



2007 Duke Trophy

**Australian ice speed skating on show at Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink
Saturday July 28th and Sunday July 29th**

See the fastest skaters in Australia compete in Sydney for the Duke Trophy, July 28 & 29th at Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink. The Duke Trophy is the State of Origin for Short Track ice speed skating with New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria set to battle it out for glory in this prestigious team competition.

The Duke Trophy originated between New South Wales and Victoria in 1953. It's named after Leonard Duke who was one of Australia's best Short Track Skaters of the time. He was the Australian Champion in 1951, setting records for the quarter mile (400m) half mile (800m) and one mile (1600m).

These days, the competition is between New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. The program involves many races over two days of competition. Each state team has 4 Men, 4 Ladies, 4 Veteran, 4 Junior, 4 Sub Junior and 4 Midget aged skaters who race within their respective divisions.

"I look forward to a weekend of exciting short track competition and encourage members of the public to visit the rink and see the action on ice" says Wayne Disbery, Manager of Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink.

Spectators are welcome to attend with free rink entry offered during the competition session times: Saturday July 28th 7.15AM-10.30AM and 4.30PM-7.45PM and Sunday July 29th 6AM-10AM.

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