

Welcome to edition 208 of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

DO A DEAL!



With a federal election looming, now is the time to start contacting the candidates for your electorate.

We have seen many great examples where tracks have been able to build relationships with local politicians and leverage **funding and support** to the club/venue.

Engage with them early, ask questions around funding and grant opportunities. The relationship you build now, could be very rewarding in

the future. Pick up the phone, send them an email and invite them to attend your events. **Politicians love to get their faces out in the community!**

WHO'S YOUR APPRENTICE?



Speedway racing has experienced great growth in recent years. The intentional engagement of the next generation of drivers has seen the average competitor age calculated at 35.77 years old. While that's a great statistic for the longevity of our sport, the same can't be said for the next generation of stewards, officials and volunteers.

Many of our officials have been holding their positions for many years, and we are very thankful for the stalwarts of our clubs and divisions who continue to serve the sport, year after year, mostly without much gratitude.

But the question needs to be asked... **who is your apprentice?** Regardless of whether you run the gate, the flags, the fire crew, or chief steward the meeting, every role at a speedway is vital and we need to be intentional about training the next generation to understand everything we know about our roles.

There's an old saying that "Speedway is only one generation away from extinction" but with your help, we can intentionally bring the next generation through to make sure our sport is around for many decades to come!

TAKE CARE WITH A CARETAKER



One of the things that our Sport Development Officers have noticed when getting around the nation is the amazing benefit to a venue when they house an on-site caretaker.

Lawns are mowed, gardens are looked after, and the security advantages go without saying. **Making a massive difference to your club and volunteer workload during and in the off-season.**

Very functional and homely portable buildings with a kitchen, bedroom and living area are available for under \$25k and it may only take a meeting with your local council to sell them the advantages of having an onsite caretaker to get the appropriate approvals.

Be mindful of state, territory regulations and workers compensation law, for more information on this contact Mark Holmes 0448 927 771

If you'd like to talk further about accessing a suitable building, call Bennie Bishop on 0433 112 959 who can put you in touch with some people in our industry who can give you all the information you need.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINUE...



Please join Speedway Australia in congratulating Matt Egel on winning the 360 Sprintcar Australian Championship this past weekend at Murray Machining And Sheds Murray Bridge Speedway.

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On their journey to becoming a national division, Compact Speedcars also crowned their National Champion Justin Paull, held at Wangaratta City

Raceway in Victoria.

- SSA National **Junior Sedan** Title - Alexandra Speedway, Victoria - April 8-10, 2022
- SSA National **Production Sedan** Title - IBRP Kingaroy Speedway, Queensland - April 15-17, 2022
- SCCA Australian **Sprintcar** Championship – Archerfield Speedway – April 30th – May 1st, 2022
- **Modlite** Australian Title - Broome Speedway - May 27-28, 2022
- SSA National **Street Stock** Title – Hi-Tec Oils Toowoomba Speedway – June 10-12, 2022
- Australian **Late Model** Championship: Postponed To 2023

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