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HIBISCUS COAST MOTORSPORT CLUB NEW ZEALAND TOURIST TROPHY SPECIAL STAGE TARMAC RALLY 4 – 7 DECEMBER 2008

Promoted by the Hibiscus Coast Motorsport Club and organised by an experienced team lead by Stuart Roberts and Clerk of Course Murray Starnes, the New Zealand Tourist Trophy three-day special stage tarmac rally is to be held 4 -7 December 2008.

New Zealand Classic Car Magazine and the Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands have announced their support for the New Zealand Tourist Trophy. This is the first time that a special stage tarmac rally has been held north of the Auckland Harbour Bridge, so the inaugural events 120 entry places should fill quickly. Although not strictly limited classic and thoroughbred cars this year, the organisers have put in place a number of initiatives that should appeal.

Documentation and audit scrutineering will be held on Auckland's North Shore on Thursday 4 December. The action proper kicks off from the Orewa Beachfront on the Hibiscus Coast the next morning, Friday 5 December before heading North of Auckland and into Northland where the event will be based from the Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands at Waitangi.

Traditional capacity based classes with a few additions, 0 - 1300cc, 1301-1600cc, 1601-2000cc , 2001 - 4000cc, 4001cc + Two Wheel Drive and Pre January 1992 and Post January 1992 Four Wheel Drive Vehicles. In line with Motorsport New Zealand, rally regulations all four-wheel drive vehicles fitted with forced induction engines 1800cc or over must be fitted with a turbo restrictor for the duration of the event.

As well as the usual overall and class prizes, vehicles first built before 1 January 1987 will be eligible for a Rally Historic Trophy, which will be awarded to the highest placed vehicle built before this date. Pace notes will not be allowed and competitors will start special stages at minute intervals.

Daylight saving will have started, so there will not be the need for really early starts and with no overnight Parc Ferme's planned service crews should have time to enjoy dinner as well as carrying out needed maintenance.

Provision has been made to allow competitors who have had a problem to rejoin the event once the crew have made any necessary repairs, these competitors will be awarded the Slowest Time + 5minutes for each of the stages that they have missed.

Consistent driving will however be rewarded, competitors who have not completed all of the required stages not being allowed to feature higher in the results than competitors who have completed the entire course. Their final position based on their adjusted overall time and listed in time order from the first non course-completing position available.

As well as the event, having a positive economic impact on North Auckland and Northland at a time of year before the main tourist season commences the New Zealand Child Cancer Foundation will benefit from fund raising during the event.

'The Child Cancer Foundation is delighted to have been chosen as the recipient charity for the New Zealand Tourist Trophy in December 2008 said Marketing Manager Olivia Blaylock.

We require \$7million each year to provide support services to brave kids with cancer and their families. The Child Cancer Foundation does not receive any government funding, or funding from other cancer support agencies and relies solely on the generosity of big-hearted New Zealanders and events such as the New Zealand Tourist Trophy'.

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