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Peki Bear Gets an Adrenalin Rush with Scott McLaughlin

Transport and Logistics can be a demanding and tough industry for individuals and families, no doubt about that! That's why it is considered mandatory for operators to have an outside focus to provide them with that right balance between work and recreation.

For Wayne and Diane McLaughlin of McLaughlin Freightlines, following the fortunes of their 16 year old son Scott is proving to be the perfect distraction as he prospers in the world of professional Go Kart motor racing. And supporting him on every turn at every race is Peki.

For many in the transport industry, especially Peki's Michael Jenkins and also Wayne, Diane, Samantha and Scott McLaughlin, passion for motor vehicles and all things that move fast seems to be a common characteristic.

Scott McLaughlin has been racing Go Karts since 2001 and in that time, has achieved tremendous results in both New Zealand and also Australia. Scott claimed victories as a cadet in the 2002 Kartsport New Zealand North Island Champs, the Hamilton Club, and the Taranaki Club Champ titles as well as 2 State titles and a three-peat of victories in the City of Melbourne – Junior Clubman Karting titles from 2006 to 2008.

More recently, Scott's career took another major leap as, during the 2008 season, he managed to win 29 of 35 races in which he competed, including five overseas meetings.

The highlight of this remarkable year was his selection to represent New Zealand at the 2008 World Rotax Go Kart Challenge, held at the La Conca circuit in Italy. Following four grueling races in which his best results included a sixth, seventh and ninth placing, Scott finished fifth overall from seventy two international participants.

This experience in Italy proved to be invaluable as in July in Gympie Queensland, Scott managed to achieve a podium finish, a strong third finish overall, in the Southern Cross Motorsports Queensland State Champs.

All through the course of his races, Scott has been grateful for the support of everyone that has been involved in his development, including his parents and family, crew Robbie Morton and Philip Flynn and of course his sponsors.

"I have had the opportunity to learn so much every time I race and I owe so much to our team, including our sponsors. We all put in really hard and I am proud to stand on the podium for all of us when we have had some great results." Scott commented.

Scott, who has just progressed from the junior class to be now racing in the Senior Clubman Lights Class, has already achieved seven podium finishes from eight starts in this category. With this type of success and the right attitude, Scott could open a pathway that would see him compete in the V8 Supercars or even pursue a career overseas!

Peki is particularly proud of their involvement with McLaughlins (MFL), having built their relationship over a number of years through the provision of high quality customised refrigerated trailers to Wayne and Diane and now complementing that through their support of Scott and his aspirations to become one of Australia's best motor sports drivers.

Peki National Sales Manager, Michael Jenkins said that, *"We have tremendous respect for the logistics business that Wayne and Diane have built over the years and are just pleased and passionate with the trailing solutions that Peki has contributed to that ongoing success."*

Of Scott, Michael commented that *"Like any true sports fanatic, we are quite proud to be associated with young Scott and his team as we see our involvement as being an investment which will hopefully help Scott fully realise his racing potential."*

To contact Scott and find out how his career is progressing, email Scott at scott@freightlines.com.au. Further information on Peki and its range of innovative trailers and truck bodies is available at www.peki.com.au.



Above: Scott McLaughlin is flanked by his crew and sponsor, from left: Robbie Morton (Crew Engineer and Mechanic), Michael Jenkins (Peki National Sales Manager) and Philip Flynn (Crew Engineer and Mechanic)



Above: With the support of Peki and his crew, Scott McLaughlin is certainly on the fast track to success!

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