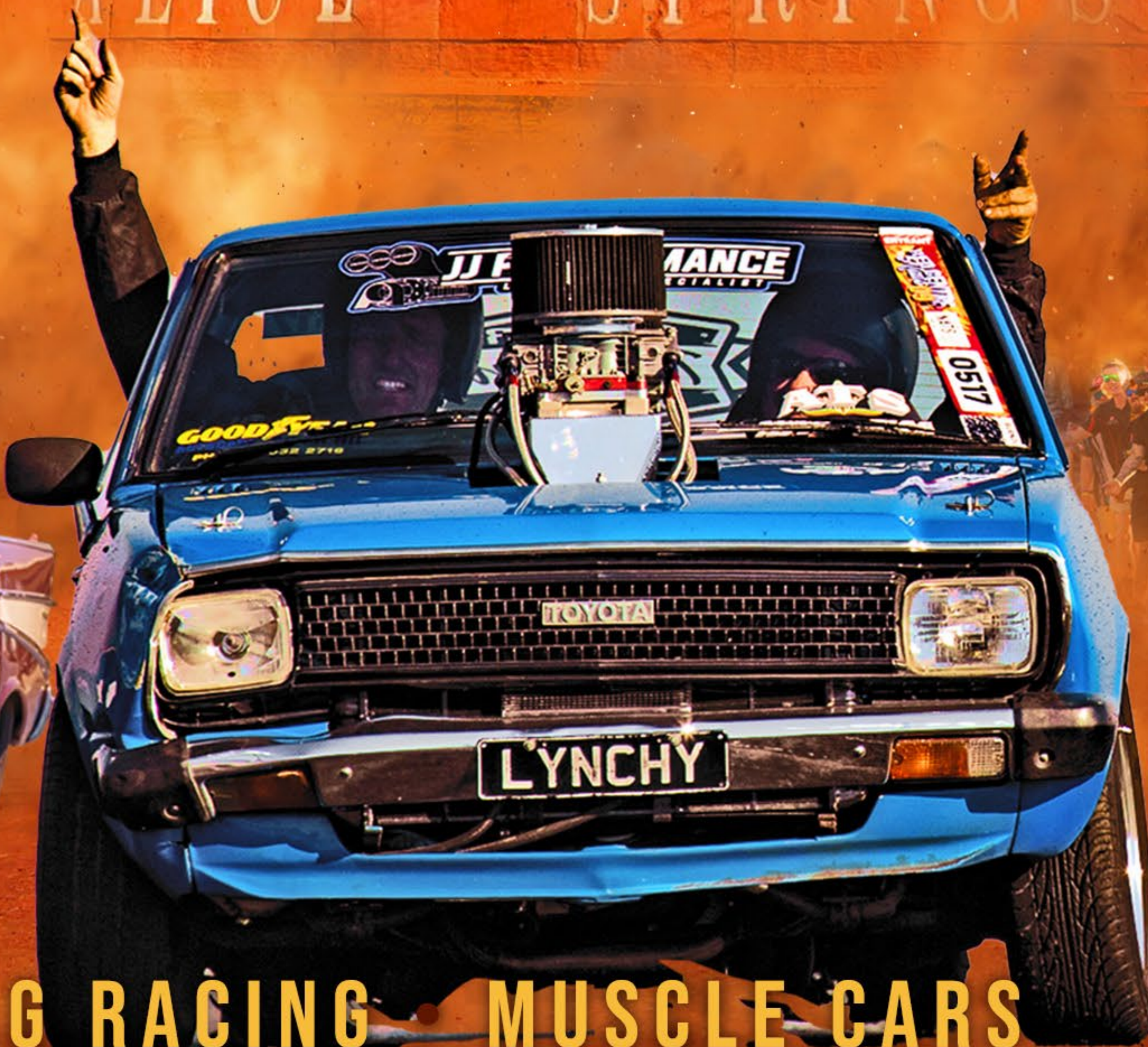


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For over a decade, Red CentreNATS has been Australia's most unique car festival - a weekend long celebration of custom car culture and all the amazing things that go along with it, set against a backdrop of the outback's iconic red sand and amongst some of our most recognisable international tourist attractions.

