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MAY 2004

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH DISTRICT NITRO RACING INC. (PDNR)

2004

WELCOME BACK

For the last time at Harvey Norman. It's a bit sad really but all good things come to an end sooner or later.

To those of you that are new to our club than this probably doesn't seem like such a big deal but the move from Harvey's carpark is a big one. Two years ago I came to race with the guys at PDNR and as it was back then a small bunch of friendly people welcomed all who came along. As time passed all of us witnessed a substantial growth in our clubs numbers but the friendly people with their welcoming gestures never changed and that is what separated us from the rest.

PDNR has given me some great memories and made me some great friends as it has done for many of the people that frequent our weekly meets. I have made mention of this before but it is the calibre of our patrons that has kept people coming back and it is only the constraints put on us by time that has limited our growth to what it is.

The time has come for us to make a move so as of tonight Harvey Norman is no longer the home of PDNR. Keep an eye on the web page for track information.

WE ARE MOVING



PRESENTATION NIGHT

As per normal presentation night will be held at the track in the Harvey Norman carpark. The night will consist of the much anticipated trophy presentation and for the first time PDNR will crown its own Top Gun with a trophy to suit the stature.

Keeping with the race theme and following the success of the last presentation night drags once again you can watch the fastest of the fast line up for a bit of fun. These drags really excited both competitors and visitors alike and it encourage a few of our guys to invest some time and some spare parts to create some rather serious dragsters, good luck everyone.

It is now expected that we put on some refreshments and once again a sausage sizzle will be keeping the hunger pains away. The cost has remained the same as previous events with a cover charge of \$5.00 for each adult for food and drinks and children under the age of 16 are free when accompanied by a paying adult. See you there.

OUR FANTASTIC SUPPORTERS

It is a testament to our sponsors that they have stuck with us and it is at times like presentation night where we get a public opportunity to thank these guys for their support. In every news letter I strongly encourage all of us that if we seek the services of any body in the fields of our supporters then it should be these guys that you contact first.

St Marys Prestige Body Repairs and St Marys Prestige Towing have been with us for two years now and it is great to see them continuing with their support. Grahams Hobby Centre at St Marys has also been with us a while now and it is with his fantastic support and the donation of the raffle cars that we can raise the funds to keep our track and equipment up to scratch. Lastly the newest member of our corporate supporters is Ivans butchery also of St Marys. Those fantastic meat trays filled with the finest meats in Sydney that are raffled each week are supplied buy our new friends to assure that our club funds are such that our future where ever it may be is secure.

Thanks again to all our sponsors and to all our members and visitors don't hesitate in contacting these guys if you need them.

CAR RAFFLE

Once again on behalf of all of us let me thank Graham from Graham's Hobbies at St Marys for his support of the club and once again doing a fantastic job keeping the guys racing by carrying an extensive range of all our RC goodies.

This time the fantastic car up for grabs is a Kyosho V one S. This would make a fantastic addition to anyone's RC collection or even better a great first car for one of our spectators who have supported us by investing in a ticket. Tickets are once again \$1 each so please get behind what is a very worthwhile cause your club.



RACING AT ITS BEST

The racing at home has been getting better and better each week especially as trophy night drew closer. Top gun was conceived to lift some of our home grown drivers by enforcing outside rules and regulations governing cars to a level where as they could compete confidently away from home. This has seen some fantastically close racing on a weekly basis and not only in top gun.

