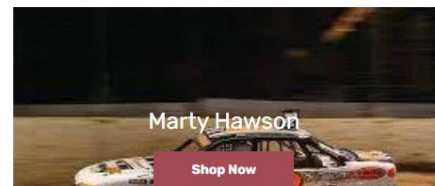
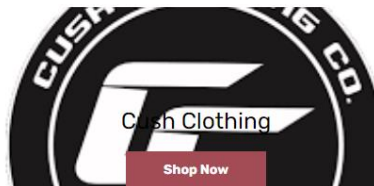


**Welcome to the 184th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.**

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.

## **TIMMIS NOT TIMID ABOUT DIGITAL INITIATIVES**



Mildura's Timmis Speedway has undergone rapid change over the past 12 months, with significant infrastructure projects and event planning to improve the overall experience for both competitors and fans.

But perhaps the biggest change has taken place away from the public eye, with the club-run venue, under the leadership of President Jake Drewett adopting an innovative point of sale and stock control system to help manage the clubs' finances and streamline the way they do business.

Utilising the online platform Square Up, Mildura are able to digitise the sale of every item within the venue, from ticket sales to food and beverage, with automatic indicators when items (such as cans of soft drink) are low and need reordering. This same system provides them with an online store, which the club are using to promote their local stars through providing them with free access to a digital store to sell their respective merchandise.

"For a volunteer club like ours, this is a game changer," said Jake. "We can have total accountability of all of our food and alcohol sales, merchandise, tickets, you name it. It prevents any chance of money being misappropriated and takes the pressure off our volunteers so we can use them in other areas to help manage our race events"

Such is Jake's passion for club-run tracks, he has offered an olive branch to any clubs and venues interested in discussing how this system may be of use to them. You can check out their online shop at <https://mildura-speedway-drivers-club.square.site/> or contact Jake Drewett directly at [president@milduraspeedway.com](mailto:president@milduraspeedway.com).

## CRATE ENGINE SUB-CLASSES GROWING DIVISIONAL NUMBERS



With many divisional bodies seeking to reduce the costs for competitors to own and maintain their vehicles, the sport has witnessed a rise in the adoption of 'crate' engines approved for competition use.

In each of these cases, this has not resulted in the creation of a new division, rather they have been incorporated into an existing divisional body be it as a competitive package against the 'open' class cars, or as sub-division within the existing division.

One such example of this is Dirt Modifieds Australia, with their 602 Chev crate engined 'Sportsman' cars. The popular addition has seen grids swell across NSW and QLD. DMA are now undertaking a trial of the Chevrolet CT525 in their open class, with the engine proving competitive enough for even the current Australian Champion, Kevin Britten to switch to the CT525 for 2021/22. This move has been echoed by the likes of SSA Super Sedans, Dirt Late Models and AMCA Nationals, each of which have witnessed growth in numbers since approving a crate engine package to race competitively alongside their existing rulesets.

## MARSH INSURANCE CREDIT & REFUND PROCESS

Some of our Speedway venues may be in credit with Marsh after the 2020/21 season, either through rain outs or events being postponed owing to COVID restrictions.

Should this be the case, we urge you to contact Rhian Greaves at Marsh at [rhian.greaves@marshadvantage.com](mailto:rhian.greaves@marshadvantage.com) with your BSB and Account details to obtain a refund to the club's account. Be sure when doing so to copy Mark Holmes into your correspondence at [mark@speedwayaustralia.net.au](mailto:mark@speedwayaustralia.net.au). Conversely, if you have outstanding payments for Marsh invoices, we recommend they be paid.

Please be aware if you have not run an invoiced meeting, you will need to complete a Rain Out Cancellation Form for each relevant date in the usual manner. Once again, be sure to copy Mark Holmes into your correspondence.

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