

Welcome to the 76th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

## **RISING STAR OFFICIALS – APPLICATIONS CLOSE TOMORROW**

Clubs with Officials under the age of 40, wishing to take part in the 2019/20 Speedway Australia Rising Star Officials Program are reminded that applications close tomorrow – August 31<sup>st</sup>.



The Officials Rising Star Program will once again take place in conjunction with the highest-pressure road trip in Australian speedway – World Series Sprintcars Speedweek, with four selected Rising Stars being involved in a variety of experiences and learning situations. The four successful candidates will also receive flights to and from Adelaide and Warrnambool, and accommodation from Dec 26 to January 2, with all other expenses covered – even their uniform.

We've had a number of applications come through to date – including two Club Presidents, indicating a number of enthusiastic younger people becoming more proactive in running the sport. For those wishing to apply, the criteria include: -

- A Speedway Australia licenced official as at 31 August 2019
- Under the age of 40 (in keeping with the Rising Star philosophy of developing young talent)
- Have a direction and desire to achieve within the sport
- Show a history of involvement with tracks or divisions
- Be able to endure the physical and mental strain of Speedweek, with long days and constant travel
- Have a driver's licence (to share the rental car driving duties)

Last minute applications can be made online, using the form via the link below. In addition to the personal details, applicants are also required to submit a brief presentation outlining their achievements and goals off track within the sport.

Get your applications in now at: <http://www.risingstars.org.au/nominate>

## **2019/20 TRACK GRANT SCHEME ALSO CLOSES TOMORROW**



A quick reminder to tracks, our 2019/20 Track Grant Scheme also closes tomorrow, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Speedway Australia has set aside \$50,000 for immediate improvements at affiliated tracks, with a particular focus on items that can lead to a reduction in public liability claims. We've been overwhelmed with the response, with several venues using this as an opportunity to focus on areas of improvement, such as fencing mesh, pit gates and eliminating trips and falls within their venues.

We can approve a maximum of \$10,000 to any one venue, but it's more likely that grants will be in the region of \$3000 - \$5000. If you have something you wish to submit, be sure to send a description of the proposed upgrade, together with a quote for materials to Liz Weaver by midnight tomorrow night. Liz's details can be found in the contacts section below.

## ASSISTANCE WITH FEDERAL GRANTS



Several tracks have been in contact with us, regarding help with their applications for the 'Stronger Communities Programme' initiative from the Federal Government.

The latest in a number of Government Grant opportunities sees funding distributed equally across all 151 Federal electorates. Applicants can seek between \$2,500 and \$20,000 for their project, be that a new project or existing one. Once again, there are any number of tracks who could benefit from a fully enclosed concrete wall, or a safety fence upgrade, lighting improvements etc.

To be eligible, venues/clubs must be an incorporated not-for-profit, with an ABN. You must be invited to apply by your Federal MP – you can however email or call them and ask for an invitation. Applications close on October 10, but expressions of interest must be submitted soon, so don't be shy about getting on the front foot with your local member.

Speedway Australia have been successful in getting tracks shortlisted for many State and Federal government grants in recent times, and we are happy to assist venues with putting together an application. More detail of the program can be found [here:-](#)

## PIT LICENCES AND JUNIOR PARENTS



With the new season fast approaching we'd like to remind Junior Clubs, Parents and Drivers of the rules relating to Junior Parents and Guardians pertaining to Pit Licences.

Section 2.2.8 of the Speedway Australia regulations state; -

**2.2.8. A Junior Licence holder is required to have a parent or guardian, who holds an Annual Speedway Australia Licence, with them whilst at a Race Meeting. These licences will be offered as a "non-competitive" licence.**

What does this mean for clubs and tracks with Junior Competitors? Together with checking the Junior Licence holder to ensure their competition licence is in date, be certain to check the parent or guardian is also a holder of an Annual Speedway Australia licence. An annual licence for a Junior parent or guardian may be in the form of a competition or mechanics licence, however a One Day Pit Licence is NOT acceptable, and unfortunately will not permit their child to compete.

## SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA CONTACTS

Please see below for the relevant contacts for all your Speedway Australia requirements.

### General Enquiries

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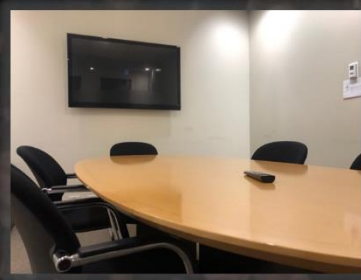


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