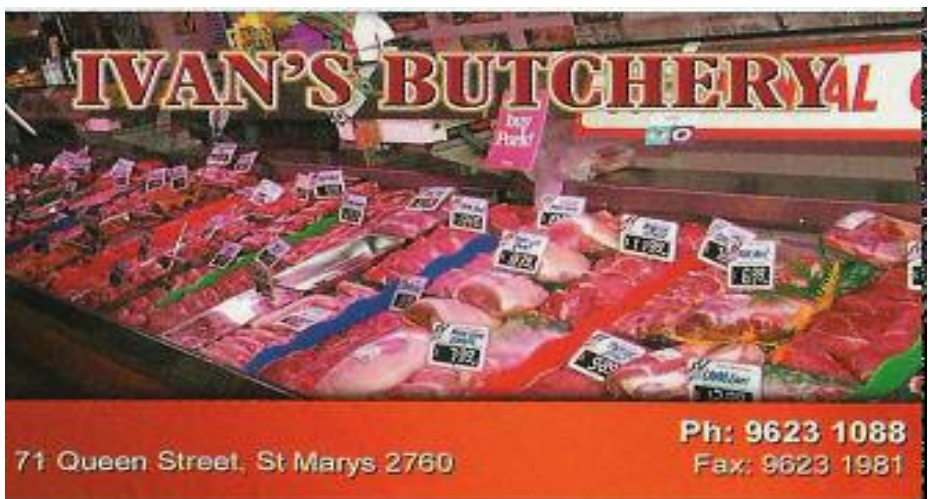
The elite class tempted some of the better drivers in other classes and allowed for some closer and even racing across the board. Congratulations to all who competed in this championship as all of you should be proud of how you have progressed.

Another great thing that has come about this year is our eagerness to go away to compete. A couple of desperados from Penrith travelled to Muwullimbah to compete in their local Derby and only just missed out on bring all their first place trophies home with them. It was a great effort by the PDNR crew all round.

If there are any more drivers that aren't getting enough time behind the wheel then the Tamworth Cup is coming up. The date is the 22nd of May and if you require any further information on this event then track down one of the committee and we will point you in the right direction.

CHARITY MOTOR SHOW

Another worth while cause that PDNR supports every year is the NSW Wild 1's Motor Club Charity Motor Show. This year it will be held on the 18th of July at Ridge Park Hall Woodland Ave Oxley Park. Public entry is \$5.00 and children under twelve are free. This is a great fun day for the family with different motor orientated events occurring all day. PDNR will be out their supporting this great day so if anyone is interested in coming out and helping see our club President Kevin Maton for details.



COMMITTEE MEETING

There are a lot of things going on at the moment to do with the every day running of the club and it is always the intention of the committee to do what is in the best interests of the club and its members. All of us know that you cant please everyone all the time but we as the committee do need to know whether or not we are acting in the interests of those that voted us there.

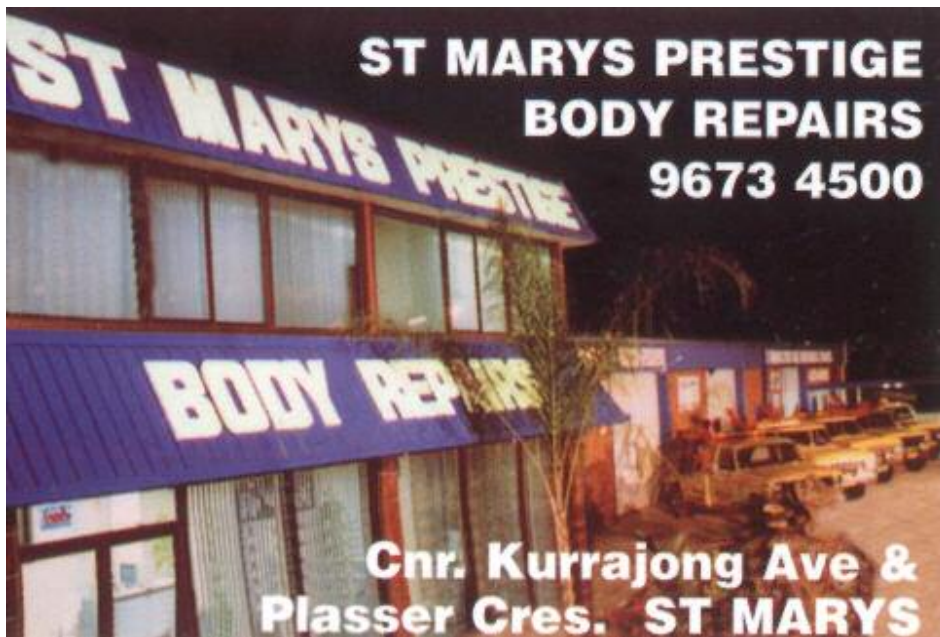
Our next meeting is on Sunday the 30th of May at 7.00pm. If there is something that you feel needs to be brought to our attention then put it in writing and hand it in at race control or speak to Kevin, our club President, if you wish to attend in person.

