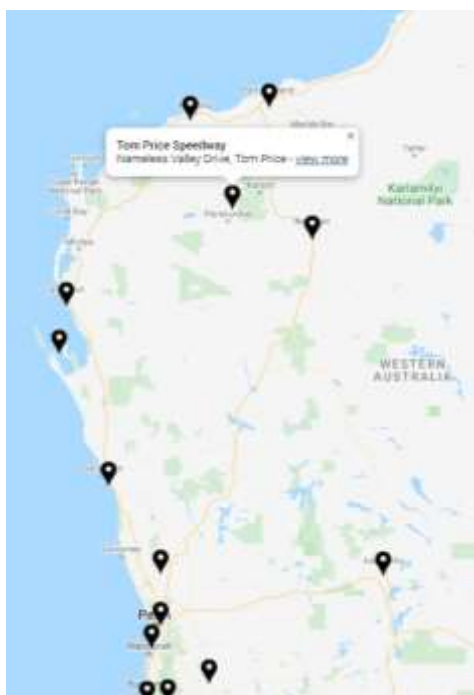


Welcome to the 129th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

*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.*

## **REBORN TOM PRICE JOINS SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA**



Tom Price Speedway, situated in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, is a mining town located at the edge of the Hamersley Range. Tom Price is the highest town above sea level in Western Australia and is consequently dubbed "Top Town in WA". From a speedway fans perspective it's south of Nickol Bay and Port Hedland, and northwest of Newman.

After the famous track lay dormant for approximately 8 years, a group of car enthusiasts in Tom Price recently approached the Shire of Ashburton about using the speedway as a clubrooms for their newly formed Motorsport club.

The venue contains a speedway track, a burnout pad and the clubrooms facility which includes a bar and canteen. The newly formed committee soon realised they had a wave of community support to push them along with local businesses expressing interest in sponsorship and helping wherever they can.

The Shire of Ashburton contributed a significant amount of funding which allowed them to renovate and clean up the facility including the removal and upgrade of the starters box

and other buildings that no longer met the Shire's standards. There was also an issue with the power which the club are still in the process of reinstating.

The Tom Price Motorsport committee has proactively built its rapport with the community by helping out at the local drive in during movie nights, manning the gate and canteen to raise funds for the speedway. They've displayed classic, collectable and speedway cars at the local markets and the annual "Nameless Festival", to create awareness and interest to the club and the sport of speedway.

A new eco-friendly toilet was also constructed by Benco group near the main building and only days ago the lease was signed, and the keys were handed over. Next is the club's AGM and an Open Day which will happen in the next couple of months however there is still a lot of work in the meantime to get the venue back up and running.

*Special thanks go out to:*

Peter Sawyer, Ken Rose, Ben Williams, Andrew Andreoli, Cassie Blackwell, John Hanlon, Shaun Bullock, Russell Mead, Mick Palmer, Brent Stevens, Tod Bennett and Ash Docherty.

*Local businesses who have helped out so far include:*

Benco Group, Tyrepro Tom Price, Shire of Ashburton, Tom Price Hotel Motel, Rio Tinto

## **TOM PRICE CONTINUED...**

Tom Price Speedway has a rich history, with international level Solo and Sprintcar competition in previous iterations. Many people speak of the venue in glowing terms, and there's sure to be a large base of fans who will be delighted to hear of the rebirth. Tom Price becomes the 22nd venue in Western Australia to join the Speedway Australia family, and we wish them every success in the coming months while offering our vast array of complimentary services to the enthusiastic committee.

*Pictures below are from Speedway Australia's 2019 visit –*



## **PASSENGERS IN A COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT**



This is a reminder about the social distancing requirements currently in force and how they may apply to passengers in speedway vehicles. Members of the same household are not required to socially distance, but for everyone else in society the following restrictions are currently in place around Australia.

**QLD** – 1 person per 4 square metres

**NSW** – passengers not permitted at any time

**WA** – 1 person per 2 square metres – Keep 1.5m away from others

**SA** – 1 person per 2 square metres – Social distancing of 1.5m is still strongly encouraged

**VIC** – 1 person per 4 square metres

**TAS** – 1 person per 4 square metres

**NT** – The recommencement of events and public gatherings is founded upon physical distancing and hygiene principles to protect the community from the spread of COVID-19.

Piecing all this together suggests NT is the only place in Australia where there is no legal requirement to socially distance when outdoors.

It is therefore unlikely that you can socially distance whilst in a 2 seater race car. Enforcement of this requirement (and all COVID restrictions) is ultimately in the hands of the venue operator, but divisional bodies and competitors also need to be aware of their obligations to do the right thing by the sport and the community.



## GOVERNMENT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR VICTORIAN CLUBS



Victorian based Speedway clubs and venues have an opportunity to apply for financial assistance with the Victorian Government opening applications for the 2020-21 Sporting Club Grants Program.

There are three funding categories part of the 2020-21 Sporting Club Grants Program with clubs able to apply for assistance in safety uniforms and equipment (such as extinguishers) together with skill development programs targeting active participants, including competitors and officials.

Together with being a not-for-profit organisation, applicants must meet a number of different criteria to be eligible, including possessing an ABN, adhering to, and enforcing the Fair Play Code and mustn't have received any sporting club grants in the previous financial year.

We will be in contact with all Victorian tracks in the coming week to help with applications, however, for clubs that wish to get a head start on putting an application together can check out the grant scheme by [clicking here](#).

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