

Welcome to the 146th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

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KIDS TO GRIDS AT TRACK



With the launch of the digital side of our new youth development program Kids to Grids recently, we are now working on plans for the at-track training aspects. Initially this training will focus on rookie drivers new to the sport, before eventually offering more advanced levels for other competitors.

Although a basic strategy for the rollout of training has been decided, this and the coaching documents will be adjusted over time based on feedback from coaches and parents. With seasons for tracks in the NT, Northern WA & Northern QLD starting early next year, the first rollout of training will target these areas, giving new drivers some guidance before their season begins.

Our goal for coaching is to have one coach for each venue youth are competing at, or one coach to cover multiple venues of which race events do not clash. It is important to also note that we are looking for coaches that will be able to engage with youth in any class, as opposed to having separate coaches for each individual category. Volunteers are hard to come by and our sport needs to utilize its resources in the most efficient way, with a whole of sport approach.

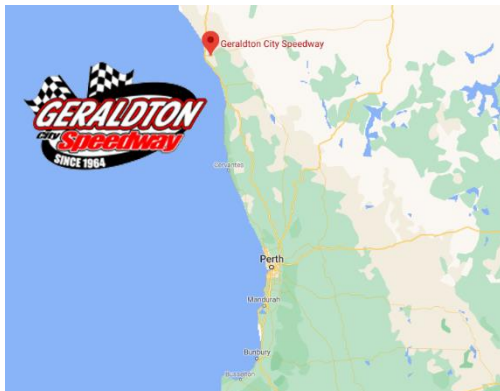
We are now seeking expressions of interest from potential coaches in the areas mentioned above. The perfect KTG coach is an upbeat individual that can engage with youth from a range of backgrounds, keep coaching fun and relatable, provide constructive feedback and isn't already wearing multiple hats. Coaches need to be a point of contact at race events and have the time available to do so. Working with Children checks will also be mandatory.

If you believe you or someone at your venue has the skillset and right attitude to take on this role, please get in touch with us. A brief background on the person's history inside the sport and out will also be valuable and help us work to find the perfect coach in each area.

As 2021 progresses and with feedback in hand from the northern venues, the training will be rolled out throughout the country. Finally, in case you missed it a couple of weeks ago, the Kids to Grids website can be accessed via www.kidstogrids.org

GERALDTON STRIVING FOR GREATNESS

Established in 1964, Geraldton City Speedway is a tight, 370-meter clay bullring which has established itself as the premier Speedway track in the Midwest of WA.



Located 400 km north of Perth, the venue has been a breeding ground of many great talent including the current national junior sedan champion Mitchell Baker, the infamous 'Geraldton jet' Mark wells and current Sprintcar superstar Callum Williamson just to name a few. Local divisions include Limited Sprintcars, Super Mods, Production Sedans, Junior Sedans and Formula 125s. Along with this Geraldton city Speedway also holds country rounds for divisions like modified sedans, Formula 500s and Speedcars.

Geraldton city Speedway is proudly the home of such events like the 'Pridham Mechanical Services Production Sedan Sizzle' held over the new year's long weekend and now celebrating its 21st year. It has the honour of being the longest running Production Sedan event in Western Australia apart from the state title. Geraldton City Speedway is also home of the biggest Limited Sprintcar race in Western Australia, the 'King of the Hill' held over the Australia Day long weekend.



Over the off-season a small group of members and volunteers set about transforming the Speedway into one of Australia's most fierce of venues. Since April, the previous track banking of 800mm has been transformed into a whopping 1.8m. This has been achieved by removing all concrete wall panels, and not only lifting them up 500 mm but also placing them back in the correct survey position. The bottom half of the racetrack and underlying rock was dug out and removed, meanwhile two-thirds of the Speedway catch fence has been removed and replaced with the goal of reaching a 4-Star safety standard.



Geraldton's upgrade project has been mostly self-funded by the club, together with the generosity of many members of the local community. A combined total of \$130,000 has been spent on upgrading the facility, future proofing Geraldton Speedway for many decades to come.

Geraldton's upgrades would not have been possible without the strong support of local businesses including Auscavations, Harrington Drilling, Great Southern Fuels, FME, Red Cat Holdings, Patients Sandlands, Patients Bulk Haulage, Masiey Fuels, Red dust holdings, Lenane Holdings, Marsden Transport, Hillview Contracting, MD Electrical Services, Reno Blast, Crane Corp Australia, Procure Logistics, Abrolhos Steel, QEM Group, Coates Hire, SMS Group and UI Home Improvements.

We congratulate Geraldton Speedway on an amazing job to date and wish them the best for tonight's Production Sedan Sizzle!



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