

Welcome to the 139th 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.

MOORA HOSTS POLITICAL HEAVYWEIGHTS

The country town of Moora is situated on the banks of the Moore River in the Wheatbelt Region of Western Australia, 200km northeast of Perth. Moora is the largest centre between Perth and Geraldton and provides a wealth of services to the region, but one of its best assets is Moora Speedway, a track the entire Speedway Australia family should be proud of.



Moora Speedway recently hosted two very special visitors to the venue, Minister for Sport and Recreation Mick Murray and The Governor of Western Australia, the Honourable Kim Beazley. Both visited separately within the space of a week, making for a very high-powered start to the 2020/21 season.

Mr Beazley first spoke with Cheryl Chipper, who designed and helped paint the amazing 19m mural at the track. Cheryl shared how the artwork has helped continue the special heritage and link between two communities. He then met with committee and club members up at the new club rooms and was very impressed with the clubs innovative and modern facilities.



Co-President, Dale Cockman talked about the club hosting National and State Titles and how these big events bring big numbers of people to town to compete which helps boost the local economy. The Governor then spoke with club members Des King and Michael Vanzetti who helped to start the club, back in 1966/67 and shared how the club has grown over the years into one of the best speedway facilities in the country.

Finally he spoke with one of the youngest drivers, Taj Vanzetti who explained about Junior Sedan

Racing, the safety components in his car and the great opportunity speedway provides for young people in becoming safe drivers, learning mechanics and importantly learning to follow rules and instructions via the stewards and officials. Mr Beazley was interested to look closely at the two speedway vehicles set up to showcase our sport and mentioned his memories of visiting Claremont Speedway and enjoying the thrill of watching dirt track racing.

MOORA CONTINUED...

It was a wonderful opportunity for the club to showcase the importance of Speedway to regional communities and the club would like to thank the members who attended and made themselves available to meet with the Governor of WA. Particularly to Geoff O'Hearn and Mick Vanzetti for bringing out the race cars for display.

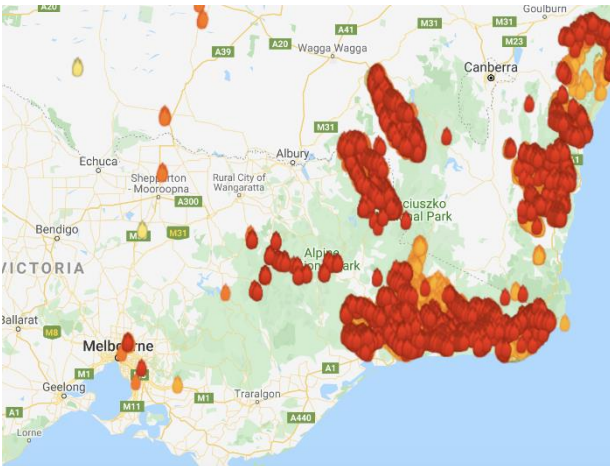
Sports Minister Mick Murray visited for the opening night of the season on October 31 and was also extremely impressed with the progress the venue has made in recent seasons. He was keen to hear about the national linkages and benefits that Moora Speedway receives from being aligned with Speedway Australia, who charge no affiliation fees or commissions to tracks in WA (or anywhere else in Australia).



Moora Speedway are included in the innovative "Cropping Program" that the Local Shire have put in place in recent times. The Local Shire have a 34-hectare block which is made available to local sporting clubs on a 3-year lease with Moora Speedway currently in their second lease. Donations of fertiliser, chemical and seed are received from local businesses and harvesting occurs each year around October. Profits from the harvest assist with completing projects and the general running of the venue.

It's initiatives such as this which have seen the venue go from strength to strength, with a great team on board, a proud history, and an extremely bright future.

HELP US HELP YOU – FEDERAL BUSHFIRE RELIEF AVAILABLE



Our attention in recent times has weighed heavily toward assisting tracks with government and community grant applications, with many venues throughout Australia receiving significant cash injections to assist with infrastructure projects and sporting goods – from walls and catch fences, to canteens, toilets, concrete paths and lighting.

With many of our east coast venues struggling to fund such upgrades courtesy of bushfire, floods and COVID putting a premature end to last season's calendars, there may be a silver lining for some, with a joint federal and state government economic relief program in place to support local community projects.

\$250m in NSW, and a further \$68m in VIC has been set aside to assist community groups and not-for-profit businesses in a number of shires and local government areas directly affected by the 2020 bushfires (see image for a guide for who may be eligible). With many of our venues nestled within these regions, this spells a great opportunity for tracks to seek funding for any number of venue upgrades and improvements.

To further encourage these improvements, we will be in contact with each of the venues located within the eligible shires in the coming week to discuss how we may assist with applications, what details may be required, and of course what improvements your venue might have in mind!

In the meantime, clubs that wish to get a head start on putting an application together can check out the grant scheme by [clicking here for NSW](#), [and here for VIC](#).



PASSENGERS ARE HUMANS TOO



A number of forms of speedway permit the addition of a passenger in some jurisdictions, whether it be in full competition such as SSA Street Stocks, or as a promotional vehicle for a particular track or division.

Speedway Australia has a set of guidelines for promotional vehicle passengers, as do divisional bodies for those classes that permit passengers in competition.

However, in either case it is important to note that all relevant personal safety standards apply at all times while at Speedway Australia venues. If the division requires a window net or arm restraints, then the passenger must utilise those items. The specific helmet, clothing and seatbelt rules for the division also apply. No exceptions.

Policing these requirements is a combined effort between venues, divisional bodies and the drivers of these vehicles. Non-compliance could see permissions to operate withdrawn, due to the obvious safety risk to the sport and participants.

CYBERCRIME AN ISSUE FOR SPEEDWAY VOLUNTEERS



One of the growth industries of the COVID period has been cybercrime, with new and ever-increasing schemes being generated to illegally profit from unsuspecting victims. Time-poor volunteer organisations are exactly the kind of group that are susceptible to these forms of activity, which places speedway clubs squarely in their sights.

In addition to the usual forms of ransomware and fake requests for payment, there are sophisticated arrangements to be aware of, such as the ability to intercept electronic invoices and alter bank account details.

You can never be too careful, so if dealing with a new supplier for example, it might pay to ring to double check the bank account details are correct on the first invoice you receive. This is in addition to ensuring your anti-virus software is as up to date as possible, that club email portals have secure passwords, and that volunteers are trained to avoid suspicious emails and/or links.

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Venues Licenced



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

\$25

Officials Licence Fee (down from \$140)

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Years without a Licence Fee Increase



\$100,000 in Grants to Tracks in 2020

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



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