

Welcome to the 133rd 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.*

## TIMMIS NOT TIMID



Mildura's Timmis Speedway looks to be the first out of the blocks post-COVID, giving Victorian competitors their initial hit out of the 2020/21 season. Timmis will host a practice meeting on October 31st, with new president-elect Jake Drewett determined to see cars come out of garages, and drivers socialising (whilst social distancing) at his local track.

Continuing a lineage of strong leadership of Timmis Speedway Club, Jake hopes that some new ideas, and renewed enthusiasm will filter from the committee down, injecting a new lease of life into the 56-year-old venue.

One of the keystone ideas of the new committee includes utilising the venue more often – with monthly practice scheduled all year round, giving competitors more opportunity to get on track, regardless of the season.

From an organisational standpoint, the club is taking inspiration from other ultra-successful regional venues across Australia as it aims to make Timmis one of the most revered venues for competitors and fans. The reformed leadership team aims to implement a governmental style 'portfolio' for each committee

member, giving everyone a distinct role in the planning and operation of the club, and race events.

"Giving each committee member a 'portfolio' to take ownership of gives accountability to each of the members" says Drewett. "We've seen too often with clubs around Australia, cases where one or two people on the committee shoulder most of the burden. They get burnt out, and this usually results in them leaving the committee, or worse still, the whole sport"

"We hope this new structure keeps everyone engaged and enthusiastic. Collectively, we have some big capital works in the pipeline to benefit everyone that attends the venue – including replacing our ageing catch fence and terracing our bar areas to create a 'pub' style atmosphere for fans. We're all looking forward to sinking our teeth in and getting stuff happening!"

We wish the incumbent committee at Timmis Speedway all the best ahead of their first practice event on October 31st. More information about this event, and the Mildura track can be found on their [website](#), and [Facebook page](#).

## QLD DOUBLES DOWN ON CROWD NUMBERS



From today, the minimum density requirements for Queensland venues have relaxed from 4m<sup>2</sup> per person to 2m<sup>2</sup> per person, which is great news for track operators. The requirement to notify the Public Health Unit 10 working days in advance of a meeting has also changed to when more than 1000 people are expected to attend, up from 500.

Speedway is covered by the Industry COVID-Safe plan for outdoor sports, which means

that venues may have more than 1000 people at the venue, up to a maximum of 2m<sup>2</sup> per person. We have liaised with all venues around their potential spectator limits based on venue size, however the limit they ultimately arrive at is a matter for them.

More details available via these links, but it's great to see things moving in the right direction!

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/business-activity>

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/business-activity-undertaking-direction>

## NSW STATE CALENDAR AVAILABLE NOW



With most of the states venues having locked in their 2020/21 events, the New South Wales State Calendar is now available to all competitors through the Speedway Australia app, and website.

Previous years have seen us collate 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.

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks, as we continue to release updates on state-by-state activities as soon as the majority of tracks in each state have firmed up their plans.

<https://www.speedwayaustralia.org/media.ashx/nsw-calendar-2020-21.pdf>

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