

Welcome to the 69th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

Please make sure that if you are the contact receiving this information for your organisation that you pass the information on to the rest of your committee as to keep them in the loop. You are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to your members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA TRACK GRANT SCHEME 2019/20



TRACK GRANT SCHEME

SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA

\$50,000

**FOR IMMEDIATE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
AT AFFILIATED TRACKS**

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31 AUGUST 2019

SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA

Speedway Australia operated a track grant scheme in conjunction with QBE until 2017, when it was decided to pause the programme to maximise the reduction in track permit fees for all venues.

We are now in the fortunate position where we are able recommence the track safety grant programme as well as maintaining those reduced track permit fees for the 2019/20 season.

Speedway Australia is setting aside \$50,000 for immediate improvements at affiliated tracks, with a particular focus on the following items that can lead to a reduction in public liability claims: -

- Safety netting – smaller mesh to a greater height eliminates flying clay in spectator areas. These account for the largest proportion of claims over the last 20 years.
- Safety fences – aiming for 3-star specifications at every track i.e. 1 metre of concrete, 50mm poles 3 metres apart and four 13mm galvanised wire ropes.
- Pit gates – overall height to match the safety fence, structural solidity, appropriate latches etc
- Venue maintenance and design – eliminate slips, trips and falls and other potential hazards

Speedway Australia Track Grant Scheme 2019/20 (Continued)

Application Process

Speedway Australia intends to be proactive and Liz Weaver (Track & Safety Development) will get in touch with venues we think could benefit from this scheme, particularly those with issues around flying clay. There are no guarantees as \$50,000 is a drop in the bucket of what could be spent on venue upgrades, but it is a start and we fully intend to derive maximum benefit from it.

Other venues are also encouraged to apply if they have a desire to upgrade their facility in terms of the criteria above. You must include quotes for materials, as we will not fund the labour portion of any upgrade.

We can approve a maximum of \$10,000 to any one venue, but it's more likely that grants will be in the region of \$3000 - \$5000.

Applications Close 31 August 2019

Other Assistance

If your venue needs upgrades over and above what we can afford, we strongly suggest you get in touch with your relevant Sport Development Officer who can help you apply for external grants. If you're in QLD, NSW or VIC your contact is Adam Brook, while in WA, SA, NT and TAS it's Ross Kirby who can be of assistance.

RETURN YOUR BULK OFFICIAL RECORDS



A quick reminder to clubs to return their 2018/19 Bulk Officials Licences – either used or unused, along with any records kept from the season just passed. It is a requirement by the insurer that these numbers are declared at the seasons end, hence we require these records in order to keep them up to date.

If you have any Bulk Officials Licence Cards remaining, be sure to post them, along with any record sheets to: -

Speedway Australia, PO Box 269 STEPNEY SA 5069.

CHECK CLUB UPDATE FORMS NOW!



To assist us in updating our records could you please complete the details below and return to our office as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Please either Fax to 08 8363 7977 or email completed form to admin@speedwayaustralia.net.au

Club/Track Name: _____

President: _____

Ph: () _____ Mob: _____

Email: _____

Email is used to inform Clubs / Tracks of news and updates and is not given to any third party. Please ensure you print clearly.

Secretary: _____

Ph: () _____ Mob: _____

With the impending change to a Digital Licencing System, we are working hard behind the scenes to streamline the procedures by which Officials, Competitors, Crew and Media go about applying for, and renewing their Licence. In conjunction with this, we are updating our Club and Association details – but we urgently need your help!

It is vital for the success of our new system that we have the correct details for the key positions – such as the

Licence Officer, of all Tracks, Clubs and Divisions. If and When positions of importance change, be sure to download a Contact Details Update form from the Speedway Australia website, and return it to us ASAP. For those wishing to update details, forms can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).



MONSTER TRUCK SURVEY



Monster Truck shows are undoubtedly a form of entertainment that caters to some sections of the community. And a speedway venue is a good place to hold Monster Truck events as there is a safety fence to protect spectators. However, there are various operational and reputational risks that arise from hosting Monster Trucks and this has become apparent after recent issues at a North Queensland speedway track.

It's obvious that a Monster Truck promoter is trying to maximise their benefit from being at the venue and doesn't necessarily have the long-term interests of the track at heart. But you do, and your venue needs to weigh up the pros and cons of running such an event before you sign an agreement.

For instance, a Speedway Australia Triple A meeting permit is required to protect your venue from a Public Liability perspective (e.g. trips and falls, infrastructure issues), whether or not speedway cars are racing on the same night. The Monster Truck operator is also required to have their own comprehensive public liability insurance as the QBE policy does not provide cover in that instance (e.g. Monster Truck into the crowd). We strongly recommend that you utilise the services of Mark Holmes at Marsh to provide a complimentary review of the insurance information provided to you by the Monster Truck operator.

Speedway Australia is not in the business of interfering in the operations of tracks, but we do think there could be some benefit to sharing the experiences of tracks who have hosted Monster Trucks in the past, so that others can be fully aware of what they are getting themselves into.

We would appreciate it therefore if every track could take the time to complete a short survey by [following this link](#).

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Please see below for the relevant contacts for all your Speedway Australia requirements.

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WE ARE THE ONLY LICENSING BODY WITH THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF SPEEDWAY AT HEART

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Venues Licenced



The most comprehensive and value for money competitor and track licensing in the country

\$25

COMING SOON
Officials Licence Fee (down from \$140)

5

Years without a Licence Fee Increase

40%

Track permit fees have dropped since 2017

ALL SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA TRACKS RECEIVE



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