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Monaco enhances local reputation

KART RACING

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We've all seen pictures of go-karts but where did they come from?

In the early days of karting, from about 50 years ago, people often made their own racers, using some scrap steel, an arc welder, wheelbarrow wheels, a Victa lawnmower engine and lots of guesswork.

Over time, karting has matured, with virtually every machine now made by specialist manufacturers from around the world.

Australia can be proud of its reputation, with a number of kart manufacturers supplying the local

market as well as several having substantial exports.

With the highly competitive standard of karting in Australia, this has led to competition between manufacturers, resulting in new models being continually developed.

This development is partly dictated by the tyres that have been selected by the national body (the Australian Karting Association) for a particular class because tyres with high grip require a stiffer chassis and axle components.

Other reasons for ongoing development include increasing safety requirements, new engines being introduced and other components being improved.

One such Australian kart is the Monaco, manufactured in Victoria by Remo Racing.

The Monaco has been available for

about 15 years, with thousands sold in Australia, Malaysia and New Zealand.

Monaco are available in five chassis types, catering for a Midget-Rookie version right up to the BMax kart, used for the new-generation 125 TAG classes.

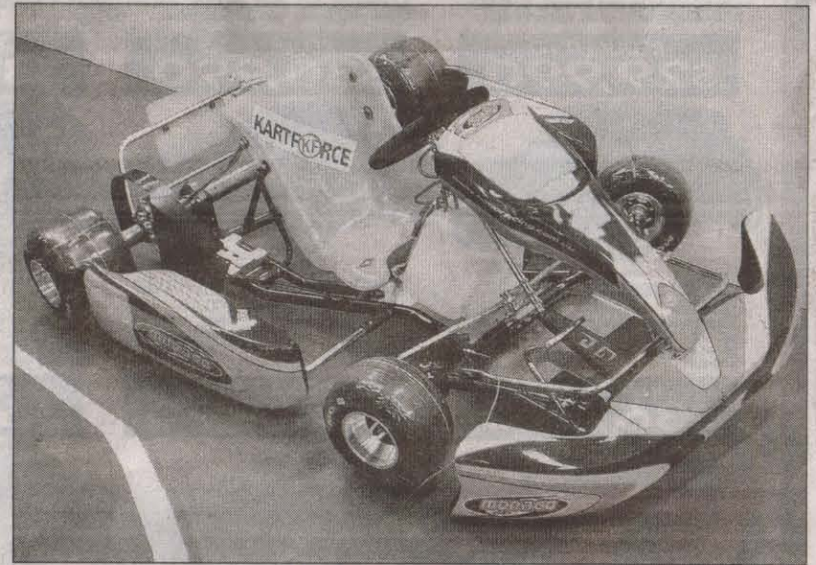
As with all new karts, the Monaco has a high level of finish and bristles with Australian-made components.

These include the axles, wheels, brakes, plastics, steering and the majority of fittings, plus the chassis.

The overall appearance is stunning, particularly with the gold anodised fittings against the Subaru WRX blue finish on the frame.

With many Australian and State Championships under its belt, the Monaco kart is well-established in all levels of karting.

There is nothing like a new kart.



Monaco BMax karts are used for the new-generation 125 TAG classes.

WHAT'S ON

The major local event this month is Round 2 of the State title series to be held in Karratha on Saturday, July 15.

These rounds are well attended,

particularly as it is reasonably accessible to all the northern clubs, so racegoers can look forward another top country meeting.

Just watch out for the kangaroos.