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Welcome to the 85th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews. Please make sure that if you are the contact receiving this information for your organisation that you pass the information on to the rest of your committee as to keep them in the loop. You are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to your members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE TEAM

We're almost two weeks into the new licensing process, that will eventually see the demise of physical licence cards in favour of an all-electronic system. Clubs have generally adapted well to the revised approval arrangements, although Friday is always a good test with a portion of competitors always leaving things to the last minute.

We appreciate the effort that everyone has made to adapt to the changes, with a shout out to the

Goulburn Valley Auto Club, Esperance Speedway and Wingless Sprints SA for their awesome turnaround times on electronic approvals.

The system is completely customisable for our use, which means we can listen to feedback and make adjustments as we go (but not always at the speed of light). If you have any suggestions, please let us know and we can try and make the system as user friendly as possible.



CHANGES TO THE PHONE SYSTEM FROM MONDAY

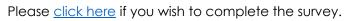
It may be a surprise to learn that the Speedway Australia office doesn't have access the NBN, although it is scheduled for installation in our suburb early next year. In preparation, Telstra are shutting down the existing phone lines on Monday and temporarily switching us over to a 4G connection.

We are taking this opportunity to move to an automated welcome menu on the main line, and staff will have their own direct numbers to contact them on. We should have the details available for next weeks eNews. In the meantime, it wouldn't be a complete shock if we have some level of service disruptions to the phone system on Monday.

SYDNEY SURVEY HITS A THOUSAND RESPONSES

We launched a survey earlier this week to assist Valvoline Raceway in their efforts to ensure racing continues in Sydney after the 2020/21 season. More than 1000 people have completed it to date, and there is still an opportunity to have your say.

The feedback has been overwhelming, with respondents pouring their hearts out about how important speedway is in their lives. And out of interest, 38 suppliers have completed the survey to date. Between them they employ 308 staff (average of 7.8 each) and just over 50% of their income is derived from the sport. We're also continuing to work with VR and the State Government on a daily basis to ensure a successful outcome for speedway.









OFFICIALS TRAINING PROGRAMME IN FINAL TESTING

Our all-new Officials training package is almost ready for use, with final testing of the 13 modules now underway. This promises to revolutionise the training and refreshing of Stewards and Scrutineers, with at-home learning that it a mix of speedway-specific content and Sport Australia topics.

Decisions around who has to undertake the training (and when) will be made by the relevant divisional bodies, as they are ultimately responsible for the appointment and monitoring of officials throughout the country.

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SEEK FEEDBACK

The Queensland Legislative Assemblies Transport & Public Works Committee has announced an inquiry into the motor recreation industry. The committee is keen to promote its inquiry to anyone involved in the motor recreational activities community and is happy for stakeholders to forward the above information to other interested stakeholders.

The inquiry will consider:

- The economic impact of the motor recreation industry to Queensland, including opportunities to grow the industry to create jobs for Queenslanders
- The contribution of the industry to Queensland's tourism sector and opportunities to grow Queensland's share of the motor recreation tourism market
- The legislative, regulatory and policy framework in which the industry operates in all levels of government, and options for reform
- Options to improve the safety of all industry participants
- The impact on youth training and community engagement from motor recreational activities, including mental health outcomes.
- The impact of the industry on road safety outcomes
- Challenges facing the industry and the role of government in supporting the industry to continue • creating jobs for Queenslanders.

More details here and how to make a submission is outlined here.

Speedway Australia will be making a submission outlining the size, scope, safety record and initiatives that the industry has underway, and encourage others to do the same. Liaising with all levels of government is bearing fruit for the sport, so the more we can do to reiterate our importance is to be welcomed. We encourage Queensland tracks and clubs to also contribute towards building the knowledge base of parliament.

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Please see below for the relevant contacts for all your Speedway Australia requirements.

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