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COMING EVENTS: February – April, 2007

2 March	1st Friday	<i>On Road – Series 1 - Round 3</i>	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
3 March	1st Saturday	<i>Off Road - Series 1 - Round 3</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
11 March	2nd Sunday	<i>Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 3</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
16 March	3rd Friday	<i>On Road – Series 1 - Round 4</i>	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
17 March	3rd Saturday	<i>Off Road – Series 1 - Round 4</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
25 March	4th Sunday	<i>Off Road - Series 1 ; Round 4 – Bonus Point Day</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
25 March		<i>Round 1 - 2007 Challenge - Off Road</i>	Castle Hill – entries close 19 March 2007
30 March	5th Friday	<i>On Road – Series 1 - Round 5</i>	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
31 March	5th Saturday	<i>Off Road - Series 1 - Round 5 – Double Points Rnd</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
6 April	1st Friday	<i>GOOD FRIDAY - RACE MEETING CANCELLED</i>	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
7 April	1st Saturday	<i>EASTER SATURDAY - RACE MEETING CANCELLED</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
6/8 April		<i>AARCMCC EP OFF ROAD NATIONALS Entries close: 26 March 2007</i>	Maitland - Entry Forms are now available.
7 April	1st Saturday	<i>EASTER SATURDAY - RACE MEETING CANCELLED</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
8 April	2nd Sunday	<i>Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 5</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
20 April	3rd Friday	<i>On Road – Series 1 - Round 7 - Final Round</i>	Brush Farm Netball Counts, Lawson Road, Eastwood
21 April	3rd Saturday	<i>RACE MEETING CANCELLED - Racing next day</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde
22 April	4th Sunday	<i>Off Road – Series 1 ; Round 6 – Final Round</i>	Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde

♪♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪♪
 March 2007

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NEW MEMBERS for 2007

The Committee extends a very warm welcome to our new club new members; we hope you have an enjoyable and productive time racing with us.

**Paul Dyker – off road
 Zheng Ye – off road**

**Paul Chen – on road
 Aaron Bruce – off road**

**Chris Greenaway – on road
 Gavin Bruce – off road**

Zac Murphy – off road
Roger To – off road

David Couper – off road
Luke Waters – off road

Ian Fuller – off road
David Chan – on road

NOTE: We urgently need club members turning up with Stadium Trucks – we have a number of new members with Trucks and at present they have no one to compete with – please give them some competition and brush up your skills at the same time.

Remember, we have the 25th Anniversary Sydney Cup and Off Road State Championships this year – now is the time to tuen your skills in all of your classes which will help you to gain that added edge over the rest of the State.

CHALLENGE ROUNDS – CLASHING WITH RYDE DATES

All members should be aware that when there is a Clashing Challenge Round, our On Road or Off Road race meetings will still be held – this decission has been made because in 2006 too many race meetings were cancelled, causing members and visitors to become confused if we were on or not.

If you have not entered the Castle Hill round – come to racing at Ryde on Sunday 25 March and have some good fun and you may even receive some Bonus Points for taking part. Racing will start at 10.30 am and finish when we have had enough racing.

RACING START TIMES

This is a reminder to everyone, that we have official start times for our race meetings.



Friday nights racing is starting later and later, causing the organisers to drop 1 round and push the event to uncomfortable time frame. If you all want to have the maximum of 5 races per night, then you are asked to log your entries using the 'ONLINE' facility or be at the Netball Courts by no later than 6.00pm so that the large number of entries can be logged allowing us to commence racing by 7.00 pm.

Ryde drivers, you have no excuse for not logging on at the "ONLINE" all you have to do is enter your Competition Race number and the class – and you are entered. So come on everyone, lets get racing started earlier and make Friday Nights a more pleasant evening of racing.

Reminder: Race Times -

Off Road Sunday - Registration starts at 9.30 am, Racing by 10.00 am

Off Road Saturday - Registration starts at 3.30pm, Racing by 4.00 pm

On Road Friday - Registration starts at 6.00 pm, Racing by 7.00 pm

'ON ROAD' RADIO CONTROL WORKSHOP

The Workshop's have commenced for 2007, Greg and Tim are doing individual drivers at the present, so if you have a problem or are not sure of how to do a setup, be at the track by **6.00pm**, and make sure you have your Car and all your gear and ask them to help you sort out your problems.

So far, we have seen an improvement in car setup and driving by Dean Jones, Ian Thorn and Mike Bellamy, so come on get that extra bit of help to give you the winning edge.

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT & RECREATION GRANT

As many of you were aware, we had applied to the Department of Sport & Recreation for a Capital Assistance Grant to enable our club to have a fence around the off road race track.

