

Welcome to the 128th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

This weekly communication serves to keep clubs and organisations up to date on current events, handy tips to improve competition and safety, as well as any changes that may be taking place within the sport.

DOING THE HARD GRAFT



Located 3hrs from the Gold Coast, right in the middle of Grafton City on the NSW North Coast, Grafton Speedway is a picturesque showground venue which has been a mainstay for Northern NSW and Southern QLD competitors for several decades.

Government regulation may have put a dampener on their proposed season calendar, with COVID-19 border restrictions preventing interstate competitors from attending their early season events, however the venue is pressing on undeterred, instead turning their focus to growing the local competitor base through some innovative ideas.



Grafton's October 3 event will feature the inaugural 'Derby Teams Champs' event, with the track hosting 4-on-4 teams racing, utilising Derby cars. Track operators Mick and Cindy Corbett anticipate the concept will bring new blood to the sport, with huge interest expressed by local and travelling 'teams', all excited by the prospect of using Derby racing as an introduction to Speedway – hopefully seeing them transition into other forms of Speedway over time.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, Grafton Speedway head into the 2020/21 season with renewed enthusiasm thanks to major capital works at the venue which will see a new, wider racing surface and a power and lighting upgrade to bring new life to the historic 113 year-old showground facility.



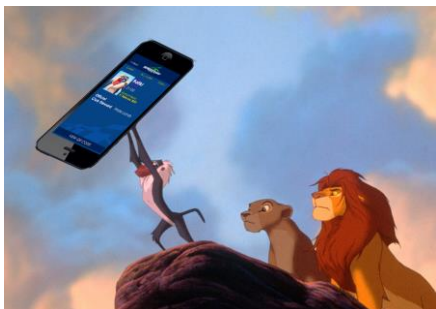
Since acquiring the venue in 2018, Mick and Cindy's focus has been to reestablish Grafton as a competitors favourite, with emphasis on consolidating classes to ensure strong field sizes and plenty of track time. They've set about widening the 440m clay track from 11m to 15m wide, with more banking and new clay.

Coupled with three new lighting towers and a significant power upgrade, competitors can look forward to more opportunities for side-by-side action.

More info about Grafton Speedway can be found via their [website](#), while their Derby Teams information can be found [here](#).

We wish Grafton Speedway all the best ahead of their much anticipated 2020/21 season!

MOVING WITH THE TIMES - ELECTRONIC STEWARDS CARDS



Featured throughout the current Speedway Australia Rules & Regulations are references to Racing Officials Cards, for example, the Duty of Care Statement where the Steward must hold this card aloft while introducing themselves as the steward of the meeting.

So how might an Official do this with a digital licence? Simple – hold aloft your phone! Your Speedway Australia Digital Licence contains the same relevant information as found on the old-style printed card, meaning you can display your digital licence

whenever necessary as per the rulebook.

If you're yet to download the digital licencing app, the Speedway Australia App is FREE, and can be found in the Apple App and Google Play stores now.

SAFETY TIP – OFFICIALS AT THE PIT GATE



The pit gate is often one of the more interesting places to be at a Speedway event – with officials getting up close with cars as they roll on and off the racetrack.

Unfortunately, it's also one of the most dangerous should the gate attendees not stay alert and be wary of their surroundings.

Frequent reminders from the Chief Steward and Clerk of the Course to gate staff can greatly reduce the risk of an incident occurring, with simple tips such as keeping a close eye on cars entering and exiting the track and ensuring the gate locking

mechanisms are secured before racing commences. Also, under no circumstances should anyone be making physical contact with the pit gates, be that leaning or resting against them, whilst vehicles are circulating on track.

TRACK STIMULUS UPDATE



Tracks will be pleased to learn their portion of the \$100,000 COVID-19 Stimulus has been forwarded to Marsh – meaning venues will now have a credit on their account prior to submitting their 2020/21 Commitment Forms.

Special thanks to the tracks who have already submitted their paperwork ahead of the upcoming season. For those who are yet to do so, if you are unsure of your dates for the coming season Marsh suggests leaving that portion blank, updating it at a later date to ensure the venue continues to have 24/7 public liability cover from September 1.

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