WORKING BEE

The up keep on our club equipment is very important. The track barricades seem to always be in need of attention and on top of that there are two trailers that don't look after themselves, and a large amount of portable goods that require care as well.

It is with the fantastic support of our sponsors that we have the funds to purchase our club assets and to pay for their constant up keep. However, it is our responsibility to supply the labour.

Working bees aren't such a bad way to spend a day. The work doesn't last all day and the company usually isn't that bad so if your free on Sunday the 16th of May your help would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Ron Sant regard information on the day.



JUST A THOUGHT

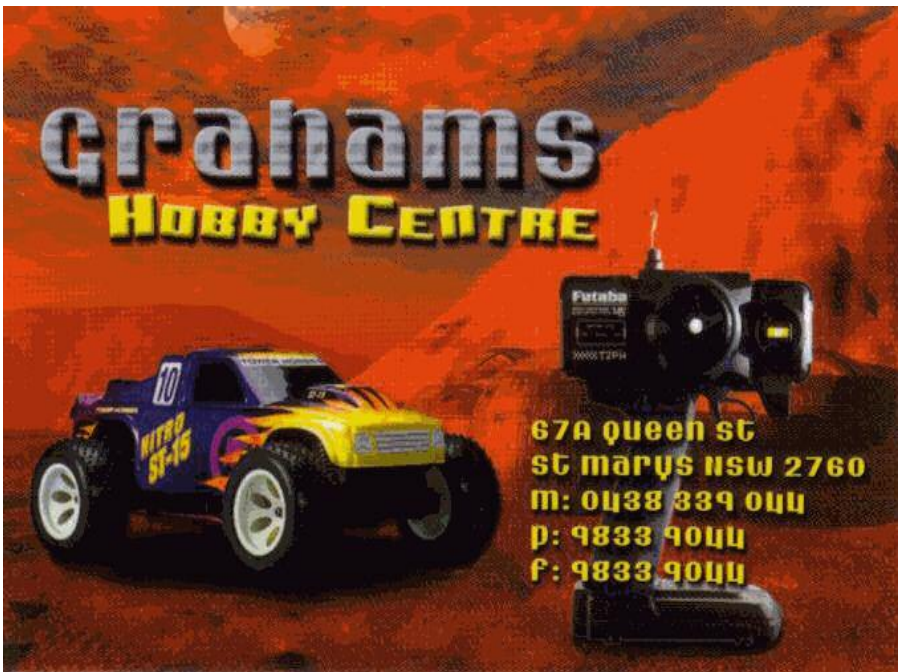
We all knew the end was near for us at Harvey Norman and unfortunately tonight is our last night. Our exit is not because we have done anything wrong and in fact it is quite the opposite. We have been doing most things so well that our club has grown to such a level that the old carpark just cant sustain us any more.

Harvey Norman has been very kind to us over the years and although it was their decision for us to go we thank them for all the good memories we take away with us.

Ive only heard stories about the very early days, but the sight of five or six guys standing around taking turns driving seems a far cry from what we have today. Even my first visit when there were about thirty people each week and the track was made from fire hose seems along time ago.

