

Welcome to the 175th 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.

\$150M VIC REGIONAL JOBS & INFRASTRUCTURE FUND OPEN

The Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund (RJIF) is one of the Victorian Government's key regional development strategies with funding requests considered between \$20,000 and \$3 million, from a total available package of \$156 million. Speedway Australia is ready and willing to assist eligible tracks to work through the process of this exciting grant opportunity, so if you're interested please contact Adam Brook in the first instance.



The government have a thorough information pack [available here](#) and note that applications close on August 10. The process is as follows:-

Step 1: Read the [Application Guidelines](#) to establish eligibility and read the terms and conditions for the funding.

Step 2: Contact your local Regional Development Victoria office to discuss the proposed project and express interest in applying.

Step 3: Applicants apply for funding. An online link to an application form will be sent to the applicant by the relevant RDV regional office.

ESPERANCE GRANT GOES DOWN TO THE WIRE



A \$27,500 election pledge from the WA State government will see 500 metres of all new wire mesh installed at Esperance Toyota Speedway this winter.

The club were proactively contacted by local candidate Shelley Payne, asking if they had any infrastructure and safety upgrades that were needed in the short term, and submitted a proposal for the mesh replacement. The Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) organised the formalities of the election pledge small grant, and once the McGowan Government were re-elected the funding was made available.

The club would like to acknowledge Premier Mark McGowan and his Government, Shelly Payne MLC, Darren West MLC and the Staff at the GEDC for their assistance in this important safety upgrade.

HEADS UP: QLD INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT LAUNCHES SEPTEMBER



Tracks in Queensland will be in with a shot at \$9 million of COVID-19 recovery funding from the state government, with a new Active Gameday Projects fund launching in September.

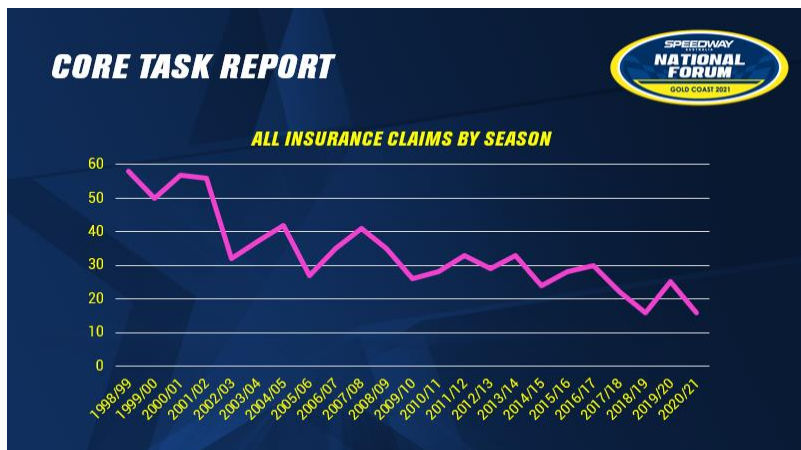
The focus will be on infrastructure such as lighting and irrigation, and funding of up to \$150,000 will be available for eligible organisations and projects who are able chip in 20 per cent of their project's cost. Tracks in many other states are already eligible for government support of this type, so it's great that QLD tracks will now have a similar opportunity.

In the coming weeks new QLD Sport Development Officer Ben Bishop will liaise with tracks to ensure they are ready to go when the scheme opens for applications. More preliminary details [available here.](#)

SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA'S CORE TASK UPDATE



Speedway Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that was formed in 1998 to ensure the ongoing safety and sustainability of the sport. Prior to this time the administration of speedway racing was fragmented by design, but this approach became less successful as operating costs increased for venues, sponsorship options dwindled, and injury rates climbed.



At our recent National Forum, we provided a "health check" to confirm the organisation is successfully fulfilling its core tasks of managing risk for the sport. We've tracked licence numbers and combined personal accident and public liability claims since formation, and both are heading the right direction. Licences hit an all-time high in March 2020 (just before COVID-19) and have almost recovered to those levels, while claims continue to trend downward.



ADELAIDE OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



With Adelaide reeling from yet another COVID-19 lockdown, the Adelaide office will be closed until such time as restrictions ease.

It's business as usual however, with team members working remotely. Should you have any queries or need to speak to a particular team member, you can find their direct mobile number located in the contacts section below.

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