REDCENTRENATS FIRES ON ALL CYLINDERS

The inaugural RedCentreNATS delighted organisers, participants, spectators and the most hardened motor enthusiasts with non-stop motoring action.

Attendance exceeded expectations with 500 entrants and 13,500 people gathering to watch an event that fuelled the automotive fire of Territorians and visitors from around the country.

Huge crowds turned out to see drag racing, burnout qualifying, grass driving, show ‘n’ shine, the Alice Springs street parade, the Rock N Rumble and CARaival zone.

RedCentreNATS dates have now been announced for Father’s Day weekend - 1st to 4th September 2016.

All results from the event can be found at www.redcentrenats.com.au

Winners of the Top 3 awards at RedCentreNATS included:

- **RedCentreNATS Champion**
  #175 John Curwen-Walker, Green 1948 Holden FX, 215 Sedan from Palmerston NT

- **Chief Minister’s Choice**
  #88 Duncan McKinstry, Deep Black 1934 Chev Roadster Coupe from Humpty Doo

- **Burnout Masters – Winner**
  # 106 Fred Watson, 2005 Commodore Coupe “Fear”

  1st place – #207 Ryan Pearson, 1969 HT Holden

  3rd place – #148 Darren Green, LX Torana

NEW LOOK DEVILS MARBLES HOTEL TO BOOST TOURISM

A fresh look and a new name will help the Devils Marbles Hotel attract customers and provide flow-on tourism benefits to the Barkly.

The previously named Wauchope Hotel was officially reopened in September following extensive upgrades that have doubled its accommodation capacity.

The Northern Territory Government contributed $100,000 as part of last year’s $1.3 million pool of NT and Federal funding for tourism development and infrastructure.

It will also build and maintain partnerships with Aboriginal people, businesses, the private sector and non-government organisations.

Part of its strategy is targeting the creation of at least 3800 new Aboriginal jobs over the next five years through a range of new procurement policies that are designed to drive economic development in remote and regional areas of the Northern Territory.

The OAA supports the vision for Aboriginal Territorians to be empowered to participate in the Northern Territory economy, while being supported to maintain a strong connection to their land and culture.

The OAA will guide and coordinate Aboriginal affairs policy development and drive economic reform for Aboriginal communities through an integrated and coordinated approach to service delivery.

The upgrades included concreting, new signage on the highway, a new draught beer system, an extension of the beer garden, a new merchandise range, relocation of the single man cabins, and interior improvements to reflect the Devils Marbles theme.

The upgrades have also included exterior beautification works and the installation of water softener for the site.

The Devils Marbles Hotel this week won an Australian Hotels Association Gold Plate Award for Best Wayside Inn Dining.