

Welcome to the 142nd 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.

NEW EQUIPMENT FUNDING SUCCESS FOR VICTORIAN TRACKS



The Victorian Government's Sporting Club Program (SCP) announced its 2020 grant recipients this week, with the Speedway community once again benefiting with thousands of dollars going to Victorian tracks.

Speedway Australia worked in conjunction with a number of venues to secure funding in the latest round of grants, with the focus on sporting goods and safety equipment to assist in the running of race events. A number of tracks benefited, with the likes of Alexandra and Wangaratta receiving funding towards protective fire suits for officials and new sets of flags, whilst Swan Hill will see each of

their track officials kitted out in custom uniforms.

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, our attention now turns to the 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.

We have been in contact with a number of the venues located within the eligible shires to discuss how we may assist with applications, however there are still a number of tracks eligible who we would love to assist!

Clubs that wish to get a head start on putting an application together can contact Sport Development Officer (NSW, VIC), Adam Brook using the details listed on the contacts page.

CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE GUIDE



Extremely serious incidents used to be a regular part of speedway racing but are now very rare.

An occurrence such as a critical injury, or fatality is a dynamic and tragic situation, and not everyone will be fully prepared for what can unfold. To assist officials and venue operators in handling these situations in an orderly manner, we've put together a step by step guide to assist with decision making by the relevant officials, which can be found inside the latest version of the Track Operators Manual.

It is recommended all venues print and laminate a copy of this step by step guide, and place on the wall in the stewards' box, or somewhere prominent whereby it may be viewed quickly easily should a critical incident occur.

PETS AT THE SPEEDWAY



From time to time we receive enquiries from tracks and individuals in regard to rules about bringing a dog to the racetrack, with staff having clarified with both the insurer and the Australasian Speedway Promoters Association for their advice.

As a venue operator, should you be confronted with how to deal an issue like this, a good starting point is to imagine what would happen if a worst-case scenario were to take place. The potential for a dog to get off its leash and disrupt proceedings is there, so as a recommendation, we believe that the only dogs permitted at the track are approved guide dogs.

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