

Off Road Racers head to Wittittrin

The states leading Off Road Racers will converge on Kempsey July 11/12 for the 5th running of the Wittittrin 200. Originally scheduled to be contested on June 20/21 the event was postponed three weeks due to severe wet weather.

Sponsored by local business, Scotts Hydraulic Services, the Wittittrin 200 is Round 3 of the NSW Off Road Championship, and Round 1 of the Premier Long Course Series.

Organised by the Kempsey Macleay Off Road Club the race comprises of five Heats, with the results determined by aggregate times.

Kempsey Macleay Off Road Club Publicity Officer Rod Thurgood said that the annual race promises to be one of the most spectacular yet.

"Last years race was given a huge 'thumbs up' by all the competitors and a big field is set to face the starter on Saturday. The property the event is conducted on is owned by Dallas and Peggie Kemp and track conditions are expected to be extremely challenging following the recent rain. Last years race was almost dust free and similar conditions should prevail again, making for spectacular action".

"The Kempsey Macleay Off Road Club is very appreciative of the support shown by the Kemp family in allowing this race to be held on their land. Quite simply, without that support there would be no Wittittrin 200" Thurgood said.

"We are also extremely grateful to our major sponsor, Scotts Hydraulic Services, our auxiliary sponsors, and the relative authorities that assist in the planning and conduct of this event. It takes a lot of behind the scenes work to ensure an event such as the Wittittrin 200 is successful so we would especially like to acknowledge those individuals who generously donate their time and services".

"There will be full catering and spectator amenities at the track, with admission free on both days" stated Thurgood.

A good field of local Kempsey Macleay Off Road Club Members have entered including #46 David Spokes, #216 Michael Spokes, #47 Tim Baker, #358 Katherine Wellings, #308 Chris Browning and #361 Bruce Morgan. Darren Perrin is also expected to be a starter in his new Cobra Super 1650 Buggy.

Other Kempsey club members who have nominated include #996 Murray Bignell, #136 Mick Latimore, #148 Phil Page, #246 Shane McIntosh, #268 Rod Vandermaat, #318 Brad Bishop, #335 Gary Hyde, and #372 Peter Latimore.

Taree's Darren Stocks, who set a torrid pace to win last year's race, will be striving for a repeat victory but faces stiff competition with most of the states leading Off Road racers in the field.

Access to the spectator viewing arena is off Dungay Creek Road, 20 kilometres west of Kempsey. Racing starts 10 am Saturday and 9 am Sunday.

For more information visit www.kempseyoffroadracing.net

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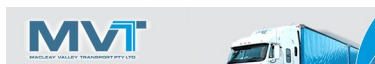
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