Well, on Saturday 17 February, Hon. John Watkins, Member for Ryde came to our facility with the intention of announcing we have been successful in receiving funding for the fence.

He was very impressed with our Sport and we did manage to get him behind a controller and driving Mike Bellamy's truck found out what our sport was all about. He had a great time chatting with the young children who had attended the race meeting, had some photos taken and asked a lot of questions about our racing. Thank you to Mike for loaning his car and a big thank you to Aaron, Mitchell and Zac for showing up a Politician.

Unfortunately he was so enthralled with our sport, that he forgot to make an official announcement to everyone present, but I do have his press release to share with everyone – see page 5.

We have commenced this week obtaining quotes for the fence and hopefully in the near future our fence will be up and running, making our racing more relaxed and safer for everyone present.

NON PERMITTED USE OF PETROL CARS ON RYDE TRACK

You should, once you have read this notice put the Rangers phone number into your Mobile phone – David Ngeru, Senior Ranger – Regulatory Service, City of Ryde - 041 998 6848.

We are again having troubles with the Community driving 'PETROL CARS' on our race track. It was a great pleasure to see a fortnight ago the Park Ranger actually speaking too, and handing out fines to the offenders.

The Ranger came to speak to me – to assure us that Ryde Council was taking the matter of Petrol Cars very serious and that, in his words – Petrol Cars are prohibited in Ryde. Let's hope that these offenders eventually get the message and go out to Moorebank, Eastern Creek and Penrith where they would be welcomed.

If anyone Member should see Petrol cars being driven on our race track, you should NOT approach the offenders. Do not put yourselves in a position where you may feel threatened or intimidated, ring the Ranger immediately, he will have someone down at the Circuit as fast as he can. You should stay a safe distance away from the track and wait for the Ranger to arrive, before entering the race track.

25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER & RACE MEETING



We are well into the planning of our 25th Birthday Party in June 2007, the North Ryde RSL Club has been booked, letters are out trying to locate past members and the Invitation is being prepared.

We are starting to receive the Information Sheets from our past members, but would also like our current members to return theirs so that we can put together a Year Book with as many members and their achievements as possible.

So if you have not returned your "Information Sheet" please do so, we would like to have them all in before the 17 May 2007.

Here is the dinner we have selected - Party **Buffet – \$56.50 per person - Includes 4.5 hours Beverage Package**

Menu

- Waygu mustard Beef carvery
- Roast rosemary lamb with mint jus
- Crackling leg of pork and zesty apple sauce
- Seasonal vegetables including traditional roast potato and pumpkin
- Green garden salad
- 2 Gourmet salads
- Oven fresh rolls and butter
- Freshly sliced seasonal fruit platter
- Selected Gateaux
- Passionfruit & Strawberry Pavlova
- Freshly brewed Coffee, premium Teas & Herbal infusions
with Chocolate mints

Beverage Package

- Selection of draught beers – Vic Bitter, Tooheys New, Old,
Reschs, Hahn Premium, Hahn Light
- Wolf Blass Bilyara Chardonnay, Shiraz, Brut
- Soft Drinks – Orange Juice



We hope everyone will join us at our Birthday Dinner and Race Meeting.

TYRE SURVEY		
Please tell us what brand of tyre you use at Ryde		
2WD Please list	4WD Please list	STADIUM TRUCKS Please list
Front		
Rear		
Front		
Rear		
Front		
Rear		

Return this slip to Jennie at Race Control as soon as possible, thank you

John Watkins MP

STATE MEMBER FOR RYDE

DEPUTY PREMIER • MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT



17 February 2007

MEDIA RELEASE

WATKINS ANNOUNCES LOCAL CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANTS

State Plan Targets R4 & E8: Increase participation in sporting activities

The Member for Ryde, John Watkins, has announced that local organisations will receive State Government funding for sporting facilities in the local area under the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation's Capital Assistance Program.

Speaking from Blenheim Park, North Ryde to members of the Sydney Radio Control Off Road Car Club on Saturday, John Watkins announced that the Club was successful in receiving their requested grant of \$6,277 to install a safety fence around the perimeter track and the park.

John Watkins said that the North Western Suburbs Tennis Association was also successful in receiving a \$14,058 grant to fund a children's playground and shadecover at Meadowbank Park Tennis Complex.

Both organisations were successful in receiving the full amount requested.

"This Grants Program provides local sporting groups with up to 50 percent of the net project cost – with the value of voluntary labour and donated materials from the community included as part of the applicant organisation's contribution," said John Watkins.

"The NSW Government is working hard to ensure that our local community has access to opportunities to take part in sport and recreation activities," said John Watkins.

John Watkins said approximately \$4 million of state-wide funding had been allocated for the program this year.

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