

Welcome to the 178th 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.

VENUE UPGRADES PRESSING ON AHEAD OF 2021/22 SEASON



New South Wales venues are pressing on undeterred with preparations for a big 2021/22 season, despite the capital city regions being in a state of lockdown.

Illabo Motorsport Park, located in the Southern Riverina region has this week commenced the installation of new track safety lights, a necessary part of our track safety upgrades which reduces their reliance on volunteer flaggie staff, something which is always an issue for the club.

Gasworks Club patron Kerry Phelan stated "this project has been funded entirely out of our club's funds, a difficult task in these COVID times courtesy having to cancel meetings and no new money coming into our account.



Hot off the heels of a \$30,000 success for an amenities block late last year, Illabo has received a further \$125,000 as part of the 2021 round of the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants Program, which will go towards further upgrades to their Spectator Facilities.

These works are due to begin in October, with 40 x one-tonne concrete blocks to be picked up in Wagga and delivered to the venue, which will be the base for the 20m safety wall extension. This, along with further shaded areas and a new galvanised chain wire fence, PA system, medical supplies and fire extinguishers will see the venue continue its march toward establishing itself as one of Southern NSW premier motorsport facilities.

Further work is continuing in earnest at a number of other venues, with concrete wall upgrades at Nowra, Moruya and Cullen Bullen all underway, with many venues eyeing an upgrade of their relevant Speedway Australia Star rating ahead of the new season.

With several funding streams available across Australia at present, now is the time to get in contact with your relevant Sport Development Officer using the details in the contact section, and get a head start on future applications.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION REMINDER

SECTION 9 – MEDICAL EXAMINATION (COMPLETED BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER)

Medical Standards are available at www.speedwayaustralia.org. As per rule 2.2.2 (b), if a person submits a fraudulent medical form, they will be unable to obtain a licence for 6 months.

Applicant's full name: _____ Licence No: _____ ID Sighted (tick):

Racing Division: _____ D.O.B: _____

Height (cm): _____ Weight (kg): _____ BMI: _____ Pulse: _____ Blood pressure: _____

Please see Medical Standards at www.speedwayaustralia.org
Please attach separate page(s) if space is not sufficient

	Normal	Abnormal	Comments
2.1			History suggesting heart disease?
2.2			Heart sounds
2.3			Peripheral circulation
2.4			History suggesting respiratory disease?
2.5			Respiratory system
2.6			Abdomen/gastro-intestinal system
2.7			History suggesting psychiatric or neurological problems?
2.8			Cranial nerves
2.9			Upper limbs - power, tone and reflexes
2.10			Lower limbs - power, tone and reflexes
2.11			Skeletal system and joint system
2.12			Hearing/vestibular system
2.13			Co-ordination
2.14			Urine testing
2.15			History suggesting visual problems?

A timely reminder to Clubs with drivers looking to renew their Competition Licence - some competitors may require an in-date, and legitimate Medical Examination to accompany their Health Statement.

Once again, Speedway Australia offers licence applicants the choice of submitting a Speedway Australia medical examination, or a Motorsport Australia medical examination, together with the Health Statement.

For non-SCCA and AWSR drivers UNDER 40 years of age, a medical examination is required:

- Every 2 years if submitting a Speedway Australia Medical, or
- Every 5 years if submitting a Motorsport Australia Medical

For drivers over 40 and all SCCA Sprintcar/Wingless Sprint competitors, the medical is required annually.

Rule 2.2.2 (b) If a person submits a fraudulent medical form, they will be unable to obtain a licence for 6 months.

Regardless of whether competitors use the Speedway Australia Medical Examination, or the CAMS Medical Examination, each **MUST** be conducted in accordance with a licenced General Practitioner. Not doing so will result in the above penalty as per the current Speedway Australia Rules and Regulations.

To remove the temptation of reusing a previous medical and altering the date of issue, last season saw us move to an annual form that changes each season. Medicals using prior versions of the form will not be eligible.

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