At the heart of this Central Australian octane fest is the road trip to even get there, with entrants traveling for days from all over the country to descend on Alice Springs over the Father's Day weekend.

And once they're there, the cruising doesn't stop - it's one of the few events on the calendar where unregistered vehicles can obtain a special event permit to cruise on public roads for the combined enjoyment of entrants and spectators alike.

Your Event Bible is your key to making the most of your Red CentreNATS experience, and as the event enters a new era we've made some exciting changes.

Some things don't change though, and that's the fact that we can't make Red CentreNATS happen without the help of the Northern Territory Government, Alice Springs Town Council, NT Police and Motor Vehicle Registry or our amazing event staff. They want you to have the most amount of fun it's humanly possible to have, safely. We thank them for their support, and you for showing your gratitude through respectful behaviour.



ENTRANT PARTY GUIDE



HOW GREAT IS ALICE SPRINGS!

Could you think of a more uniquely Australian location to host Australia's wildest weekend-long car festival?

The figurative and literal heart of our country and steeped in Indigenous heritage dating back tens of thousands of years, Alice Springs may well be one of our most isolated towns but it's an experience you'll never forget!

We've shortlisted some of the essentials for traveling to the Red Centre - the best places to stay, unmissable attractions and some spots you'd only know about if you've been coming here for over a decade like we have.



WHERE TO STAY?

Whether you're looking for a cheap and cheerful caravan park, self-catered unit, serviced apartment or luxury accommodation, there are options available across town. You're spoilt for choice, but if you need some extra assistance, Tourism Central Australia can help.

Check out Accommodation in Alice Springs (link to here: [Accommodation in Alice Springs | Northern Territory, Australia](#)) for wide range of accommodation options!



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ALL THE EPIC ACTIVITIES THAT EVERY ENTRANT CAN DO (AND WHAT THEY GET!)

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ALL THE COOL THINGS

YOU GET & WHERE TO GET THEM

Your Red CentreNATS experience and the key to unlocking a weekend full of four-wheel fun starts with your entry, and the sooner you get in the more money you stand to save.

Red CentreNats entry doesn't just secure you an Entrant Goodie Bag, it also gets you:

Access to every competition and activity that your car or bike can be scrutineered for

- Event buddy pass
- Entrant t-shirt
- Entrant license plate
- Entrant sticker



CRUISE THE STREETS OF ALICE

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Red CentreNATS gives the owners of unregistered and highly modified vehicles the opportunity to cruise around outback Australia thanks to a special, temporary permit set up with the assistance of the Northern Territory Government.

It's important that your vehicle meets some basic safety standards, but the permit allows us to fill Alice Springs' streets with some of the country's wildest custom cars as a fitting celebration to all things horsepower!

More information surrounding the temporary license form and fees will be provided shortly after event entries go on sale.



VERY IMPORTANT NOTE

ABOUT REAR BRAKES

Your vehicle must be fitted with rear brakes. Why? If your front brakes were to fail for any reason, then a serious accident could occur. You will not be allowed to cruise if your vehicle is not fitted with rear brakes.

RED CENTRE NATS FRINGE FESTIVAL



The Red CentreNATS Fringe Festival is our way of kicking off the weekend in style. Located right in the heart of town, it's your chance to cruise in, park your entered vehicle up and enjoy the live music and entertainment, as well as grab a bite to eat before the event kicks in to top gear the next morning.

What other event in the country hosts a party to kickstart their party?

Kick off the weekend in style smack bang in the middle of town with hundreds of like-minded car nuts. Cruise in, park up and enjoy the live music and entertainment. Grab yourself some grub in town before the action kicks off the next morning. A party to start the party!

