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**NATIONAL  
FORUM**

**GOLD COAST 2021**

**BRINGING SPEEDWAY TOGETHER**

**WE'RE BACK!**  
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**Welcome to the 158th 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.

## **AUSTRALIAN SPEEDWAY FORUM IS BACK FOR 2021**



It's back – Speedway Australia's National Forum and Australian Speedway Awards double header looks to kick the winter blues, returning to the beautiful Gold Coast Convention Centre on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21.

The National Forum weekend is the only event of its kind in Australia – whether you're a track or division, big or small, national, or local, from Queensland or further afield, we're pleased to extend to you an invitation to attend.

This is your once-a-year opportunity to network with the entire Speedway industry as we bring Australian Speedway together to discuss a wide variety of topics, including governance, safety, insurance, junior development, access to grants and funding and much, much more!

Every track and divisional body in the country are welcome to send two representatives (per track or division), who only have to pay their travel and accommodation expenses to get to the venue. Speedway Australia is taking care of the costs for both day sessions, including morning tea, lunch.

Attendees may also wish to attend the Australian Speedway Awards on Saturday with tickets available for purchase [here](#).

We're currently in the process of putting together the schedule for the weekend, so stand by for more details in upcoming editions of Speed eNews. But clear your calendar now, as the next three months will quickly pass, and this is one event you don't want to miss!



## SPEEDWAY ONE DAY, SUNSHINE THE NEXT



The Gold Coast Convention Centre is located in the heart of Broadbeach, home to beautiful beaches, parks and bustling weekend markets.

Head across the street from the Convention Centre, and you'll find The Star Gold Coast, with its 24-hour casino, bars, lounges, restaurants and shows galore. Let's not forget that other icon – Pacific Fair – one of Australia's largest retail centres with more than 400 stores, cinemas, and casual dining. And when the sun and fun finally sets on your day, choose from a wide range of accommodation options. All the top

brand hotels in Asia/Pacific have taken up residence here, as have some super swanky apartments.

From April 1, holiday makers will be able to book flights to the Gold Coast at half-price thanks to the Federal Government's \$1.2B tourism support package. There's never been a better opportunity to escape the cold this winter, and enjoy the sunshine and warm weather on offer up north!

## SPEEDWAY AWARDS & HALL OF FAME – NOMINATIONS OPEN



Nominations are now open for the 2021 Australian Speedway Awards and Hall of Fame Ceremony, to be held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre on June 19. This will be the fifth time we have hosted the annual Awards night, with this year's event awarding both this, and last year's winners who were unable to receive their award in person due to COVID.

The Hall of Fame ceremony will recognise and pay tribute to the legendary figures in the history of Australian Speedway, while the Australian Speedway Awards will reward the top performers of the year across 12 categories, engaging many of the stakeholders within our sport including Clubs, Venues, Officials, Media as well as competitors.

Last year witnessed over 300 nominations across all categories, which were open to every competitor, volunteer, and administrator in the country. Categories for this year's awards will once again include;

- Track of the Year
- Most Improved Track of the Year
- Official/Volunteer of the Year
- Photographer of the Year
- Promotional Item of the Year
- Innovation of the Year
- Competitor of the Year – Open Wheel
- Competitor of the Year – Sedan
- Competitor of the Year – Modified
- Competitor of the Year – Karting
- Competitor of the Year – Youth
- Sportsperson of the Year

Nominations close April 26 so be sure to get yours in quick. You can nominate for both the Australian Speedway Awards & Speedway Hall of Fame [here](#).



## TICKING OFF THE BUCKET LIST AT BROBENAH



Renowned as Australia's 'Rice Capital' and situated in one of the most productive agricultural regions in the country, the NSW town of Leeton is also host to the nations longest, and arguably fastest Speedway venue in Brobenah Raceway.

'Unique' doesn't even begin to describe the Leeton Motor Sport Club facility. From its 900m pole line to its four distinct corners and bitumen-like oiled dirt surface, Brobenah Raceway has for decades featured as a must-do on many drivers bucket lists of tracks.

Government regulation may have put a dampener on their 2020 season, with a harsh COVID- 19 lockdown and event restrictions preventing the venue from running its annual 'Long Track Classic'. The Leeton Motor Sport Club pressed on undeterred however, led by enthusiastic stalwarts Wayne Aylett, Danny Harrison and Ron Watts they put an enormous effort into rebuilding the facilities around the track, with a brand-new canteen, bar and clubhouse facility to better accommodate the sizeable crowd the venue often enjoys.

The fruits of their labour will soon be realised, with Saturday, April 24 featuring the return of racing to the venue after a long hiatus. The 2021 Leeton Long Track Classic will witness Super Sedans, Production Sedans, Legend Cars and for the first time

– Modified Sedans feature at their once-a-year Speedway fixture. The club anticipates the event will be one of the biggest seen in a long time, with huge interest expressed by competitors and fans, all excited by the prospect of witnessing Speedway's return to Australia's longest track after the extended break in racing brought upon by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Leeton Motor Sport Club's focus looking forward is to establish a more robust season calendar, expanding their local competitor base to host more Speedway events in the Riverina region, alongside their already successful burnout events, and annual Long Track Classic.

More info about Brobenah Raceway, including nominations and details for their April 24 event can be found via their Facebook page here.

We wish Brobenah Raceway all the best ahead of their much-anticipated return to racing!

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