

# **SPEED ENEWS** EDITION 135 | 16 SEPTEMBER 2020

#### Welcome to the 135th 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.

### **PIONEERING NORTH QUEENSLAND SPEEDWAY**



Taking out the 'Most Improved Track' award at the 2019 Australian Speedway Awards, North Queensland's Pioneer Park Speedway continues to go from strength to strength, with new operators and bold plans to establish the venue as the 'showpiece' of Australian Speedway.

Having brought the venue back to life prior to reopening in 2018, Rod and Terri made the decision to step aside ahead of the new season, entrusting the track in the hands of new operators Tony Patmore and Deon Lynd. The pair - business partners with ample experience promoting successful Speedway Solo and Sidecar events across Australia, are focused on bringing high quality events, entertainment and spectator engagement to North Queensland, injecting a new lease of life into the 47-year-old venue

Despite already having one of the best presented venues in the country, Tony and Deon won't be resting on their laurels, with plans to improve the experience for competitors and fans alike. Upgrades including resurfacing the track, increasing the banking on the turns and enlarging the infield concrete pad are soon to be in the works, as the pair look to attract new divisions and travelling competitors to the region – including Sidecars, Modified Sedans and Sprintcars for major feature events.

Long term, the pair seek to enlarge the spectator banks with the addition of modular grandstand seating and an enlarged corporate and cafeteria building aimed toward better accommodating the strong crowds the venue has become acustomed to.

Despite restrictions on social gatherings and crowd numbers owing to COVID-19, the new operators got off to a flying start featuring major events for Modified Sedans and the QLD Formula 500 Title in quick succession. Both events featured solid car counts and strong crowds – once again confirming Pioneer Park as a favorite for competitors and fans.

More info about the venue, including upcoming dates can be found via their <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> <u>page</u>.

We wish Tony and Deon all the best with their new venture and look forward to many years of continued success at Pioneer Park Speedway!





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#### 2020/21 CALENDAR

 
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 Over 70 venues across Australia have locked in their dates ahead of the 2020/21 season, with Queensland the latest state to be treated with a .pdf calendar on the Speedway Australia website and app.

Queensland will feature almost 100 events in the coming season across a wide variety of kart, sedan, modified and open wheel divisions – meaning there's no shortage of racing despite the borders currently being closed.

Likewise, South Australia and Northern Territory venues will feature a host of events in the coming months, with travel between the two states open (together with NSW) giving greater freedom to competitors keen to experience new venues.

With Victorian tracks firming up dates and practice events as COVID-19 restrictions ease, we look forward to bringing the final instalment of our state calendars in the coming weeks. This will join the rest of the state calendars on the app and website in due course.

For now, you can download the QLD <u>calendar here</u>, and the SA/NT <u>calendar here</u>.

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