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For over a decade, Red CentreNATS presented by LMCT+ 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.

Red CentreNATS has become a pilgrimage for car and bike lovers across Australia, with entrants spending days on the road and clocking thousands of kilometres to converge 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.

This guide 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.

One thing that never changes is our gratitude for the incredible support that makes Red CentreNATS possible. We couldn't do it without the help of the Northern Territory Government, Alice Springs Town Council, NT Police, the Motor Vehicle Registry, and our amazing event staff. They want you to have the most fun humanly possible, safely. We thank them for their support, and you for showing your gratitude through respectful behaviour.

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# HOW GREAT IS ALICE SPRINGS!

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

Alice Springs — both the literal and figurative heart of our country, is steeped in Indigenous heritage dating back tens of thousands of years. It may be one of our most isolated towns, but it's an experience you'll never forget.

We've pulled together a stack of essentials to make your Red CentreNATS experience unforgettable — starting with top accommodation picks, epic new driving events, a much-anticipated cruise route update, and an exclusive shopper loyalty program to sweeten the already amazing deal, plus a whole lot more!





# WHERE TO STAY?

If you're keen to stay somewhere that's part of the action, our Event Partners have some top spots worth checking out. [Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters](#), [Diplomat Motel](#), and [Stay at Alice Springs Hotel](#) all offer solid setups, prime locations, and an easy cruise to everything Red CentreNATS.

Or, if 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](#) for wide range of accommodation options!

## CRUISE ROUTE UPDATE

You asked — we listened! For the first time in Red CentreNATS history, we're working with the government and council to make it possible for entrants on the Red Cruise Route with a temporary licence to travel to their accommodation, even if it's slightly off the official path.

This has been a huge request for the past 10 years, and we're pushing to make it happen. If we get the green light, it'll be a massive win for everyone, giving you more freedom to enjoy the event without the stress of where you're staying.

Stay tuned for an announcement coming very soon!





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



- ✓ Cruising the Streets of Alice
- ✓ Fringe Festival
- ✓ Show 'n' Shine
- ✓ Jetcor Bike Show **NEW**
- ✓ Yeperenye Street Parade
- ✓ Father's Day Cars and Coffee
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- ✓ The Podium Party

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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

## PLUS NEW FOR RCN11!

We've teamed up with our good mates at the Chamber of Commerce to bring you an exclusive shopper loyalty program throughout August and September. Simply show your Red CentreNATS ticket at participating businesses to score discounts and freebies — because being an entrant should have its perks on and off the track!





# 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 licence form and fees will be provided shortly.



## **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

Kick off the Red CentreNATS weekend in style with the Fringe Festival, right in the heart of town!

On Thursday night, cruise in, park up alongside local legends Aces and Eights and other Show'n'Shine entrants, and soak up the atmosphere.

**And NEW for RCN11**, Night Markets will be buzzing with top-notch food, drinks, arts and crafts, plus live music and entertainment to keep the good times rolling. Grab a feed, check out the rides, and settle in for a huge weekend ahead.

What other event in the country throws a party to kickstart their 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 a blown 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 for all to admire! Make sure your vehicle is presented at its best and don't forget to tell our judges about any unique or special parts of your ride.

## NEW FOR RCN11 — MULTIPLE ENTRY PASS

Got extra cars or bikes in the shed? Want to show them off without the hassle? The new Multiple Entry Pass lets you display your secondary rides in the Show'n'Shine for just \$20 per vehicle.

- ✓ For Alice Springs Red CentreNATS entrants only
- ✓ No scrutineering
- ✓ Show'n'Shine participation only (no parade or extras)
- ✓ Quick, simple entry — because who needs more paperwork?

You just need one fully registered Red CentreNATS entry for a car or bike you own.

Enter your additional vehicles [HERE](#).





# **JETCOR BIKE SHOW**

Whether you're rolling in on a supersport, cruising on a HD, or ripping through the dirt on an off-road monster (yeah, we know there are a few of those in Alice), there's a spot for you in the heart of Blatherskite Park in the dedicated zone for the Jetcor Bike Show. Park up, kickstand down, and join the crew.

Join the front of the pack, in the Yeperenye Street Parade at 3pm.

## **WHO CAN DO IT**

Got a bike worth talking about or showing off? Then there is a spot for you. All bike entrants are encouraged to display their bikes. Make sure your bike is presented at its best and to tell our judges about any unique features or special mods.





# 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.



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# FATHER'S 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.





# POWER

# SKID FEST

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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 Dragway 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 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

We're bringing the Podium Party back to life — properly! This year, we're doing it right with an exclusive ticketed event at the Convention Centre, because winners deserve a proper celebration.

With a cash bar, live tunes, and a crowd full of legends rocking their best flannies, it's the perfect way to wrap up another massive Red CentreNATS.

## WHO CAN DO IT

Everyone's welcome, so round up your mates and get around it. If you're up for an award, you'll get a text — so keep an eye on your phone!





# 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**  
**NEW Dirt Drag Racing**  
**NEW Roll Racing**

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# BURNOUTS

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**BURNOUT**  
**SERIES**  
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**3 x Pro Burnout Tickets up for grabs**



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

## PLUS NEW FOR THIS YEAR

Heavy Hitters will be the grand finale of an epic drag racing tri-series. It all kicks off with Nitro Up North, then ramps up as some of the country's top drag racers battle it out at the Desert Nationals. Finally, it all comes down to Saturday at Red CentreNATS, where the best of the best will go head-to-head in Heavy Hitters — the ultimate showdown to wrap up the series in serious style!



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, racers 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



# RED CENTRE NATS CHAMPION

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: 6.00 – 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.

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# 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 JUDGING

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.



# LASSETERS TARMAC TIME 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.





# 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.







# DIRT DRAG RACING

We're turning up the heat in 2025 with a brand-new Dirt Drag Racing track, built in collaboration with the crew at the National Road Transport Hall of Fame. This is straight-line speed with a twist — loose surfaces, ever-changing grip, and a whole lot of attitude. It's about who can launch hardest, stay planted, and put the power down where it counts.

## COMPETITION FORMAT

It's you, the dirt, and whoever's lining up next to you. Mash the throttle, keep it straight, and be first to the line. This is where traction meets talent — think you can handle it?







# ROLL RACING

Roll Racing is where raw speed meets strategy. Side-by-side sprints from a rolling start with no traction drama, just a straight shot to the finish. Build the boost, find the sweet spot, and let your top-end do the talking. If you've ever argued about who's got the faster car, here's where you settle it.

## COMPETITION FORMAT

Roll in, match pace, wait for the hit — then it's all throttle and nerve to the finish. No worrying about getting off the line clean or hooking up the power, just a pure test of acceleration and horsepower. Get it wrong, and you'll be staring at taillights. Get it right, and you've got the bragging rights.





# THE IMPORTANT ITEMS TO BE FAMILIAR WITH

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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 (available on the [website](#) soon), then send it to [rcnadmin@summernats.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:rcnadmin@summernats.com.au)

Pre-judging also occurs at scrutineering.







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

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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 days' 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!