

Welcome to the 15th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, your weekly update on the sport, tips and points to remember. Over the previous 14 weeks we have covered a wide range of topics and have received some positive feedback from several you.

It is our intention to continue this weekly form of communication and we look forward to providing you this support in the weeks to come. Just a quick reminder that if any of the information in here needs to find it's way to social media, we will do so via our Speedway Australia channels only.

Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.



SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL FORUM

Thanks to everyone who attended the second annual National Forum in Brisbane last weekend. The attention and participation was greatly appreciated by the entire Speedway Australia team, and we are already looking forward to next year's event.

While we haven't yet determined the date and location, we can confirm that next year's Forum will be bigger and better. It's likely that a number of different seminars will be held concurrently, and it will also include a National Safety Committee meeting that will be open to divisions to attend.

Last year we gave attendees a USB that included the Forum PowerPoint – this year it is available to all clubs and tracks [here](#). The normal process that applies to the rest of the newsletter also applies to this document – please keep it for internal use only.

A few stats about the forum, based on the feedback from participants:-

- A comprehensive 42 of 42 respondents believe the forum should be held again next year (!)
- Overall rating of the Forum and the topics: 4.44/5
- Knowledge of the Presenters & extent to which the Forum met expectations: 4.55/5
- Most popular topics: Insurance (14), New licensing system (13), the entire seminar (6)

Finally, well done to Glen (RSA) and Leigh (Vintage) who won the CBHS prize draws.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – NOMINATIONS OPEN

It's some years since the structure and composition of the National Safety Committee was reviewed, and following a number of expressions of interest to join the committee it has been decided to inject additional formality into the process. As noted above, the committee will play a part in next year's National Forum and as a result we are inviting both the existing members and anyone else who thinks they have something to offer to submit a nomination.

Anyone wishing to join the committee are encouraged to submit a brief outline of their relevant skills, qualifications and experience to tim@speedwayaustralia.net.au. Closing date is 31 July.



WHEEL COVERS – PLEASE NOTE

Please be advised that some tracks will be enforcing additional attachment requirements for wheel cover fitment from the start of the 2018/19 season. Venues always have the right to provide additional terms and conditions for competitors racing at their venue, and Speedway Australia endorses their decision.

More details (including minimum specs and pricing) will be contained in the next licence holder newsletter, due out in the next week or so.



STEWARDS & SCRUTINEERS LICENCE FEES – TOWARDS ZERO

Last year we introduced a rebate of \$45.00 for Stewards and Scrutineers meaning the cost of their Officials Licence went from \$140 down to \$95. We are pleased to advise that the rebate has been doubled in 2018/19, therefore the Official Licence will only cost \$50 once the Steward or Scrutineer card has been issued. There's never been a better time (or reason) for volunteers to get involved in these vitally important roles.

We can also advise that all other licence fees (competitors, crew and other officials) are unchanged for the fourth season in a row.



ADVANCE NOTICE – MEDICAL SERVICES SURVEY

As part of our ongoing safety commitment, we'll soon be distributing a survey to all tracks and divisions around the country. We're aiming to get a better picture of the cost and quality of first aid provisioning at tracks, as part of a review of the current minimum standards for first aid cover at race meetings and practices. It's vitally important that everyone who is sent a link to the survey takes the time to complete it!

NSW TRACKS – STAMP DUTY REBATE

****Reminder to NSW Tracks****

Marsh Advantage have sent out details of a rebate to NSW tracks that the State Government are offering from the start of the 2018/19 season. Tracks need to opt-in by completing and returning the form that Marsh sent them to receive the discount. This is a reasonably significant discount over the course of a season so we encourage all eligible tracks to participate.



STEWARDS BOX'S UNDER REVIEW

The Steward plays a vitally important role in any race meeting, as the Steward is ultimately in control of the activities of each racing division. It's important that they are able to undertake their role in a manner that leads to good quality decision making in a safe and adequate environment.

In order to achieve this goal, we are currently in the process of gathering data about the various structures and arrangements for Stewards at every track in the country. It may well be that minimum standards are implemented at some point in the future to assist Stewards in their role. In the interim, we do recommend that the Steward operates from within a box that is above and back from the track surface.



Photo: The newest Steward's box in the country, at Pioneer Park Speedway near Ayr in North Queensland.