

Welcome to the 124th 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.

Please make sure that if you are the contact receiving this information for your organisation that you pass the information on to the rest of your committee as to keep them in the loop. You are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to your members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

TENNANT CREEK UNVEILS STUNNING UPGRADE

Excitement will be high in the centre of the Northern Territory this weekend, with racing resuming at Tennant Creek Speedway after a spectacular upgrade to their facilities.

Thanks to the Northern Territory Government and Motorsports NT, a two year work-in-progress has finally been completed with the installation of a brand new Speedway Australia 4-Star wall & catch fence. Upgrades to the timing system include the installation of a brand new timing loop in the track surface and there's also a brand new control tower, canteen and toilet block in the pit area.



You can see the increase in fence height by looking at the white lines on the light towers from the pic in 2018 versus now.

Led by Club President Colin Fry, the hard working committee and volunteers have worked overtime to ensure the venue's success with the most significant improvement in the venue's history now being completed.

Previously this venue was rated for Sedan racing only, but the track can now host full fields of open wheel divisions, including SCCA Sprintcars of which two will hopefully demonstrate this weekend. Although there is a relatively small competitor base within the immediate township of Tennant Creek (around 8 Street Stocks, 2 Juniors and a Formula 500), the Northern Territory tracks support each other and competitors travel long distances to support the venues. Tennant Creek is mainly an agricultural centre these days and is located right in the middle of the Territory, 1000kms south of Darwin and 500km north of Alice Springs.

Their opening event for the season kicks off this Saturday night for a two night event, with a further four events scheduled between now and October.

More info can be found on the Tennant Creek Speedway Club [Facebook page](#) (click the link).

We wish Tennant Creek Speedway all the best for their long awaited reopening event!

SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA STIMULUS PACKAGE – WA, NT & QLD TRACKS

A few weeks ago we announced that Speedway Australia would be providing \$100,000 worth of assistance to affiliated tracks, and with next year's public liability scheme only days away from being announced it's time for us to put our money where our mouth is!

Tracks will receive support based on the programmed events on their 2019/20 or 2020 season of racing, with the funds supplied to Marsh Advantage for a credit on their account. In many cases the grant exceeds the \$1000 deposit that tracks are required to pay each year, meaning they won't need to outlay any funds until racing is well and truly underway.

This week we're releasing the figures for the tracks in the states where racing carries on all winter – WA, NT and Queensland. Your annual paperwork should be arriving from Marsh in the next couple of weeks.

Western Australian Tracks



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| \$1,884 | Broome |
| \$1,633 | Collie, Geraldton, Karratha, Perth Motorplex |
| \$1,507 | Bunbury, Kununurra, Port Hedland |
| \$1,381 | Ellenbrook, Kalgoorlie |
| \$1,256 | Albany, Carnarvon, Moora, Narrogin |
| \$1,130 | Esperance, Mt Barker |
| \$1,005 | Manjimup, Augusta-Margaret River |
| \$753 | Derby, Newman |
| \$502 | Shark Bay |

Northern Territory Tracks



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| \$2,261 | Darwin |
| \$1,633 | Alice Springs, Nhulunbuy |
| \$1,005 | Tennant Creek |
| \$879 | Katherine |

Queensland Tracks



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| \$3,391 | Brisbane |
| \$2,763 | Cairns |
| \$2,010 | Toowoomba |
| \$1,758 | Maryborough |
| \$1,381 | Gympie |
| \$1,130 | Kingaroy |
| \$1,005 | Rockhampton |
| \$879 | Lockyer Valley |
| \$753 | Mareeba |
| \$628 | Blackwater, Mick Doohan |
| \$502 | Pioneer Park |
| \$376 | Roma |
| \$125 | Gladstone, Moranbah |

LATEST COVID UPDATES
STATE BY STATE

NSW & QLD new this
week



SPEEDWAY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Last week saw us announce this year's Australian Speedway Award winners, through a series of video presentations across the Speedway Australia social media platforms.

In lieu of the traditional awards ceremony, this year's awards witnessed massive social media reach, with figures in excess of 220,000 people tuning in to celebrate the achievements of our 12 award winners.

This year's winners include.

Alisha Fielder
Jac Ekins
Blake Iwanow
Jarrold Leonard
Kevin Britten
Outlaw Karts
Chariots of Thunder
Jock Goodyer
Kye Blight
Simpson Speedway
Latrobe Speedway
James McFadden

Karting Competitor of the Year
Volunteer/Official of the Year
Youth Competitor of the Year
Photographer of the Year
Modified Competitor of the Year
Innovation of the Year
Promotional Item of the Year
Open Wheel Competitor of the Year
Sedan Competitor of the Year
Most Improved Track of the Year
Track of the Year
Overall Sportsperson of the Year

Planning for the 2021 Australian Speedway Awards is already underway, with the Gold Coast playing host to this year, and next year's winners in what will no doubt be the biggest ever held to date.

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Please see below for the relevant contacts for all your Speedway Australia requirements. These now include mobile numbers for all staff, so you can contact them directly whether or not the office is open.

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Years without a Licence Fee Increase

\$25

Officials Licence Fee (down from \$140) **new**



\$70,000 in Grants to Tracks in 2019

ALL SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA TRACKS RECEIVE



Access to Kids to Grids - a world first junior development programme



A Dedicated Sport Development Officer to assist with funding, regulatory and administration requirements



Eligibility to host SSA National Title Events



Access to 8 full time staff



Australian Speedway Awards Eligibility to recognise your Venue, Officials and Competitors



Rising Star Program Access for your Competitors and Officials



- **FREE** Track Operators Manual
- **FREE** Venue signage
- **FREE** Track Inspections
- **FREE** Practice Permits
- **REFUNDS** in the event a race meeting is cancelled



Access to our grant programmes over \$400,000 per year across tracks and divisions



Pay as you go Public Liability Insurance 24/7, 365 day cover to the value of \$50,000,000