

Welcome to the 67th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

This weekly communication serves to keep 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.

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.



## SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL FORUM WEEKEND

Every National Division along with a total of 26 tracks were represented at last weekend's National Forum at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Building on the success of the previous two National Forum weekends, the event allowed Speedway Australia's stakeholder groups to come together for open discussion around leadership, networking, along with product and industry services knowledge. It also gave Tracks and Divisions an opportunity to view firsthand the growth in participation our sport is witnessing – coupled with the record low injury data for the past 12 months.

Speedway Australia also used the event to preview a host of new programs that will be launched in the coming months, such as our Kids to Grids initiative, the upcoming Officials Training Program, and the exciting new Speedway Australia App.

For the Tracks, Clubs and Divisions who were unable to attend this year's Forum – don't stress! We will be outlining each of the topics covered in the coming weeks through eNews and various over channels.

For now, be sure to check out Speedway Australia's 2018/19 review. The morning session focused on the overall growth of our sport in the past 12 months, coupled with the steady decline in both Public Liability and Personal Accident claims, due in most part to the ever-increasing levels of competitor and track safety. **All the information detailed in the morning session PowerPoint can be found by [clicking here](#).**



**YOUTH  
DEVELOPMENT  
ROLE CREATED**

**5  
NEW  
INSURED  
TRACKS**



**3,523  
PLAYERS**

**38%  
SAVING IN  
TRACK  
PUBLIC LIABILITY  
PREMIUMS**

**13,553  
TOTAL  
LICENCES**



**8  
FULL TIME STAFF**

**SYDNEY  
PERTH  
OFFICES OPENED**



**OFFICIALS  
LICENCE FEE**



**38  
DIVISIONS  
ATTENDED**

**76  
DIVISIONS**



**OUTLAW KARTS  
APPROVED**

**75  
TRACKS  
INSPECTED**

**860  
EVENT  
PERMITS**



**ALL NEW  
RISING STAR  
PROGRAM**

**5  
YEARS  
WITHOUT LICENCE  
FEE INCREASE**



**BRISBANE**



**SUSTAINABLE**

**46,751  
COMBINED  
PAGE LIKES**



**56 TOTAL  
INDUCTEES**

**446  
PEOPLE RECEIVE  
SPEED ENEWS**



## WA PRO MODIFIEDS DECLINED

A request by the Western Australian Pro Modified Racing Inc for affiliation with Speedway Australia was declined this week. Hot on the heels of a national forum that emphasised the need to work together for the overall betterment of the sport, it was determined that the division **did not meet the criteria for separate recognition** by Speedway Australia.



Sometimes it seems like a new division with a few shiny new vehicles would be a great thing to have at a track, but history shows this is a short-term sugar hit that leads to problems further in the future.

The bar for new divisions is set deliberately high to discourage the splintering of the sport into smaller separate groups, which has been a pattern that has repeated numerous times over the recent decades to the point where we now recognise over 75 divisions in Australian Speedway. Unfortunately, almost half of those divisions cannot put a full field of cars on the track at any one time, anywhere in the country. The lessons of the past have been learned, and it is important that we move forward as one team, seeking one shared outcome.

Speedway Australia licensed tracks are only able to run the divisions listed on their meeting permits, which means that WA Pro Modifieds cannot compete at the 21 Speedway Australia tracks in Western Australia. Any track wishing to run this division is unable to be a part of the Speedway Australia family, and unable to enjoy the ever-increasing benefits that we are able to offer.

A copy of the new Division recognition policy is available here, and for any queries on this topic please contact your relevant Sport Development Officer.

## DOES YOUR KITCHEN HAVE ONE OF THESE?



One of the interactive displays featured at this year's National Forum was a Fire Training Session conducted by First 5 Minutes, which included a Live Fire demonstration – details of which we will cover in future eNews.

A notable item of interest included a discussion around Fire Blankets, and their uses beyond the Track Canteen or Kitchen. For a mere \$9 from Bunnings or Office Works, a Fire Blanket can be a handy tool should any driver, or infield official be exposed to fuel or fire, allowing fire marshals to smother the flame in an instant by wrapping said driver or official in the blanket, and placing them on the ground. A vast improvement on 'stop, drop and roll!'. Certainly, food for thought when you're next stocking your Infield Fire Vehicle.

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