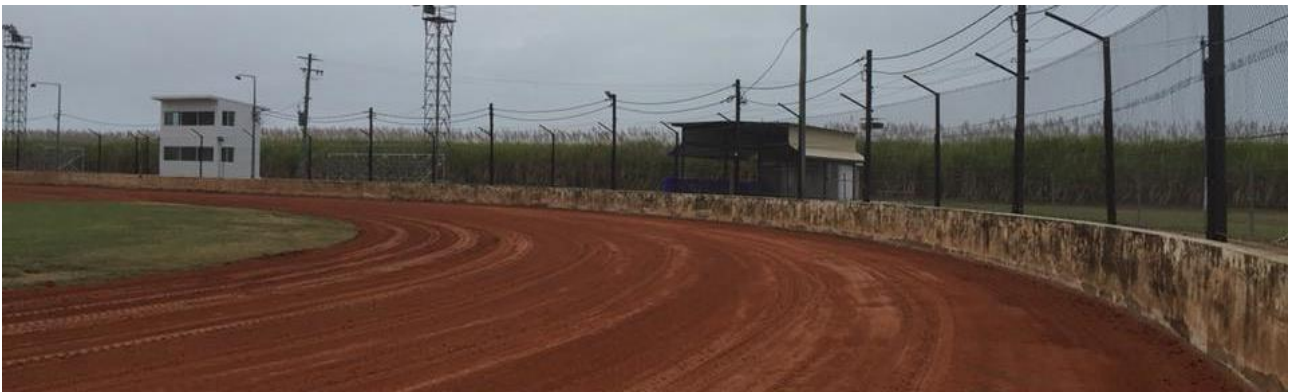


Welcome to the 20th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, your weekly update on the sport, tips and points to remember. Over the previous 19 weeks we have covered a wide range of topics and have received some positive feedback from several of you.

It is our intention to continue this weekly form of communication and we look forward to providing you this support in the weeks to come. Just a quick reminder that if any of the information in here needs to find it's way to social media, we will do so via our Speedway Australia channels only.

Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.



## **Welcome to Pioneer Park Speedway**

For the second week in a row, a big welcome on board to our newest Speedway Australia track, Pioneer Park Speedway in Brandon QLD.

Pioneer joins our ever-growing list of tracks as part of the Speedway Australia network of venues, following on from our most recent editions in Western Australia, Geraldton, Karratha & Hillview. Brandon is located roughly one hour south of Townsville and the track has recently been brought back to life ahead of the new season.

Although not as common in modern times, the venue will run a mix of both Speedway car and bike events, offering something for every Speedway fan. Their first event is scheduled for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August with the Gary Moon Memorial up for grabs.

Pioneer Park originally opened in 1973 and current owners Rod and Teri Heathcote (*pictured right*) first purchased the track back in 2000. After running events for a few seasons, the pair sold the track in 2003 and after a few changes of ownership, the last event at the venue was held back in December 2011. After seeing the state of the venue, the Heathcote's once again purchased the property in 2016 and ever since have set about improving it.

We look forward to watching the progress of this venue in years to come and wish them all the best for their season ahead.





## **SPORT AUSTRALIA: COMMUNITY SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS**

The recently renamed Australian Sports Commission, now known as Sport Australia, has announced a massive \$29.7 million sports infrastructure grant program. The Minister for Sport, Senator Bridget McKenzie launched the program yesterday, which targets infrastructure for community sport. The key focus of the program will be on upgrading facilities that help build participation in physical activity, community partnerships and inclusiveness.

We encourage all eligible organisations within the Speedway Australia network to put themselves forward for a grant and to do so you can [visit this link](#). Sporting and community organisations are able to apply for grants up to \$500,000 to upgrade sporting infrastructure in 2018-19.

### **Successful grants will support projects such as:**

- Upgrades to playing surfaces, including multi-sport upgrades and resurfacing that supports increased use;
- Building, expanding and/or upgrading change rooms, particularly for girls and women and officials' areas;
- External entry/exit accessible amenities;
- Improved sports lighting and safety lighting, including installation of solar panels;
- Improvements to ground and court capacity that support increased use;
- Improvements to spectator amenities; and
- Internal/external amenity uplift.

Grant submissions close on September 14<sup>th</sup> and the full program eligibility can be found via the above link.



## **RISING STAR OFFICIALS PROGRAM REMINDER**

Launched last year, the Rising Star Officials Program saw five current officials join the Speedway Australia team during the World Series Sprintcars Speedweek. The experience gave these officials an insight to events during five busy nights of racing over the holiday period.

As announced already, this program will return once again in 2018, with five more officials to be offered places in this initiative. With the current average age of officials in our sport being over 60,

officials under the age of 40 as of Boxing Day will be eligible to apply. Any officials interested in applying are encouraged to do so [via this link](#). Time is running out to apply, so get in quick!

### **Some words from a few of last year's attendees...**

*"I can highly recommend this experience for anyone, you will work alongside someone in each of the roles so don't think you don't have enough experience to do this. You will have long days and late nights but well worth it." – Kylie*

*"It was the best experience and the friends made along the way was awesome as well." - Clint*

*"Just like Kylie and Clint have said, I cannot recommend applying for the Rising Star Program enough. It was the best week - you get to live and breathe speedway 24/7, you meet the best people and get to experience the best racing at some amazing venues. Good luck everyone!" – Mitch*

## **LAST DAY TO APPLY – LICENSING AND OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR**

Today is the final day before applications for our new Licensing & Operations Administrator close, so if you're interested please get your CV in to us! We're passionate about serving the needs of the Australian speedway community, and this opportunity has arisen to assist us as we set about transforming our organisation for the betterment of the sport.

Any organisation of this size requires a top-notch administrator who is the heart and soul of the office, with their finger on the pulse and an ability to multi-task, prioritise and most importantly; meet the needs of a diverse group of stakeholders.

Our new Licensing and Operations Administrator will have the opportunity to shape the future of Speedway Australia, by delivering superior customer service at the same time as we rejuvenate our systems and processes.

### **Core tasks will include:-**

- Co-ordinating the issuing of competitor, crew, official and media licences
- Issuing Racing Official Cards, Volunteer Licences and Bulk Official Licences
- Distributing Pit Licences
- Co-ordinating day Licence transfer and refunds
- Liaising with the external licensing system developer
- Being the first point of contact for the administration email inbox
- Liaising with the Medical Assessor as required
- Recording Infringement Notices as they arrive
- Working with the insurance broker on operational matters
- Issuing practice and meeting permits
- Being the second point of contact for the main phonenumber
- Other duties in consultation with the General Manager

The role is based out of the Speedway Australia offices in either Adelaide or Sydney, and if you think you have the skills, passion and experience to make a difference, please get in touch with Speedway Australia's General Manager Tim Savell today.

A full copy of the job description is available on request, and it's preferable that resumes and letters of application are sent in Word format, with a 5mb size limit.

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