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Welcome to the 132nd 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.

GYMPIE'S 'SUPER' UPGRADES







Mothar Mountain Speedway looks to celebrate almost 60 years of continuous operation through securing one of Australia's most prestigious National Title events. Gympie will play host to the National Super Sedan title in April 2022, with the club beginning a series of capital works and safety upgrades ahead of the landmark event.

One of the few speedway's in Australia to feature both left and right hand bends, together with an undulating rise on the start/finish straight, Mothar Mountain's 360m kidney shaped track has provided a unique challenge, and has been a favourite for competitors since its construction in the early 1960's – often featuring on many drivers 'bucket-list' of places to race.

Located 160km north of Brisbane in the Wide Bay-Burnett district town of Gympie, the venue has proven itself as a mainstay for Queenslands Speedway Sedan competitors, with a 10-event calendar featuring everything from Juniors, Street Stocks and Production Sedans right through to the fan-favourite Modified and Super Sedans, amongst a host of other local classes.

Recent construction work has resulted in a brand-new catch fence and wire ropes, together with a height extention to the primary concrete barrier, highlighting a raft of improvements competitors and pundits will see ahead of the upcoming season. A number of further working bees are planned, with more upgrades in the works

to ensure the venue continues to impress local, and travelling Speedway participants.

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

We wish Mothar Mountain Speedway all the best ahead of their much anticipated 2020/21 season, which kicks off with the QLD Modlite Title, next Saturday October 3.

COVID RESTRICTIONS EASING



Word is filtering through that there may be further easing of gathering restrictions in New South Wales and Queensland, both effective in time for next weekend's events.

We'll work through the relevant information in both states in consultation with the relevant government agencies and provide revised "Return to Racing" documents for relevant tracks early next week.

This is in addition to the movement in Victoria and Tasmania restrictions last week, which indicates that every state and territory is now heading in the right direction to facilitate speedway activity at some level for the 2020/21 season.





SPORT VICTORIA CLUB GRANT



We've been reaching out to Victorian tracks and clubs over the past week regarding the Sport Victoria's Sporting Club Grant Program, which has direct relevance to Speedway clubs in the state.

The Sport Victoria is offering up to \$1,000 to clubs which may require uniforms or sporting goods for active participants. This could entail anything from replacing flag sets, witches' hats and bollards, SFI suits for fire marshals, or purchasing new fire extinguishers for your venue. We have discussed costs with a number of suppliers for many of

these products and have been able to achieve some hefty discounts on single layer SFI suits from Revolution Racegear (for fire marshals, or competitors) and complete Speedway flag sets.

If your club is interested in having us put in an application on your behalf, please register a Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions Grant Portal account using this link and contact Sport Development Officer, Adam Brook using the details in the contact section below.

STATE CALENDARS IN DEVELOPMENT



In previous years we've published a National Speedway Calendar as a handy .pdf file for competitors to download. However, with border closures and states opening up at different rates it seems appropriate to make these calendars for each of the individual states for 2020/21.

These are being collated now and will be released when the majority of tracks in each state have firmed up their plans, and then updated when we're advised of new or additional meeting dates.

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