We’re inviting the Alice Springs community to join in the automotive action, displays and entertainment across Alice Springs from 3 to 6 September – this Father’s Day weekend!

Street machines, elite show cars, hobby vehicles, hot rods, classics, superscars and more will be showcased in events such as precision grass driving, Motorkhana, street cruising, show and shine, drag racing, judged competitions and an official Burnout Masters qualifier. There will be heaps of entertainment for the kids and a Rock N Rumble concert on Friday night featuring Chocolate Starfish and Dr Elephant.

Tickets are available now online, at selected outlets in Alice Springs or at the gate at both Blatherskite Park and Alice Springs Inland Dragway.

Daily Spectator Tickets are $20 per day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday or you can purchase a 3 Day Chrome Pass for $50 per person which includes entry to Rock N Rumble concert and access to all venues from Friday to Sunday. Children 13 years and under will be admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.

A free bus service will operate regularly during the event (Friday to Sunday) between the main venues and Anzac Oval. A timetable is available online along with the program of events.

For further information contact NT Major Events Company on 8999 5266 or visit the Red CentreNATS website: www.redcentrenats.com.au

The Red CentreNATS is proudly presented by the Northern Territory Government in association with the team from Australia’s favourite horsepower party...the Summernats.

Construction of two new early childhood education facilities in Alice Springs is well into the first phase of planning.

A new $4 million early childhood facility will be constructed at Bratling Primary School to replace the existing Teppa Hill Preschool. The relocation of the preschool next to the primary school will further enable continuity for the whole school community, strengthening relationships between staff, students and families. The facility is expected to be completed in January 2017 and will cater for 47 places and allow for future growth to meet the needs of students entering the first stage of schooling.

A $5.5 million integrated Child and Family Centre at Larapinta Primary School will also be built. The new centre will provide 70 new long day childcare places and will help to meet a growing need for childcare in Alice Springs for children aged 0 to 3 years. The centre will see early childhood and education and care services combined with targeted support services such as parent education, family support programs and allied health and wellbeing services, particularly for families with complex support needs.

Eupron Solar has completed commissioning of an expansion of the Uterne Solar Plant in Alice Springs. The plant, which was constructed for Eupron Solar by SunPower, will substantially increase the amount of cost-competitive, solar-generated electricity supplied to the local Alice Springs electricity network which is operated by Power and Water Corporation. Standing behind this project is a long term power purchase agreement backed by Territory Generation and financing provided by the Clean Energy Finance Corporation.

The newly constructed expansion has increased the capacity of the Uterne Solar Plant from 1 megawatt to 4.1 megawatts. The additional capacity means Alice Springs now has one of the highest penetration levels of solar in the country, which is extremely important for the future of Alice Springs, demonstrating the potential for regional Australian communities to benefit from clean, cost-effective, locally generated solar energy.

“We are delighted to add the Uterne expansion to our growing portfolio of operational solar assets,” said Martin Poole, Eupron Solar Executive Director. “Uterne is the largest solar farm in Australia with sun tracking technology which captures more energy consistently throughout the day.”

“Power and Water Corporation is proud to have facilitated the development of solar projects in Alice Springs,” said Trevor Horman, Manager of Sustainable Energy. “We have been a strong supporter of solar energy in the Northern Territory for over twenty years.”