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# IN THE PITS

JULY 2004

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

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOME

Well we are up and running at our new home!

I hope all drivers enjoyed the time spent getting used to the new location and track layout. We have now started the Winter 2004 championship and you may have noticed a different race format.

Due to the increase in numbers for certain classes we have added extra divisions and are trying a different approach for our novice drivers and overflow class.

We would appreciate if any of the experienced drivers could be on hand to help out the novice drivers with starting their cars & setup, etc. Novice drivers value getting help from experienced drivers.

Remember to spread the word about our new site, tell people to come down have a great night whether it be racing or just watching and having a laugh.



## THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

PDNR encourages all our members to seek the services of our sponsors.

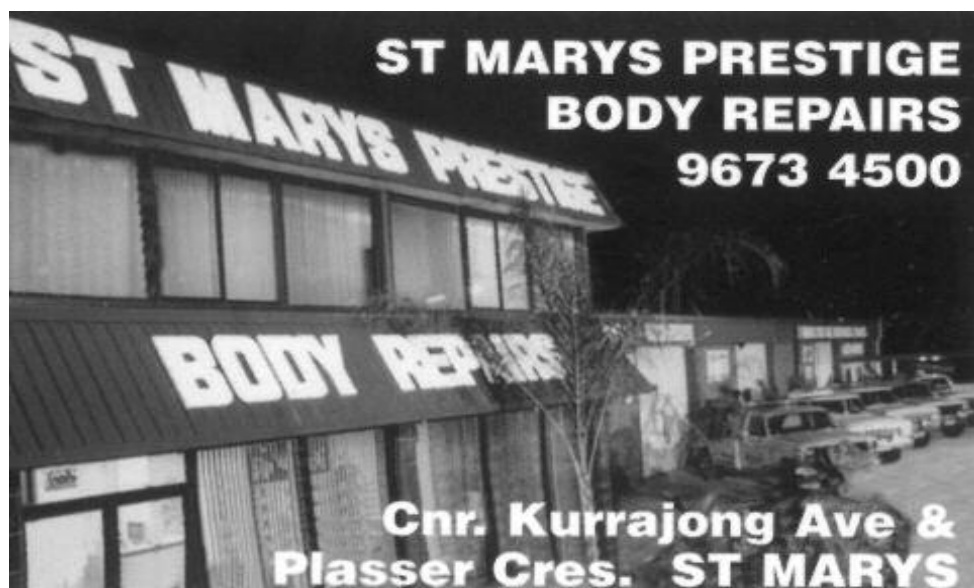
- St Marys Prestige Body Repairs and St Marys Prestige Towing have been supporting PDNR for two years and it is great to see them continuing with their support.
- Grahams Hobby Centre at St Marys has also been a long term supporter - Graham's Hobby Centre's support has been instrumental in keeping our track and equipment "healthy" with their fantastic support donating the cars that PDNR raffles.
- Ivans Butchery, Queen Street, St Marys supplies a meat tray raffle every week which supports PDNR.

*Thanks again*

## CHARITY MOTOR SHOW

The NSW Wild 1's Motor Club Charity Motor Show has been cancelled.

We have received notification from the club that the show will not be proceeding this year and have apologised for any inconvenience that may have been caused.



## PDNR KITCHEN

DUE TO CONTRACT BETWEEN REGATTA CENTRE AND THE RESTAURANT PDNR ARE UNABLE TO OPERATE OUR CANTEEN.

SORRY TO ALL THE HOT DOG LOVERS!!!!

## THE WINTERCHAMPS

The Winterchamps have been run & won in freezing Tamworth on Saturday & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of June. Saturday was Nitro & Sunday was electric, so we won't concern ourselves with Sunday.

Two classes were on offer Nitro Open & Nitro Pullstart. We had a small contingent from Penrith make the 5 hour trek up the Putty Road to wave the PDNR flag. Tony was Firth was our sole rep for the Nitro Open, with Kevin Maton, Michael Turner, Steve & Chris O'Connor mixing it in Nitro Pull.

Big thanks goes to Splitty, he came along to help us out with on the day with pitting etc.

The day started off great, with Michael Turner taking honours in Concourse in the division of Pullstart.

Tony had mixed results in Open, with the V- One - RR being a bit of a pain in the handling department for the qualifiers, very unlucky to just miss out on the B Final, considering the quality of the field, which included World Electric Champion - Surikan. Tony went on to blitz the C Final winning one lap ahead of the field. If the handling had been sorted out earlier a berth the higher final would have finished him higher up the ladder. Top effort Tony!

In the Pullstart, Chris & Kevin both qualified for the B Final, with Kevin only just missing the A Final. A good result for the guys with Chris being first time out in a new car & Kevin running in a new engine.

Michael & Steve both stamped some authority early, easily qualifying for the A Final. Steve just missing out on TQ by 6 seconds.

The B Final was a hotly contested affair between Kevin & one of the local racers who was the winner of the pullstart class in the Summernats in January. The race went down to the wire with Kevin just getting pipped at the finish line. Chris came in fourth with a much improved drive over the qualifiers. Next time out both drivers will definitely move up the order.

The 30 minute A Final in Pullstart took off at a frantic pace, with Steve & the top qualifier swapping the lead every couple of laps. Michael tucked in behind the leaders in third place. On lap 26 the top qualifier had engine problems & fell back opening the door for Steve & Michael to carry on to the end of a long 118 lap race and take out 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Tony & Splitty did a great job in the pits with fuel stops & keeping the blokes calm through the race.