I mentioned earlier in this news letter that the best thing about PDNR to me is the people. Eighty drivers and some where between two and three hundred people visit each week to make our meetings the success they are. It always excites me to see all the new faces each week and to know that they are greeted with the same enthusiasm that I was over two years ago. I have to say that it is for that reason that we are never short of new faces and those that are new quickly become regulars.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all our members and visitors for making PDNR what it is today and with your support we can continue to grow at our new venue. See all of you there.



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PLEASE USE BINS PROVIDED

Can everyone please make an effort to put rubbish (and broken parts) in the bin. PDNR are guests to the carpark, and it must be left in the same state as when we arrived. Thanks also goes to those regular drivers and members who help pack and clean up after racing every week, your help is appreciated.

FEEDBACK ANYONE?

In The Pits invites any driver, member or spectator with feedback, stories or suggestions to send them in for a new section of the newsletter. Starting next month will be a 'letters to the editor' style section, so if you have any thoughts for the PDNR community please hand them in writing to Race Control or e-mail them to info@pdnracing.org with the subject "Newsletter."

PIT/PADDOCK AREA

All drivers are reminded that you must set up your pit tables in the designated pit/paddock area . It is an insurance requirement and racing will not commence until this requirement is adhered to. PDNR Management will enforce that all drivers must be located in the designated pit/paddock area.

PDNR KITCHEN

Good news...Inflation has only affected the price of drinks for 2004.
Let's keep the PDNR kitchen a huge success. Open every week with lots of goodies.
Hotdogs \$2.00; Drinks \$1.50; Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate \$1.00; Chocolates \$0.50

DOES YOUR CAR NEED WORK?

If you are having problems tuning or setting up your gas car,
Or your car requires maintenance and repairs; PDNR can put you in contact with the right experts who can help you for the right price. Please see a committee member for more details

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL DRIVERS

DUE TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. ALL DRIVERS/PIT CREW MUST WEAR COVERED FOOTWEAR
2. NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED ON THE PREMISES AT ANY TIME
3. NO CARS ARE TO BE RUN BEFORE 7:00pm .
4. BEFORE RUNNING YOUR CAR(S) ALL DRIVERS MUST:
 - check-in AT RACE CONTROL (6:30 - 7:00 pm)
 - PUT A FREQUENCY PEG ON YOUR CONTROLLER.
5. DRIVERS MUST RETURN THEIR FREQUENCY PEG AND ID FLAG IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RACE FINISHES
6. ALL ENTRANTS MUST PIT IN THE DESIGNATED PIT/PADDOCK AREA
7. ALL MARSHALS MUST WEAR AN ORANGE VEST
8. NO CARS ARE TO BE RUN ON ANY OTHER NIGHT OTHER THAN RACE NIGHT.

MARSHALLING DUTIES

All drivers who are registered to race are required to perform marshalling duties, regardless whether you raced or not.

The PDNR Management Committee will impose severe penalties to any drivers who do not abide by these conditions.

SPONSORS WANTED

PDNR have a number of affordable sponsorship packages available for any companies or businesses that would like to promote their operation, while supporting PDNR.

12-month PDNR promotional packages start from \$100.00

The packages go towards Fundraising for PDNR's activities. If you are interested in a promotional package please contact Jonathan on 0412 280 863 or e-mail publicity@pdnracing.org

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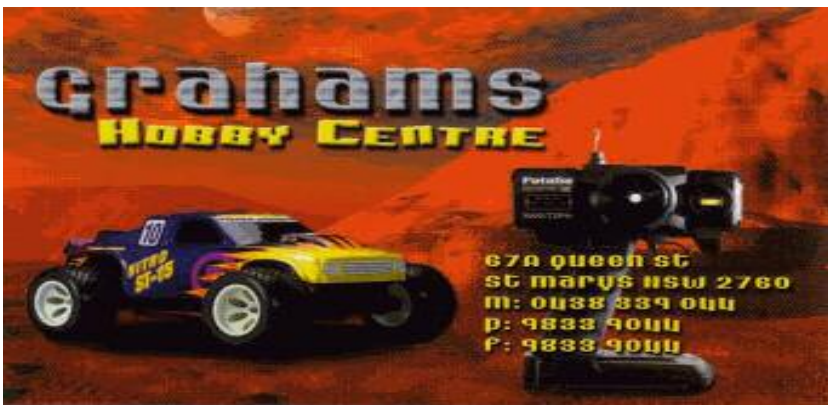
Tickets are a one dollar each and all proceeds

