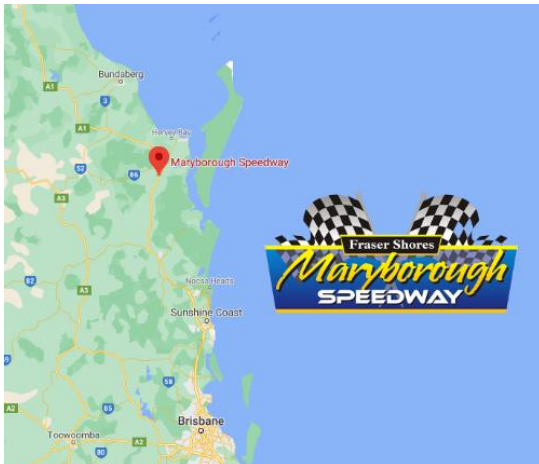


Welcome to the 136th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

MARYBOROUGH HARD WIRED FOR SUCCESS



Another track to have won the prestigious 'Most Improved Track' gong (at the 2018 Australian Speedway Awards), Maryborough Speedway haven't rested on their laurels. Instead they've leveraged off major events to help them achieve council and government support for numerous infrastructure upgrades for the central Queensland venue.

After a successfully hosting a range of major State and National Title events, including the 2018/19 National Junior Sedan title, Maryborough left no stone unturned putting together a successful bid to host World Series Sprintcars in 2019/20. The result was an enormously successful mid-week show, with a record crowd in attendance – a fact not missed by local councillors.



Since then, the club has been able to use the economic impact of the facility on the Fraser Coast region to obtain government funding for a number of much needed infrastructure projects.

"The venue's electricity network is older than Methuselah in shorts" according to Club Secretary, Kay Arthur. "The first step has been to upgrade the main line into the venue, and the control box – at a cost of around \$15,000"



The club have been fortunate to receive another significant boost in recent weeks, courtesy of Queensland Sports Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Fund. The result of which will be more planned power upgrade, with the end goal being improved power to canteen facilities to accommodate crowds at large events, and new LED lighting for the entire racing surface, and pit area.

In conjunction with the power and lighting upgrades, the club have put increased effort in track preparation, including widening the 370m long track to better accommodate the wide range of divisions which enjoy the venue – from Quarter Midgets, Karts and Junior Sedans right through to Modified Sedans, Super Sedans and the aforementioned World Series Sprintcars.

This coming Saturday night sees over 120 competitors in attendance, competing across 7 divisions – including up to 45 juniors, signalling a strong future for the sport in central Queensland. These strong car counts are made all the more impressive, considering COVID-19 restrictions being in place.

More info about this weekends event upcoming dates can be found via their [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

UNDERSTANDING COMMITMENT FORMS

With the rollover of the public liability insurance policy to 2020/21 having just occurred, it's important that all venues understand the in's and outs of the agreements that they undertake to comply with.

We love it when tracks make full use of their venue and are able to host other non-speedway events that can boost their coffers. However, it's one area that can cause concern, as there are potential minefields for venue operators in the unlikely event that something goes wrong.



The insurance procedure guide that was supplied with the commitment forms contains excellent information about the kind of things tracks need to be aware of. None of us want to see a venue in difficulty because of a non-speedway activity leading to an unwelcome outcome. The relevant wording is repeated here, courtesy of Marsh:-

Non-Speedway Events Speedway venues are often ideal for arena type events other than Speedway. We are aware that Track owners and operators are approached with hire propositions that can be a welcome source of additional income. However, if hires are not managed correctly, they can bring about unexpected and potentially catastrophic legal liability consequences to the Track owner/operators, boards, committee, members and employees. Such events may include but are not limited to;

- Funfairs and sideshows
- Monster Truck Events
- Farmers/ markets/ fun fairs and swap meets
- Rodeos
- Motocross shows
- Come "n" Try days
- Concerts
- Circuses
- Television Events

Generally, a hirer may hold their own cover to insure their activities; however, this does not necessarily insure your Track for being joined in legal action arising from something which the hirer does.

There have been instances of Tracks conducting non speedway events mistakenly believing they were fully insured by the hirers' policy. We strongly recommend that you contact us for advice.

Track Operators should be also be aware that an agreement to hire a venue is a legally enforceable contract and as such, any proposed contract must be checked thoroughly to ensure that no prejudicial terms are unwittingly accepted by the Track. In some instances, unrealistic indemnities granted by your Track to a hirer may not be supported by your insurers.



Should a Track operator contemplate hiring or leasing of their facility in whole or in part to a promoter, evidence of the promoter's Public Liability insurance cover should be obtained prior to agreement to hire. A Certificate of Currency issued by the insurers should be requested from the promoter. The Certificate should note your Track's legal entity name as an interested party and be current at the date of the event. In any case, we recommend that you contact us for advice.

Insurance and indemnity issues are complex and Marsh Advantage are available upon request to review a hirer's policy (subject to receiving a copy of the policy wording and schedule) on your behalf and provide advice on any important coverage gaps based on our experience as insurance brokers.



DAWN OF THE DIGITAL ERA



A reminder to clubs that we are not currently printing licence cards, with the Speedway Australia app the preferred method for annual licence holders to verify their credentials.

We are aware that some of our auto-generated emails refer to the fact that clubs will still be posted licence cards, but please be assured this is not the case.

When the COVID-19 crisis has subsided, and we have fully functioning technology available via our IT provider then we may consider a surcharge for those who want a printed card with a QR code included.

The vast majority of people have adapted well to the new electronic licences, and we thank most clubs for quickly turning around the approval requests that are heading their way.

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Officials Licence Fee (down from \$140)

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Years without a Licence Fee Increase



\$100,000 in Grants to Tracks in 2020

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Access to Kids to Grids - a world first junior development programme



A Dedicated Sport Development Officer to assist with funding, regulatory and administration requirements



Eligibility to host SSA National Title Events



Access to 8 full time staff



Australian Speedway Awards Eligibility to recognise your Venue, Officials and Competitors



Rising Star Program Access for your Competitors and Officials



- **FREE** Track Operators Manual
- **FREE** Venue signage
- **FREE** Track Inspections
- **FREE** Practice Permits
- **REFUNDS** in the event a race meeting is cancelled



Access to our grant programmes over \$400,000 per year across tracks and divisions



Pay as you go Public Liability Insurance 24/7, 365 day cover to the value of \$50,000,000