



Riley Beggs started racing karts at the age of 7. Coming from a family who, although loved motorsports, had never had anything to do with the actual racing side of the sport, Riley started his karting career behind the wheel of a second-hand Biesse kart bought on Ebay. Biesse was such an old manufacturer that most of the karting community had never even heard of this make before the Beggs family came to town! Riley's love of all things motorsport was evident from the age of 18 months, so since this old Biesse frame was his first chance to go fast....he was going to make it work!!! And he did, with a lot of hard work, determination and resilience.

In 2011 Riley raced in local Mackay meets and titles achieving some great results. With his dad Jason by his side, the two of them learned so much each time Riley raced, and it didn't take long before new kart frames were added to the collection. Over the years, Riley competed in regional, state and national titles meets and he was able to mix it with the best.

By 2018, at the age of 15, Riley's constant growth spurts made continuing to be competitive in the karting world a difficult task, so the Beggs men bought a 2005 Hyundai Accent and made their own rally car - The Black Panther. Riley competed in his first Khanacross meet at his home club, Whitsunday Sports Car Club, in November of 2018, after he learned how to use the clutch just the afternoon before. He won 1<sup>st</sup> place for Junior drivers that weekend. Since then he has achieved top results each time he races and his 'need for speed' is only getting stronger.

Riley's crowning achievement for his first year of rally racing would have to be his results in the final round of the NQ Khanacross Championship up at Mossman. For this particular meet he was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> in Juniors and 1<sup>st</sup> in his class (1300 – 1600L). After all 4 rounds, and with a steep learning curve, some set-up errors along the way and a failing gearbox in the last round, Riley came home with 2<sup>nd</sup> in Juniors and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1300-1600 class and 4<sup>th</sup> overall for the series.