

Welcome to the 141st 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 EDITION OF TRACK OPERATORS MANUAL



An all-new Track Operators Manual will be on its way to venue operators in the coming days, with a fresh new look and updated content. Many of Speedway Australia's processes have changed for the better in the last 12 months, and this documentation will be an easy reference point for hard working committees and promoters.

Changes include fully updated information about the new electronic licensing and indemnity waivers, the Officials training and Kids to Grids

initiatives and much, much more. All the relevant existing information will also be in there, along with a full index for ease of reference.

## CHANGES AT MARSH



Today is the final day of service for our broker Mark Holmes (left) at Marsh Advantage, after 12 years in the role.

We know you'll join us in thanking Mark for his commitment and service over the years, and we look forward to telling you more about Marsh Melbourne in due course.

Obviously there's no time for Mark to contact everyone to say goodbye, but he did want us to pass on that he is proud of his service to the speedway community, has made many friends along the journey and wishes everyone all the best for the future.

From Monday all speedway activity will be rerouted through the Sport Department of Marsh in Melbourne, and the contact points are as follows: -

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# GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS FOR NSW TRACKS

Until yesterday all NSW tracks were restricted to a grand total of 500 people at venues, including competitors, crew, officials and spectators.

## How many people are allowed

Full details are provided in the physical distancing section of the COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Attendance at major recreation facilities	Maximum capacity summary
Ticketed event with each person assigned to a seat	Must not exceed 25% of seated capacity to a maximum of 10,000 people. Children count towards the capacity limit.
Non-ticketed event and each person is not assigned a seat	500 persons or one person per 4 square metres (whichever is the lesser).
Group seating	Seated groups should be separated by 1-2 empty seats on both sides.

First, here's the good news. About six weeks ago we lodged an exemption request with the NSW Government, and after much back and forward an approval was forthcoming yesterday to give tracks an option to increase that to 1000 people in two groups of 500, i.e. a max of 500 in the pit area and 500 in the spectator area. These two groups must be segregated, with

separate amenities, canteens etc. So that's an opportunity to double revenue from this weekend.

The bad news is that we also received confirmation that the 3,000 person limit announced last Friday for outdoor events no longer than 5 hours duration does not apply to motorsport. For COVID-19 purposes we are categorised as "Major recreation facilities, stadiums, showgrounds, racecourses" and these limits have not changed. Full details of what we've gained an exemption from can be found [here](#).

The only venue currently capable of hosting a ticketed event with each person assigned to a seat is Valvoline Raceway who have 3,600 bucket seats. Current restrictions give them a capacity of 900 only. All other tracks are 500 maximum, or everyone can admit 1000 if they comply with the conditions of the exemption.



The exemption applies to all meetings in NSW prior to Xmas, which is when the current Public Health order expires. We did apply for all dates in NSW for the rest of the season but NSW Health could legally only approve up to and including December 24. They have suggested we reapply in mid December to gain a further exemption, if these limits are still in place.

If tracks would like to schedule dates other than what they have already announced in the exemption document please let us know and we can include it in the next application.



## STATE-BY-STATE COVID SNAPSHOT

With eastern states experiencing extended periods of no community transmission of COVID, we are seeing restrictions easing to a point where Speedway can return to some form of normality – with venues able to host practice and race events (albeit with limits on patrons in some states)

Below is a rundown on the state of play, on a state-by-state basis as of the 27/11. Keep in mind, with state governments looking to ease restrictions further ahead of the holiday period there is a good chance this information may change in the coming weeks, so be sure to liaise with Track & Safety Development Officer, Liz Weaver using the details in the contacts section below.

- VICTORIA**
- Outdoor physical recreation and community sport, can resume.
  - Cap of 500 patrons (spectators), group size limited to 50 people
  - 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup>
  - Spectators must be segregated from pits
  - Pit areas must have only necessary people that are participating in the activity (drivers, crew, officials, fire/medical)
  - Victorian Government COVID Safe Plan is mandatory for operation
  - Mandatory record keeping required for tracking and tracing purposes for all in attendance.
  - Face masks not mandatory in indoor areas.
- QUEENSLAND**
- Operating under the Industry COVID Safe Plan - Outdoor Sports
  - 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup>
  - Spectators must be segregated from pits
  - Mandatory record keeping required for tracking and tracing purposes for all in attendance.
  - Notification to the local Public Health unit 10 days prior to event required.
- NSW**
- 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup>
  - 500 people at venue\* - maximum. Includes all people at the premises
  - \*Most NSW venues have a NSW Public Health Exemption allowing for 1000 people on premises up until 24th December.
  - NSW Government COVID-19 Safety Plan is mandatory
  - Electronic check-in is now mandatory for all people at the venue - such as QR Code.
- TASMANIA**
- Events are limited to 1,000 people
  - 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup>
  - Spectators must be segregated from pits
  - Venues are working with government to finalise suitable arrangements
- SOUTH AUST.**
- Currently on hold until at least 1 December
  - Likely to go back to 1 per 4m<sup>2</sup> per person
  - Up to 1000 people with COVID-19 Safety Plan (mandatory)
  - Over 1000 people requires approval of a COVID Management plan from SA Health
  - Contact tracing is mandatory
- WEST AUST.**
- 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup> and physical distancing applies
  - This means the maximum number of people permitted will be based on the size of the venue.
  - COVID Safety plan is mandatory
- NT**
- COVID Safety Checklist for <500 People
  - COVID Safety Plan required for >500 people
  - Physical distancing principles to be abided by (1.5m)



## MASSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING SUCCESS



The NSW Government's Community Building Partnership (CBP) programme announced its 2020 grant recipients this week, with the Speedway community benefiting to the tune of over \$100,000 to assist with safety upgrades, pit buildings and machinery.

Speedway Australia worked in conjunction with a number of NSW tracks to secure funding in the latest round of grants, with Moruya Speedway on the south coast being the most notable recipient - with \$50,000 going toward the construction of a new wall and catch fence structure at the venue. President Kiel Rosevear and Secretary Kay Nash were overjoyed to learn of their successful application, with Kay stating "we want to one day leave the club in a better position than when we arrived. This money will go a long way to making Moruya one of the best venues on the South Coast!"

Moruya's CBP funding is in addition to a further \$10,000 Speedway Australia facilitated for them in October, via the NSW Bushfire Recoveries program.

Illabo Speedway and Goulburn Speedway also benefit greatly from the CBP program, with a \$30,000 and \$25,000 cash injections allowing the Illabo to construct a new toilet and amenities block, and Goulburn to replace their ageing control tower with a brand new structure, complimenting a number of infrastructures upgrades the club has undertaken in recent times.

Recent months have seen tens of venues across Australia receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in local, state and federal government funding, going toward everything from safety upgrades to toilet blocks, first aid kits, safety apparel – even a ride on lawn mower!

With a number of government programs active, including the NSW & VIC Bushfire Recovery Program, there are plenty of opportunities for tracks to source funding for future upgrades. Clubs are encouraged to contact their relevant Sport Development Officer (Adam Brook in NSW, QLD & VIC and Ross Kirby in WA, SA, NT & TAS) to discuss available grant opportunities.

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