WHO CAN DO IT

Approved entrants who hold a blue, yellow or green permit are invited to park up. Entrants must be scrutineered first. If you have a Friday scrutineering time, reach out to the team and we will change it to Thursday so you don't miss out on the festivities. The Aces and Eights crew will be cruising to town and have invited any RCN entrant to join in.

SHOW 'N' SHINE

Show off your ride no matter whether it's blown a competition weapon, a lovingly restored stocker or anything in between! Park up and enjoy the views and festivities that Blatherskite Park has to offer.

Around 3pm hundreds of cars will form up for the Street Parade so get in early. The best part is you are free to leave and come back as often as you want!

WHO CAN DO IT

All entrants are encouraged to display their vehicles / bikes for all to admire! Make sure your car is presented at its best and don't forget to tell our judges about any unique or special parts of your ride



YEPERENYE STREET PARADE

The Yeperenye Street Parade is an unmissable element of Red CentreNATS and is loved by entrants and spectators alike — think of it as our way of putting on a unique show for the residents of Alice Springs, and letting us enjoy all their town has to offer.

Over 800 cars and bikes — including some of our loudest and most powerful supercharged street machines — will cruise the streets of Alice Springs for what is surely one of Australia's wildest tough laps!

WHO CAN DO IT

Registered cars and bikes as well as entrants who have obtained the correct temporary permit at scrutineering.



FATHERS DAY CARS AND COFFEE

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Whether you've got one, you are one or you're soon to be one, we celebrate Dads at Red CentreNATS given that we run over the Fathers Day weekend!

Kick off your Sunday morning and cruise out to Alice Springs Inland Dragway, park up and grab yourself a hot brew, chat with plenty of car nuts and check out some of the metal on display. Arrive early to secure your spot.

PLUS FREE breakfast for all Park-Up entrants!

WHO CAN DO IT
Any entrant who has
passed scrutineering



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After a weekend full of playing by the rules and exercising great restraint whilst out cruising, the Power Skid Fest is your chance to blow off some steam!

Head to Alice Springs Inland Dragstrip and try your hand at powerskidding the length of the drag strip, and for even more rubber-melting mayhem, cruise down the return road then cut loose on the burnout pad!

Because you'll be busy behind the wheel we'll even give your mates the chance to ride along as passengers so they can film for you!

WHO CAN DO IT

- Any entrant who has passed Scrutineering with their vehicle
- Passengers are welcome but they **MUST** be in a seat with a seatbelt on and who have signed the passenger waiver form, which will be available on the day
- All vehicles must run a bonnet for the Power Skid Fest
- Passengers must be 18 over



THE PODIUM PARTY

Celebrate the end of a massive event at the Podium Party. This is where we give out all the awards and party late into the evening to an epic line-up of live entertainment.

Our champion cars will also be on display for everyone to check out.

WHO CAN DO IT

Everyone is invited to this free event. You'll get a text message if you're up for an award.



THE COMPETITIONS



Burnouts
Heavy Hitters Drag Racing
Red CentreNATS Champion
DYO Drag Racing
Grudge Racing
The Elite Shed
Street and Elite Awards Judging
Lasseters Tarmac Time Trial
Grass Driving
Great Northern 4WD Course

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BURNOUTS

We know that the Burnout Comp' fires up the crowd, and Red CentreNATS will welcome some of the nation's toughest and best-known skid cars to the heart of the country as they battle it out for huge cash prizes, and tickets to the Summernats Pro Burnout Series!

Of course, the Burnouts aren't just open to the Pros and while the Pro Class is a crowd favourite, we also have the Open Class for first timers and Pro-Am drivers to make a name for themselves.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- Pro Class
- Open Class
- Qualifying and finals will be one skid only
- Ultimate Redemption Round is available for all pro class entrants who don't make the finals.



