

**Welcome to the 156th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.**

Speed eNews is a weekly communication aimed toward keeping 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. Clubs are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

## **WA'S AVON VALLEY JOINS SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA**



With its high banks and smooth surface, Western Australia's Avon Valley has long had a reputation as one of the states raciest tracks. Now under new ownership, this potential-filled venue is in the midst of a massive transformation to turn it into a world-class Motorsport facility – one that we are proud to welcome to the Speedway Australia family.

Having purchased the facility in late-2019, Northam Motorplex Pty Ltd's Rick Mussarra begun work behind the scenes on a huge infrastructure project to turn the central wheatbelt track into a spectator and competitor friendly, modern venue.

"There would obviously be many people who might be sceptical about the new venture, with the venue having cancelled more events than it conducted in the past few years. Hence why we are in the process of upgrading the facility to a point, where both competitors and spectators will want to come to the venue", said Musarra.

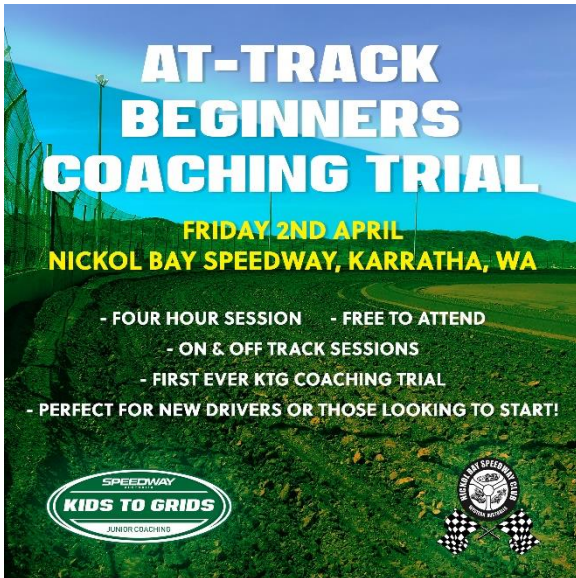
Earthworks around the spectator viewing areas and the construction of new infrastructure and facilities to better accommodate crowds are just the beginning, as the new operator aims to see the facility and the sport flourish in the region for the medium to long term.

Under a strong promotional team spearheaded by former National Street Stock Champion, Jamie Oldfield, the venue has signed up to Speedway Australia well in advance of their grand re-opening to access the available benefits as soon as possible. The 3 Star track looks to host a variety of competitor groups, from Outlaw Karts and Junior Sedans, right the way through to Street Stocks, Production Sedans, Late Models and Sprintcars, and will no doubt feature prominently in the major event calendar in years to come.

For more information about the venue, check out the Avon Valley Facebook page [here](#).

We wish Rick, and the team at Avon Valley all the best with their preparations for an exciting future!

## KARRATHA KICK OFF FOR KIDS TO GRIDS



We're excited to announce that our first at-track training session trial for Kids to Grids will take place over Easter weekend at Nickol Bay Speedway in Karratha, WA. With the track set to host the SSA Western Australia Junior Sedan Title, it marks the perfect opportunity to develop the training.

Speedway Australia will visit the title and host the at-track trial on the morning of Friday 2nd April. Although already published, the KTG Coaching Manual will be a live document throughout the early stages of this year, with these trial events helping to develop the program further. Future local coaches will host the session, with assistance from Speedway Australia. Witnessing the live testing of the coaching manual, in the hands of knowledgeable local speedway personnel, will allow us to identify points of

improvement ahead of further trials in the coming months. As mentioned previously, the goal of these at-track trials is to further build out the coaching side of KTG, with a plan to rollout the training nationwide later in the year.

Speedway Australia encourages any youth new to the sport who are attending the state title event, to get in touch about attending this FREE session ahead of practice at Easter. Additionally, any families with other children that may be looking to start in the sport can participate in this session subject to being at least 10 years old, having the correct fitting safety gear, either a day licence or full licence and the use of a SSA Junior Sedan.

More information on the session (including timings) will be available in the coming weeks. Anyone interested in the session, please contact our Youth Development Officer James Hadley via the email contacts in this eNews.

## GETTING OUT OF THE CAR



It's a given in our sport that incidents will occur on track from time to time, the result of which will be a caution or stoppage. On the odd occasion, we've witnessed drivers get out of their vehicle, to either inspect the damage prematurely, or vent their frustrations at a rival competitor!

There are long-standing rules relating to drivers who feel the need to get out of their car and let off steam in the direction of a driver or official after an incident. Specifically, rule 4.22.3 states; -

**4.22.3. Any Driver who gets out of a Race Car to remonstrate or make any defamatory gesture to any Official or other Driver, or who parades in an undignified manner on the Racetrack will receive an Infringement Notice and be excluded from the Race Meeting. A minimum fine of \$100 up to maximum fine of \$2,000 and/or up to a maximum 12-month Suspension applies.**

Until such time as their damaged Race Car is removed to the Infield, Drivers are required to remain in their car unless there is the risk of fire, or other obvious inherent danger or they are instructed to get out by the Clerk of the Course or an Infield Official.





## DAN GIVES AN EXTENSION FOR VICTORIAN TRACK GRANTS



The Victorian Government have extended their Sporting Club Grants Program to a new deadline of April 19, giving Victorian venues more time to apply for between \$1,000 and \$5,000 toward a number of COVID relief packages.

Grants of \$2,000 for Victorian sport and active recreation organisations with a payroll of up to \$3 million are available to compensate for irrecoverable costs greater than \$2,000 associated with the cancellation of events during the five-day lockdown from 13 to 17 February 2021.

Payments of up to \$1,000 are also available for clubs to put toward uniforms and sporting goods – already put to good effect by a number of tracks who received funding in the previous round to put toward flags, fire suits, first aid kits and officials' uniforms.

With many clubs having cancelled events on February 15, this is a perfect opportunity to recoup some of the associated costs. If you cancelled an event or require assistance with an application, don't hesitate to contact Sports Development Officer Adam Brook using the details below.

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