Help keep the club up and running

This time round GRAHAMS HOBBIES have donated a fantastic
Kyosho V one S.

\$1 each

Tickets are available from the canteen



YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

President	Kevin Maton
Vice President	Steve O'Connor
Secretary	Michael Turner
Treasurer	Andrew Miller
Competition Secretary	Tony Firth
Registrar	Daniel Weaver
Publicity Officer	Jonathan Freund

General Committee

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Scott Tompkins

Ron Sant

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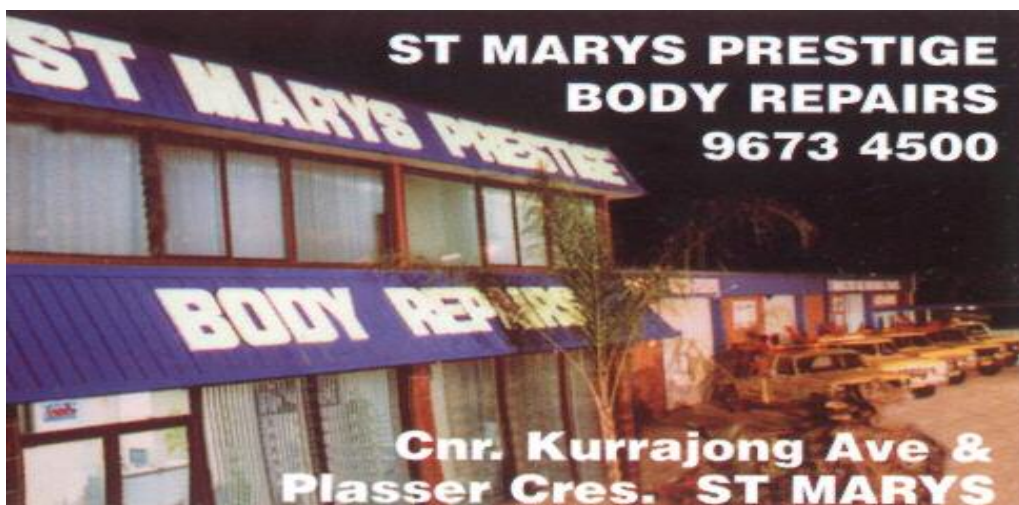
Scott Lee

Congratulations to all of you for your election as our representatives. We wish you all the best in your endeavours throughout the year.

