

I have been extremely focused on my Improved Performance Programme – a follow up programme the Academy provides to further enhance our skills. I have continued to work on my fitness and nutrition with Alistair from Formula Fit and also one of my sponsors Champs Fitness. Similar to my Martial Arts experience, it is important to perform at an optimal level both mentally and physically. Therefore I have also put a lot of emphasis into my mental preparation through the lessons learnt from the Academy and providers. The Academy also emphasises the importance of building our own brand. Thus, I've learnt to put concentration into the social media aspect of motorsport too, and I'm thrilled to announce that I have just released my own website [www.petervodanovich.com](http://www.petervodanovich.com).

Capitalizing on the opportunity the Academy has provided me has already started to pay dividends, and I'm looking forward to continuing to improve with the Academy's support.

I can't wait to start racing.

Cheers Peter



## Jaden Ransley

Since the academy the Jaden Ransley Motorsport team have been working hard to make sure we can hit the ground running for this years Toyota TR86 Championship. Our season starts on November the 3rd at Pukekohe and it looks like there is going to be some great competition throughout the season. We have done two test days in the new car and all is feeling good at the moment so hopefully we can go into the first round and be on the pace straight away. I have been training hard in the gym using the Formula Fit Online tool to make sure that I'm in top shape for the season. I'm incredibly excited for what the season will bring and the challenges it will throw at me!

Jaden



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Class of 2018 in Camp July 2018

### Catch Up with any of the Academy Class

As Labour weekend hits us so does the start of the 2018/19 seasons.

Now is your chance to get out and meet the class of 2018 at the track and stop by say hello and give them a sense of pride in what they are all doing.

A few simple words go a very long way. With these young stars of our sport in the future and as Trustees we thank you for this as well.

## Who is in the Class of 2018?

Callum Hedge TR 86

Callum Crawley Formula First

Billy Frazer Formula First

Bailey Paterson Formula 1600

Matt Podjursky NZ V8

Jaden Ransley TR 86

Brock Timperley NZ V8

Peter Vodanovich TR 86

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This was the first all circuit class in many years. So Rally drivers and co drivers turn this around in 2019 and apply.

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The year of the very first Elite Academy.

Over 132 people from various forms of the sport have now been through the Academy process

### Bailey Paterson

Following on from a mega season last year I have set my sights firmly on the season ahead and taking into account all I learned in July as well. This season I will not only run the full NZ Formula 1600 series but the NZ Mini 7 Series as well. The biggest thing for me that I took out of and learnt the most from at the Academy camp was about pushing myself not only at the track but also away from it in both my fitness and mental skills. I am now really looking forward to putting these to the test. Jump across to my Face book page as well for update Bailey Paterson Motorsport. Thank you all.

Bailey.



### Class of 2019 Applications will open in coming months

[www.motorsport.org.nz/academy/elite-academy](http://www.motorsport.org.nz/academy/elite-academy)



## Academy Snapshots.

A few snaps from the camp back in July as the class of 2018 assembled for the first time and took on the challenge of the Elite Academy.



*Matt Podjursky*

Since returning from the Elite academy camp, I've put what I learnt back into how I am now training and have stepped this up with the help of Alistair from Formula Fit. As well as this I have released the new livery with some exciting new partnerships. With all this I am also helping a couple of young kids in karting giving back what I have learnt to them also.



## Would you like to Support the Trust?

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## *Callum Crawley*

The weekend after the 2018 Elite Motorsport Academy I was fortunate enough to have a test day at Ruapuna in a Formula 1600, a great experience which cemented my view that this was the way forward for me. After talking to a number of people in the motorsport scene and debating a number of different options, I have made the decision to lease a 1992 Van Dieman Formula 1600 to compete in the national series as well as selected rounds of the North and South Island series. With the impending reformatting of the championship structure in the class, I am hoping to get some experience in the class and with the cars to further my driving skill as well as my knowledge and ability with setting up a car. I believe this is a vital skill, which I hope to be able to carry forward in my future racing career.

Callum



The Ian Snellgrove Award will go to the top Athlete from the class of 2018 at the annual MSNZ Awards night. Points that go towards this come from the actual camp week (which in 2018 Callum Crawley won) but on going points from across the year are awarded from various service providers and Otego Sport based on how each person conducts and applies themselves. This trophy currently could go to any of the eight

