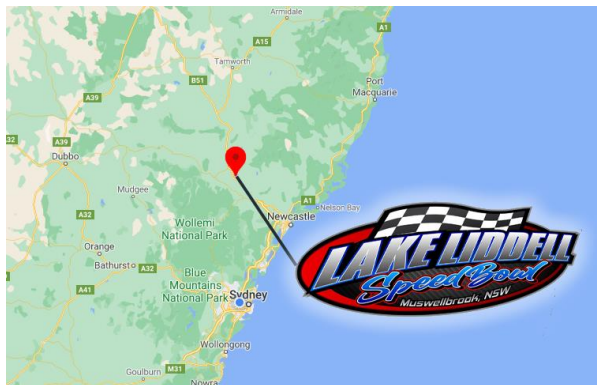


Welcome to the 154th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

MUSWELLBROOK'S LAKE LIDDELL JOINS SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA



One of the nation's smallest-sized tracks has its sights set on 'making it big', with Muswellbrook's Lake Liddell the latest venue to partner with Speedway Australia, giving Speedway fans in the upper reaches of the NSW Hunter Valley a long-awaited new home.

Geared towards small open wheelers, karts, and production-based sedans, the petite 2-Star venue measures a mere 200m around the pole line, creating a unique 'bullring' racetrack unlike any other in the country.

"I've visited many speedway venues around Australia, New Zealand and the US, and I've never seen anything as exciting as the Millbridge Speedway Bullring in the US" said promoter Mitch Biner. "Liddell is as close to an exact copy of the North Carolina-situated 1/6th of a mile track, which has successfully run Outlaw Karts, Microsprints and most recently begun running full-sized USAC Speedcars".

Formula Kart Events' (FKE) Mitch Biner has worked with Lake Liddell's Ged Elphinstone in recent months to enhance the impressive on-site facilities and establish the sports presence in an area that hasn't previously had a speedway track. The greater Hunter Valley stretching down to Newcastle is a major nursery for the sport and is the original home of speedway racing as we know it today. Lake Liddell looks to capitalise on this huge potential, which will

be assisted by the benefits that Speedway Australia has to offer, particularly from a Sport Development perspective.

"This track more than any other puts the onus on the driver rather than the equipment and is ideal for someone new or looking to enter the sport to learn in a safe environment, without the huge speeds of a 400m or greater facility" said Biner. Lake Liddell has already proven popular with competitors from the Hunter and surrounding areas, with the Formula 500's, Compact Speedcars and Outlaw Karts amongst others expressing interest in running as soon as the latest round of track upgrades are complete.

Racing looks to commence at Lake Liddell in late-April 2021, and we wish Mitch and the team all the best with their preparations for an exciting inaugural season!

For more information on Lake Liddell and upcoming events, check out www.formulakartevents.com.au and be sure to follow them at [Lake Liddell Speedbowl](#) and [Formula Kart Events](#) Facebook pages.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME NOW OPEN



The Federal Government's latest round of the Stronger Communities Programme is now open, with up to \$20,000 of funding available for venues across Australia.

With this year's programme targeting economic recovery post COVID-19, the Federal Government will provide up to 100% of eligible costs – meaning no co-funding is required from the applicant. Local MPs are responsible for the community consultation process and are tasked with identifying potential applicants and projects in their electorate and invite them to apply for a grant. This means venues will be required to contact their local Federal MP's office and request an invitation to apply.

Speedway Australia worked alongside a number of tracks in applying for previous rounds of this programme, many of which resulted in funding towards key infrastructure projects at venues.

Applications close March 22nd and are open to all incorporated not-for-profit or incorporated trustee's, with an ABN. For more information, click here for the [business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au) grants page, and get in contact with your relevant Sport Development Officer (Adam in QLD, NSW and VIC, Ross in NT, WA, SA and TAS)

NEW DIVISION POLICY REMINDER



One area where there is almost universal agreement within the sport is that there are "too many divisions" of speedway car. In both our recent stakeholder surveys, this was viewed as one of the biggest issues facing the sport. In the last 20 years there has been a reduction in the number of classes that Speedway Australia recognises, down from the low hundreds to the mid 70's.

Speedway Australia has held a consistent position on this topic since 2009, with a new division recognition policy in place that provides a high barrier for acceptance to avoid further fragmentation of the sport. The policy is publicly available on our website, and can be found here.

It is important to note that this policy applies to existing divisional bodies, who for example, come up with an option that is proposed to run completely separately to their current vehicles.

MARSH ADVANTAGE UPDATE – APRIL INVOICING



Marsh have advised that public liability insurance invoicing for all notified April race meetings was completed by Wednesday of this week. This is an opportunity to double check you've received your appropriate invoices, so that these

can be tidied up well in advance of the relevant meeting. Once the invoice is issued and payment received, Marsh advise Speedway Australia who then issue the correct meeting permit.

Just a reminder too that practice permits are usually able to be issued at no charge and can be sourced directly via Speedway Australia. Contact Liz Weaver via the details at the back of this eNews edition.



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