



2014 Australian Van Nationals – Mildura. Vic.

Irymple Community Leisure Centre and Henshilwood Reserve

Easter 2014 – April 18 – 21 - Hosted by Uteznanz Inc.

Program Draft.

THURSDAY – OPENING DAY

7.30pm event opening officiated by Mildura Mayor or other official on site.

FRIDAY – CRUISE DAY

Kidz Biz from 10 to 12 noon. Poss. Grot & No shine comp. After lunch – cruise to Wentworth NSW – about 1/2 hour drive. This trip was a part of the first events here. Hot & Cold Drinks and ice-creams will be available to purchase at afternoon tea. It is unlikely for shops to be open so people may like to bring own food.

4pm – VCV AGM in the function room onsite. Possible night activities inc another Kidz Biz to be confirmed later.

SATURDAY – SHOW DAY

From 7.30 until 4pm – all day brekky/bbq or some foods available for purchase on site. Gates open to the public at 9am with judging commencing at the same time. Stalls and entertainments planned to be on site. Games will be a part of this day also including Rocker Cover Racing, kids entertainment etc.

6pm with the 2 course meal plus supper included in entry cost. Drinks will be available to purchase.

Theme for the night will be 70's! Prizes up for grabs!!! Our vehicle bright and light show will be held after meal.

Remember to bring along all your 70's style accessories for you and your vehicle. Entertainment included.

SUNDAY – CHOICE DAY & AUCTION/PRESENTATION EVENING

Vanners may choose to do their own thing until our 7.30pm event or enjoy a part of or all of the following. On site games and events inc a Kidz Biz block is being looked at for the afternoon and will be confirmed later in the year.

This is a major race day for the Ski boats and an oval has been sourced at Psyche Pumps for interested Vanners to spend time in an exclusive location on the river bank to relax and watch the boats. The Psyche Pumps will be open. They are the original steam driven pumps and are only open 5 days per year. Otherwise this is free time.

From 3.30 – 4.00pm gather at Rio Vista Historic House (Old Chaffey Homestead) for photo opportunity. Permission to put vehicles on these lawns is pretty special. (Where VANRAT was photographed in the late 70's)

7.30pm – the auction of goods provided will commence in the function area to be immediately followed by the award presentation and raffle draws.

MONDAY – CLOSING DAY

7.00 – 8.30am Brekky on site. Addition of pancakes will be available to celebrate the last day.

9.15am - 1 hour special charter cruise on the Paddle Steamer Melbourne exclusive to us during which the event will be officially closed. This is another memorabilia trip for those who attended the early events in the 70's. Cost included in the pre entry fee. Later entries will be \$10 per adult. A cup of tea or coffee is also included on the boat.

Additional possible extra according to interest could be a time trial and/or burn out comp event in the afternoon. If there proves to be enough interest this opportunity may be available. Please advise Uteznanz now if this would interest you. Only if minimum numbers are confirmed and pre-paid would this go ahead.

TUESDAY – Venue must be exited no later than 10am.

General Info.

- Food, hot and cold drinks and ice creams will be available onsite at all times. Opening times and exactly what food is not yet determined and more details will be provided as they come to hand. Currently committed is a mobile coffee and ice cream van that also has snack foods like toasted sandwiches.
- If Clubs wish to camp together please state requirements prior to 30.11.13 and lodge with pre-entries and/or payment or space will not be allocated and held.
- On competition day spaces will be marked on the oval and filled in order. If Clubs wish to park together please line up in formation prior to coming through the oval gate so you will be put in consecutive parks. Please advise an official prior to this of the number of vehicles who wish to be together.
- By conditions of hiring the venue no trucks or trailers will be allowed on the show oval. It is a professional playing field and needs to be respected as such. Speed limit will be 5km per hour and no pegs are to be placed in the ground. Full conditions list will accompany a later newsletter.
- There is a no glass within the compound policy as well. If you wish to use mirrors or glass under your vehicle please contact us so prior arrangements can be made.
- We are yet to get a confirmation on animals; but if allowed, they will be required to be restrained and cleaned up after at all times.
- Mildura in school holidays is always busy with plenty to do but at Easter it is power packed. Our area caters for tourists and so you will find a limited number of shops open on Good Friday. The rest of the weekend virtually everything will be open. We feel many of you would be interested in what our area has to offer which is why additional camping is being offered. The Tuesday and Wednesday night prior to the event and the Monday night after the event the venue will be available for additional nights at a cost of \$15 per vehicle. If people are interested in coming even earlier than that please speak to us as soon as possible and we will see if more nights can be made available. From the Tuesday after there will be local accommodation available but for the week prior and Easter anyone not wishing to camp onsite will need to seriously consider booking within the next few weeks following Caboolture.
- We have 2 major shopping areas, many eating places and tourist attractions including wineries. Timmis speedway will be on over Easter and other motor sport events including bikes and boats. Multiple fuel stations and 3 car washes. Parks, Gyms and walking tracks by the river. Plenty for everyone and virtually all within 5 – 10 k's from the venue.
- Even though Easter next year is later in April the weather would usually still be very nice and warm in the day although nights will be starting to head towards quite cool/cold.
- For updates on the event as they come available keep an eye on the events page of our club website www.uteznvanz.com.au ; call 0431 559 636 ; email uteznvanz@live.com.au or find us on facebook and see our events section there. Newsletters will be sent to those who have pre-entered.