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HEAVY HITTERS DRAG RACING

Heavy Hitters at Red CentreNATS is all awesome, heads-up, pro tree racing — and there's a massive prize pool of

\$20,000

Classes are run in time-based brackets. Don't break out!

Heavy Hitters is open to all fast cars and bikes. Choose your time-based class, rock up to the start line, and send it for your chance at big money, a trophy, and bragging rights.

There's one qualifying round in the afternoon for seeding and to give you a chance to change your time category if you need to.

Night-time racing is three Chicago Shoot Out rounds and a final for each class in front of a huge crowd! With Qualifying and Chicago Shoot out, racer gets at least four laps.

How do you get in? Enter Red CentreNATS, nominate Heavy Hitters, and select your class.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- Heads up, pro tree
- 1 Qualifying round
- 3 Chicago Shoot Out rounds
- 1 Final for each class

CLASSES

- 7 – 7.99 seconds
- 8 – 8.99 seconds
- 9 – 9.99 seconds
- 10 – 10.99 seconds
- 11 – 11.99 seconds
- 12+ seconds

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RED CENTRE NATS CHAMPION

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Of all the amazing street machines that make their way to Alice Springs for Red CentreNATS our judges have the almost impossible task of crowning one of them the Red CentreNATS Champion, and handing them the Nigel Warr Trophy.

We demand that our Champion be as tough as the outback terrain we hold the event on, so they've got to look the part and appease our judges as well as compete in three separate driving disciplines.

If you've built the ultimate hot rod and can dominate in the show judging and wow us with your skills behind the wheel, you'll go home with some serious prize money and the irrefutable title of Red CentreNATS Champion!

WHO CAN DO IT

Entrants must have passed scrutineering and have a fully road registered vehicle or appropriate Temporary Registration, suitable to the RCN Champion (Red Permit minimum). If you would like to compete for the Red CentreNATS Champion, the Chief Judge must be informed prior to the compulsory driver briefing at 2PM Saturday 6 September 2025.



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DYO DRAG RACING

Not every racer is a Heavy Hitter which is why we invite other racers to participate in our DYO Drag Racing. Simply nominate your time and race as close as possible to it without breaking out — a true test of a reliable vehicle, and a consistent driver!

COMPETITION FORMAT

- STREET: 11.00 and slower
- PRO: 0.00 – 10.99
- BIKE
- JNR DRAGSTER



GRUDGE RACING FUN SESSIONS



If competition Drag Racing isn't your thing and all you really want to do is have a chance to race your mates, or go heads up with another tough entrant you've seen cruising all weekend, then Grudge Racing Fun Sessions are for you.



THE ELITE SHED

There's more to Red CentreNATS than blown burnout cars cruising the streets and all the limiter-bashing action at the Dragway. Inside The Shed at Blatherskite Park you'll find some of the country's best show cars, who've been specially invited to the Red Centre.

Hand-picked as a result of their dominance at shows all around the country, the cars on display in The Shed are a vibrant display of the very pinnacle of custom car building in Australia.

WHO CAN DO IT

We'll let you know if you made the cut!

WHEN AND WHERE

Bump in Friday at Blatherskite



STREET AND ELITE AWARDS

There's a huge number of awards to be given out for the best rides on show at Red CentreNats. Show off your hard work to the judges and you could be going home with some serious souvenirs.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Street awards

Elite Awards

WHO CAN DO IT

Open to all entrants — as long as you meet the scrutineering requirements

WHEN AND WHERE

Judging starts right at scrutineering, then continues throughout the show on Saturday in the Shed.

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TARMACTIME TRIAL

Red CentreNATS is all about having fun behind the wheel of your car in the heart of the country, but the truth is that not every entrant is a supercharged burnout car or a blistering quick drag racer. For those that have put together a modestly-powered street car and know how to spin the wheel, the Lasseters Tarmac Time Trial is the place where outright horsepower plays second fiddle to suspension, steering and skill!