The 30 minute A Final for the Open did not feature any Penrith drivers, but it was a who's who of Australian racing in a star studded field featuring the World Champ - Surikan.

Simon Cammeleri ended up with the win in a major coup over the world champ who came in second, with Simon Nicholson in third.

The race was awesome to watch and also to see the class of drivers racing there on the day was almost worth the trip up on its own.

## **UPCOMING RACE EVENTS**

- JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> - MINGARA DASH FOR CASH (ENTRIES CLOSE 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY)
- AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> - MECCA CHALLENGE ROUND 2 - EASTERN CREEK
- OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> - PDNR BATHURST RC 1000 RACE MEET - (ENTRIES CLOSE 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPT)
- NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> - PDNR BATHURST OFF ROAD CHALLENGE - (ENTRY FORMS WILL BE OUT SOON)
- DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> OR 19<sup>TH</sup> - PDNR CHARITY CHALLENGE - ORAN PARK

## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July at 7.00pm. If you would like to put forward any items for discussion at this meeting, please:

- submit the item in writing and deliver to Race Control or
- contact Kevin Maton, President if you would like to attend the meeting.

**THERE IS A GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING PLANNED FOR THE 27<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY. THIS WILL BE HELD AT THE COMPLETION OF THE NIGHTS RACING.**

## **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. 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.au](mailto:info@pdnracing.org.au) with the subject "Newsletter."

## **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.

## **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 may not commence until this requirement is adhered to. PDNR Management will enforce that all drivers must be located in the designated pit/paddock area.

## **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 TRANSPONDER 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.
9. ALL DRIVERS MUST ATTEND THE DRIVERS BRIEF AT THE START OF RACING  
(Non compliance can result in the driver being refused to race)

## **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.

## **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. Please see a committee member for more details

## **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 either Kevin Maton on 0414 275867 or e-mail [publicity@pdnracing.org.au](mailto:publicity@pdnracing.org.au)

## **PDNR CONTACT DETAILS**

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### **YOUR COMMITTEE**

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| President             | Kevin Maton    |
| Vice President        | Steve O'Connor |
| Secretary             | Michael Turner |
| Treasurer             | Andrew Miller  |
| Competition Secretary | Tony Firth     |
| Registrar             | Daniel Weaver  |

### **General Committee**

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Steve McDonnell | Kim O'Connor    |
| Scott Tompkins  | Keith Weaver    |
| Ron Sant        | Scott Lee       |
| Jon Freund      | Mark Baranowski |

# RAFFLE

## GRAHAMS HOBBY CENTRE

Tickets are a one dollar each and all proceeds  
Help keep the club up and running

This time round GRAHAM has donated a fantastic  
GV BV-1 XR8 FORD UTE.

**\$1 each**

Tickets are available from Kevin & Keith (Yellow Vests)



## CLUB MERCHANDISE

|                         |          |                |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------|
| <b>Black Polo shirt</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>\$27.50</b> |
| <b>V Neck T Shirt</b>   | <b>:</b> | <b>\$10.00</b> |
| <b>Standard T Shirt</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>\$8.00</b>  |
| <b>Hats</b>             | <b>:</b> | <b>\$15.00</b> |
| <b>PDNR Stickers</b>    | <b>:</b> | <b>\$ 2.50</b> |

# Prestige Towing

## 9623 2020 24 Hours



### RACE FORMAT

|                                     |                                      |                                       |                                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Registration<br>6.15 - 7.00 pm appx | Drivers Brief<br>7.00 - 7.15 pm appx | Novice Drivers<br>Run Time: 15minutes | Overflow Division<br>Run Time:15 minutes |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|

### CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS RACING

| CLASS                     | HEAT 1    |           | HEAT 2    |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                           | Warm Up   | Race      | Warm Up   | Race      |
| Off Road - Buggy          | 6 minutes | 5 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes |
| Off Road - Truck          | 6 minutes | 5 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes |
| 1/8 <sup>th</sup> - 235mm | 6 minutes | 5 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes |
| Single Speed              | 6 minutes | 5 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes |
| Single Speed Pro          | 6 minutes | 5 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes |
| Two Speed                 | 6 minutes | 5 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes |
| Two Speed Pro             | 6 minutes | 5 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes |
| Top Gun                   | 6 minutes | 5 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes |

### POINTS ALLOCATION

| PLACE  | 1 <sup>ST</sup> | 2 <sup>ND</sup> | 3 <sup>RD</sup> | 4 <sup>TH</sup> | 5 <sup>TH</sup> | 6 <sup>TH</sup> | 7 <sup>TH</sup> | 8 <sup>TH</sup> | 9 <sup>TH</sup> | 10 <sup>TH</sup> |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| POINTS | 20              | 16              | 14              | 12              | 10              | 9               | 8               | 7               | 6               | 5                |

**# PLEASE NOTE ROUND 7 OF CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE A NON POINTS ROUND. THIS NIGHT WILL BE SAME FORMAT BUT USED AS A PRACTICE NIGHT.**





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FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT**

**PRESTIGE  
TOWING**  
9623 2020  
24 hours



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**EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT  
SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL REGATTA CENTRE  
CASTLEREAGH ROAD, PENRITH  
(ENTRY VIA GATE A)**