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## DUBBO GETS THEIR GRANT "UNDER CONTROL."



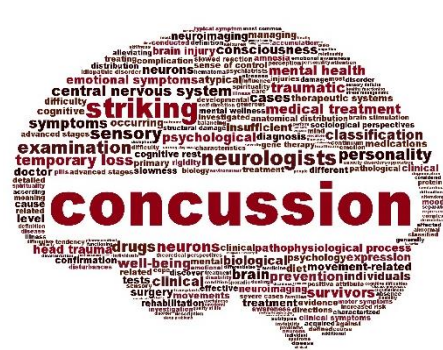
Dubbo Speedway has secured \$55,000 in funding from the NSW Government to construct a new Pit Control tower.

With grant application assistance from Speedway Australia, the club received notification this week of their success in the Community Building Partnership where NSW Government is investing in infrastructure projects that deliver "positive social, environmental, and recreational outcomes while promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion."

This is good timing for a club that has endured significant challenges in recent years and we look forward to seeing how this opportune win boosts the morale around the club as their 2021 season gets underway.

Dubbo is one of a number venues who will be announcing successful grant applications in the next few weeks. While many clubs and venues have their own Grants Officer, if you would like assistance in applying for grants for your venue, please contact our Sport Development Officers, Ross Kirby or Bennie Bishop.

## GET YOUR HEAD AROUND THE CONCUSSION PROCEDURE



The Head Concussion form for a driver's "return to racing" procedure **has been updated** and is now available online for download [HERE](#).

According to the Speedway Australia Rulebook in section 2.2.12(b)

(i) When a competitor is diagnosed with concussion by a Doctor or Medical Officer the stand-down period from racing is a minimum of 12 days, commencing from the date of the injury.

(ii) Where an Official or member of the track medical team has reason to believe that concussion or unconsciousness has occurred, the stand-down period from racing is a minimum of 12 days, commencing from the date of the injury.

(iii) In either case above a written medical clearance on the approved form is required prior to the resumption of racing. This is to be obtained from a recognised concussion clinic or the doctor who completed the competitor's most recent medical examination, as per their licence application.

(iv) A competitor diagnosed with concussion can apply to the Speedway Australia Office to have their stand-down period reduced. They will be required to provide detailed information (on the approved form) from a recognised concussion clinic or from the doctor who completed their most recent medical examination, as per their licence application.

(v) The stand-down period referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) is to be confirmed by the Steward of the Race Meeting issuing an Infringement Notice.



## **THAT'S RUFF! NOT ALL DOG ASSISTANCE VESTS ARE FUR REAL...**



Speedway Australia staff have received reports of competitors and spectators trying to enter an event with a dog wearing an unofficial vest or patch implying that the dog is a guide, hearing or assistance dog when it is not. Infact, you can easily buy these vests for \$35 on eBay!

State Governments have laws around this topic and we encourage track operators and staff to understand their rights and responsibilities in allowing or refusing entry to people with a dog.

For example, in Queensland, certified guide, hearing and assistance dogs are identified by their harness and/or identifying coat and handlers must display and/or produce their Handler Identity Card when requested and businesses that do not provide access to Handlers who rely on a certified guide, hearing or assistance dogs can face fines of up to \$68,925.

However, assistance dogs are not to be confused with, therapy, emotional or companion animals which are not certified as having passed a set of standards required under legislation and therefore do have the access rights as certified dogs.

Rules regarding pets in pits or spectator areas is solely at the discription of the venue operator as Speedway Australia has no offical ruling on animals in venues, however we recommend that you consider the risks of allowing uncertified animals into your speedway from a safety and hygiene perspective and again recommend that you make yourself familiar with your state's laws.

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