

Welcome to the 173rd 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.

STAFFING NEWS: AS TIM LEAVES, BEN ARRIVES



Following on from yesterday's announcement that Tim Savell is stepping down as General Manager in August, we are now pleased to advise that Ben Bishop has accepted the new Queensland-based role of Sport Development Officer.

This is a massive step forward for the sport, with Speedway Australia about to have staff based in four states (SA, NSW, WA and QLD), and being

in an even better position to provide on-the-ground support for venue operators and divisional bodies.

Ben is familiar to many in the sport in his long-term role as World Series Sprintcars commentator, and he'll continue in this role along with managing the weekday planning for the series. But he's most looking forward to the new challenge of supporting the sport in two states he is well familiar with, being Queensland and Northern Territory. He commences in the role on Monday 19 July, and there'll be a handover from Adam and Ross who will now concentrate on the many opportunities in the states and territories they'll continue to oversee.

- Ben Bishop – Queensland & Northern Territory
- Adam Brook – NSW/ACT & Victoria
- Ross Kirby – Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania

Tim meanwhile will depart on Monday 2 August, and applications are now open for the role of General Manager of Speedway Australia. The General Manager is responsible for the overall management of the staff, finances, projects and initiatives to improve process for Speedway Australia. A key focus is the ability to engage at diverse levels, with the objectives of implementing decisions of the Board of Directors, while advancing the interests of both Speedway Australia and the sport of speedway.

It is expected that General Manager will display strategic leadership qualities, and motorsport experience is preferred. If interested in the role you can submit a letter of application and resume to the contact point for enquiries, Chairperson Guy Thompson. He's available via gwthompson2008@bigpond.com or 0417 593 518.

MORE GOVERNMENT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR NSW TRACKS



Applications for the NSW Responsible Gambling Infrastructure Grants opened on the 5th of this month, with all NSW tracks eligible for a much-needed funding boost to cover costly safety and infrastructure projects.

The latest round allows for funding of between \$50,000 and \$200,000 for projects relating to Sport & Recreation projects which deliver real benefit to local communities.

Previous rounds of this program have seen Speedway well represented, with Illabo receiving upwards of \$125,000 toward their spectator amenities.

Applications close on July 26, and Sport Development Officer Adam Brook will be in touch with eligible tracks soon – if he hasn't already. Full programme details are available [via this link](#)

NEW RULEBOOK OUT NOW



The July 2021 edition of the Speedway Australia rulebook is [now available here](#), with a number of tweak and one rule change, being the introduction of a 12-day stand-down if a competitor suffers (or is suspected to have suffered) a concussion. We'll have more details on that in next week's eNews but if you want a sneak peek its rule 2.2.12(b). Changes are as follows.

- **New concussion stand-down rule**
- **Tidy up of SKAA kart safety equipment rules**
- **Updated fees and other info for the 2021/22 season**

VICTORIAN COVID GRANT SUCCESS



Six tracks were successful in the most recent round of Victorian government COVID support, receiving compensation for events that were cancelled as a result of the May/June lockdown. While \$2,000 doesn't cover all the costs of having to call off a race meeting, it's still beneficial to receive any form of support.

Well done to Alexandra, Drouin, Redline, Swan Hill, Simpson and Wahgunyah for their funding success.

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