

Welcome to the 145th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

## **SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA REMAINS AVAILABLE**



It's been a tough year, but that just means that we're even more determined to help the tracks and competitors who are able to get some action underway over the holiday period. We'll be out and about over summer, but rest assured that licensing will continue on business days and the best way to contact us in that regard is to leave a message on our main line 08 8139 0777. All voice messages are sent as audio emails to a shared address, in able for them to be dealt with by staff who are available over the holiday period.

And tracks with any queries around the issuing of Marsh invoices and statements, or Speedway Australia permits should continue to contact Liz Weaver on 0487 002 287 or [liz@speedwayaustralia.net.au](mailto:liz@speedwayaustralia.net.au). We know that Marsh are in a transition period, so it's in everyone's best interests to try and stay on top of what we can.

Merry Christmas to all, on behalf of the entire Speedway Australia team.

## **BUNBURY REPAIRS RESTORE RATING**

The Bunbury Car Club have undertaken a massive amount of work in the last month that has seen the venue's 3 Star rating restored, just in time for Sprintcar racing on January 1.

A combination of a life member donations, a GoFund Me page and funding from the WA Government's South West Development Commission made the upgrades possible, with the hard work then undertaken by Club President Kade Helms and his team.

The before and after photos show that additional poles have been installed, which have the prime purpose of supporting the wire ropes that contain cars within the arena. Many concrete panels have been replaced and a large amount of fill has been added behind the wall.

Speedway Australia congratulates the club, who have joined the likes of other WA clubs at Shark Bay, Margaret River and Geraldton who've all made major improvements to their fences in the last 12 months. Our national specifications are recognised by both the NSW and WA Governments as being the gold standard for speedway safety, and consequently both are injecting funds into the sport to assist venues achieve them.

It goes without saying that we wish the Bunbury Car Club all the best for their New Years day event, and for the remainder of their season.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



## EXCITING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NSW TRACKS



We mentioned in Speed eNews a few weeks back that there was a bushfire recovery grant available for a good portion of NSW tracks. This opportunity will be explored in the new year as the application close off has been extended to the end of January.

Now a new grant has just been released that all NSW tracks are eligible to apply for, the Greater Cities and Regional Sport Facility Fund. There's \$100 million up for grabs over two-years to support new and upgraded sporting facilities in NSW. Of note, all organisational types including for profit businesses are eligible.

Adam Brook will be in touch with all NSW venues in the new year, as we strategise how best to have speedway venues grab a share of this opportunity.

[More details can be found here.](#)

## NEW SYDNEY SPEEDWAY APPROVED

Speedway fans have received an early Xmas present with final planning approval received for the new Sydney International Speedway. This means that full construction can begin on January 4 as planned, with the venue set to open at the start of the 2021/22 season.

Key benefits of the project were identified as: -



- The creation of a Motorplex for the NSW motorsport racing community
- A new world class speedway to cater for local, regional, national, and international racing events to grow speedway racing in NSW
- Allowing for speedway racing to relocate before removal of the current speedway facility at Clyde is resumed for Sydney Metro West construction (if approved)
- Supporting the operation of existing commercial facilities within the Western Sydney Parklands Precinct 5: Eastern Creek Motor Sports.

The last new two speedway builds in the Southern Hemisphere took 5 and 6 years respectively to get through the planning process, so for Sydney Metro to achieve this in 12 months is a fantastic achievement.

[Specific approval can be found here: -](#)

[Overview of all documentation can be found here: -](#)



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