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Welcome to the 127th 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.

COLLABORATION THE KEY IN SOUTH-EAST NSW



Located just 20 minutes south of the popular Batemans Bay in South East NSW, Moruya Speedway is a picturesque and unique track with a rich history, and an even brighter future.

Approaching 60 years of continuous operation, the venue looks to bounce back from a challenging 2019/20, which saw bushfire, flood and finally COVID put a dampener on their season calendar. Most recently, the club engaged Speedway Australia to assist them in sourcing State Government funding – the result being a \$10,000 cash injection from the NSW Government to help them weather the storm.

Led by Surfair Motorsports Club President Kiel Rosevear and Secretary Kay Nash, the hard-working committee now turns their attention for forging a stronger relationship with the surrounding Bega and Canberra tracks, with a collaborative approach discussed for future events within the region.

Primarily a Sedan venue, Moruya has played host to marquee events in recent times, the most notable of which was the 2018/19 NSW Production Sedan Title. The 460m granite/clay track features an unusual oblong shape, proving a welcome challenge for many visiting drivers.

Recent discussion with surrounding venues, facilitated at a Speedway Australia Regional Forum, has seen Moruya together with Bega's Sapphire Speedway and Canberra's ACT Speedway continue talks, with discussion around avoiding date clashes, assisting with each other's event planning, and consolidating divisions and season point scores between the three clubs at the forefront of ideas to raise the standards for speedway competitors and fans in the states South East.

More info about the Surfair Motorsports Club can be found on the Moruya Speedway Facebook page (click here).

We wish Moruya Speedway all the best ahead of their much anticipated 2020/21 season!





ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR MANDATORY PIT WAIVER



As COVID-19 continues to change the way we go about our daily lives, one thing that hasn't changed is the requirement for anyone entering the pit area of a race meeting to complete an indemnity waiver.

With COVIDSafe practice in mind, there are now alternative methods to the existing hard-copy waiver pads which tracks can now implement as they see fit. The new alternatives have the added benefit of alleviating pit-gate queues, whilst also being contact-free.

Take note – the mandatory pit waiver is <u>NOT</u> a

contact tracing form, and in some states legally cannot be used as such, owing to requirements to destroy contact tracing details after a short time period has elapsed.

OPTION 1 – SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA APP

The latest update of the Speedway Australia app sees a button on the main screen dedicated to the pre-event waiver. People planning on attending any race meeting may now pre-fill the waiver from the comfort of their own home, days (even months) in advance of the next race meeting. The track will receive confirmation of this courtesy of an email.

OPTION 2 - QR CODE AT THE VENUE

Tracks are able to print and laminate a QR code provided by Speedway Australia to be placed outside the pit gate or entry point, much like what you'll find at your local café or McDonalds. This QR code, which may be scanned by the camera on most modern mobile phones, provides a direct link for patrons to the online waiver form, with confirmation sent directly to the venue in the same manner as the mobile phone app.

OPTION 3 – INDEMNITY WAIVER PADS

The old-style hard copy pads are still available, with COVIDSafe regulation requiring strict protocols relating to the use of pens, and social distancing measures around the sign-in area.

OPTION 4 – NOT SIGNING A WAIVER

This is not an option! Signing the indemnity waiver is of vital importance to venues, divisions, and participants, protecting the sport and ensuring people entering the pit area are aware of their obligations and risks. Should your venue require any hard copies of the old-style 12-person form or have any queries regarding the new alternatives to pit indemnity waivers, don't hesitate to contact us using the details below.

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