2004 Championship Calendar

Summer			Autumn			Spring		
Mon	6-Jan-04	Open Night	Sun	2-May-04	Management Committee Meeting	Tue	31-Aug-04	R1
Tue	13-Jan-04	Top Gun Qualifying and Practice	Tue	11-May-04	R1	Sun	5-Sep-04	Management Committee Meeting
Tue	20-Jan-04	R1	Tue	18-May-04	R2	Tue	7-Sep-04	R2
Tue	27-Jan-04	R2	Tue	25-May-04	R3	Tue	14-Sep-04	R3
Sun	1-Feb-04	Management Committee Meeting	Tue	1-Jun-04	R4	Tue	21-Sep-04	R4
Tue	3-Feb-04	R3	Sun	6-Jun-04	Management Committee Meeting	Tue	28-Sep-04	R5
Tue	10-Feb-04	R4	Tue	8-Jun-04	R5	Sun	3-Oct-04	Management Committee Meeting
Tue	17-Feb-04	R5	Tue	15-Jun-04	R6	Tue	5-Oct-04	R6
Tue	24-Feb-04	R6	Tue	22-Jun-04	R7	Tue	12-Oct-04	R7
Tue	2-Mar-04	R7	Tue	29-Jun-04	R8	Tue	19-Oct-04	R8
Sun	7-Mar-04	Management Committee Meeting	Sun	4-Jul-04	Management Committee Meeting	Tue	26-Oct-04	R9
Tue	9-Mar-04	R8	Tue	6-Jul-04	R9	Tue	2-Nov-04	R10
Tue	16-Mar-04	R9	Tue	13-Jul-04	R10	Sun	7-Nov-04	Management Committee Meeting
Tue	23-Mar-04	R10	Tue	20-Jul-04	R11	Tue	9-Nov-04	R11
Tue	30-Mar-04	R11	Tue	27-Jul-04	R12	Tue	16-Nov-04	R12
Sun	4-Apr-04	Management Committee Meeting	Sun	1-Aug-04	Management Committee Meeting	Tue	23-Nov-04	R13
Tue	6-Apr-04	R12	Tue	3-Aug-04	R13	Tue	30-Nov-04	R14 & AGM
Tue	13-Apr-04	R13	Tue	10-Aug-04	R14	Sun	5-Dec-04	Management Committee Meeting
Tue	20-Apr-04	R14	Tue	17-Aug-04	R15	Tue	7-Dec-04	R15
Tue	27-Apr-04	R15	Tue	24-Aug-04	Presentation BBQ	Tue	14-Dec-04	Presentation BBQ
Tue	4-May-04	Presentation BBQ						

2004 is going to be a great year for PDNR and as the Calendar shows there won't be a lot of weeks where racing takes a back seat. Good luck to every one and let's enjoy our racing.



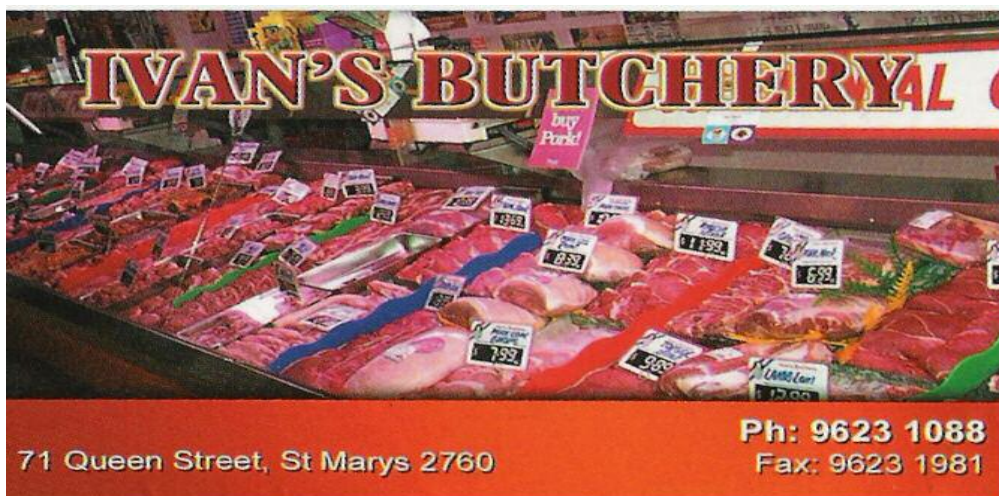


CLUB MERCHANDISE

Black Polo shirt	:	\$27.50
V Neck T Shirt	:	\$10.00
Standard T Shirt	:	\$8.00
Hats	:	\$15.00
Hot Dogs	:	\$2.00 w/cheese + 50c
Soft Drinks	:	\$1.50
Muffins	:	\$1.00
Chocolates	:	\$0.50
Coffee & Tea	:	\$1.00
Soup	:	\$1.00

AUTOGRAPHS

SET UP DETAILS



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