And while the event has been dominated by compacts and nimble four-cylinder entrants in the past, that's not to say that we don't love to watch the muscle car guys have a go!

COMPETITION FORMAT

You only have seconds to manoeuvre your way through one very tight, short course without incurring any penalties. Sliding and spinning is the name of the game here, so don't be shy.



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GRASS DRIVING

Get filthy and hang loose at Blatherskite Park in a series of challenging grass driving courses. Hang it sideways around tight turns, race against the clock and set the best time to win.

COMPETITION FORMAT

All entrants are invited to tear it up in the Grass Driving competition, which might just be harder than you think. Take your rig through a helter skelter, twists, turns and more across a number of different courses. This will really put your horsepower and driving abilities to the test.

WHO CAN DO IT

Vehicles must be 2WD or AWD with a wheelbase maximum of 2575mm. 4WD, purpose built drag racing and/or burnout vehicles, open top vehicles and dune buggies are not permitted to compete.



4WD COURSE

The 4WD course is the place to test out your off-road machine. A challenging, curated course with a variety of obstacles will put you and your machine to the test.

COMPETITION FORMAT

There's a range of obstacles here with a staggered difficulty — many with challenging coursework for maximum enjoyment, speedy recoveries, and some powerful 4WD action.



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THE IMPORTANT ITEMS TO BE FAMILIAR WITH



Rusted Gems
Scrutineering
Fuel

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SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering is your first stop on RCN weekend. Cruise in, get your car stickered up, and head out to enjoy everything Red CentreNATS has to offer. Our friendly scrutineers work hard to get you on the road as quickly as possible so have everything you need ready to go before you get there.

WANT TO SPEED UP SCRUTINEERING?

- Click [here](#) to view the Entrant Scrutineering Guide. Check that your vehicle meets the requirements and scrutineering will be a breeze.
- If you need a temporary permit fill in the application (more info on following page), then send it to rcnadmin@summernats.com.au Please note, to obtain a temporary permit you will need to produce and show your physical driver's licence to the Motor Vehicle Registry Staff at Scrutineering. Digital copies are not accepted in the Northern Territory.

TRAILER OR TRANSPORTER PARKING

- Trailer parking is available at both Blatherskite park and ASID
- If you and your mates are all coming to Alice Springs on a transporter, we need to know so we can make space for you and your crew! Send us an email: rcnadmin@summernats.com.au

Pre-judging also occurs at scrutineering.



FUEL

If you need to fuel your car during the event, we've got you covered. Your beast won't go thirsty!

EVERYONE NEEDS FUEL

- Fuel storage is permitted at ASID during competition times only and must be removed after competition.
- Fuel cannot be stored overnight.
- You can bring your fuel in safe and approved portable containers.
- Fuel must be stored in a well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight.
- Multiple containers are not to be stored together, and all containers are to be capped when not in use.
- Make sure you have an extinguisher and spotter when you're refuelling.

For fuel enquiries, ordering or even just some helpful local knowledge, contact:

RECHARGE PETROLEUM

Email: alicesprings@rechargepetroleum.com.au

PH: 08 8952 0333





A NEW DAWN OF RED CENTRENATS AWAITS!

Red CentreNATS became a beloved fixture of the Australian car show calendar after its first event, and now more than ten years later it's thoroughly etched in to Australian car scene lore. Girt by the iconic red sands of the Australian outback, Red CentreNATS is certainly Australia's most remote car festival — hell, it may even be the world's!

It's a loud and unabashed celebration of the Australian car culture — a weekend-long festival where the day's long journey to the event is just as much fun as the show itself, and those brave enough to tackle the drive are rewarded with the country's most unique car show.

From cruising the streets in some of the country's wildest cars in Australia's largest street parade to drag racing, the burnouts and all the action off-track including the show'n'shine and plenty of live music, Red CentreNATS continues to grow in to an event that entrants and spectators alike can't wait to return to.

And all of this wouldn't be possible without you!