

RED CENTRENATS 12
SHOW 'N' SHINE JUDGING GUIDE



VEHICLE JUDGING

Entrants wishing to be judged must initially be presented for pre-judging during scrutineering.

DISPLAY

ELITE

Vehicles that qualify into the Elite Shed Display will be listed and/or contacted via SMS before and during pre-judging at scrutineering.

Entrants can bump in on Friday 4th September 2026 between 9.00am and 2.00pm and each vehicle is limited to the entrant plus up to five helpers. Children are not permitted into the pavilion for the bump in period.

The indoor Elite Display will be held starting Friday 5.00pm and will end on Saturday at 3.00pm, with the vehicles staying in the pavilion overnight Friday. Form-up for the Street Parade starts on Saturday at 3.00pm at Lasseters.

Cars that are elevated with stands must have a barrier and there must be a 2m space between each vehicle/barrier. Vehicles must be displayed with drip trays and keys out of the ignition.

It is recommended low wattage LED lights are used for displays. Entrants must also display caution signs for lights which produce heat, and all electrical cords must be safely secured to ensure no trip hazards. All electrical items must be tested and tagged prior to the Event.

Any branded signage must be approved by Red CentreNATS prior to displaying. Signage will be removed if deemed unsuitable.

Those wishing to participate in the Red CentreNATS driving events must notify the Chief Steward before positioning their vehicle in the pavilion. Arrangements will be made for your vehicle to take part in Red CentreNATS Champion driving events.

On Sunday, the Elite Display will move outside at Lasseters when final judging will be conducted. Security will be provided for entrants wishing to leave their car at Lasseters overnight on Saturday.

SHANNONS SHOW 'N' SHINE

Entrants can bump in on Friday between 2.00pm and 4.40pm and each vehicle is limited to the entrant plus up to five helpers. Children are not permitted for the bump in period.

The Show 'n' Shine Display will be held starting Friday 5.00pm and will end on Saturday at 3.00pm. Final judging for street cars will take place during the show and shine. Form-up for the Street Parade starts on Saturday at 3.00pm at Lasseters.

Security will be provided for entrants wishing to leave their car at Lasseters overnight on Friday.

JUDGING GROUPS

Entrants may nominate their category preference; however, the judging team will classify each vehicle into one of the below categories.

STREET ELITE

Street Elite recognises and rewards the craftsmanship and build quality found at the top level of restoration and customisation. It exhibits a high degree of detail and finish. It's not all about good looks and breathtaking presentation, vehicles must incorporate a high degree of innovation, practicality and usability to have any chance of being a front runner in this intensely competitive category.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Quality of workmanship
- Innovation
- Degree of difficulty
- Cleanliness
- Presentation

Vehicles must be presented ready for judging, including unlocked and the bonnet open. The Judges will only score what they can have access to. Entrants are encouraged to advise the Judges a brief description of any detailed workmanship or modifications.

Red CentreNATS defines a street machine as a post-1948 street driven vehicle that has been restored, modified or customised. To further identify other vehicle types, Hot Rods are pre-1948 vehicles given similar re-build treatment or as described by the ASRF Handbook.

Points are awarded in the following areas taking into consideration:

BODYWORK assesses the preparation of the body before paint is applied. Consideration is also given to gaps, straightness, quality, and degree of difficulty of modifications to the body.

PAINT includes preparation, primer, and overall finish in all areas of the vehicle.

STANDARD PAINT is a solid, metallic, or pearl colour available on OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) vehicles.

INTERIOR key areas are creativeness, workmanship and attention to detail. Consideration of all items visible from the doorjambs, dash, floor coverings, rear parcel, hood lining, seats, modified/fabricated panels, use of materials and fitment.

UNDERCARRIAGE includes the floor pan, substructure, driveline components, suspension components and all visible brackets, fuel lines etc on the underside of the car.

ENGINE BAY reviews the fitment and finish of engines and accessories and all other components in the engine bay, the overall detail and enhancement.

ENGINEERING covers all non-factory modifications that would require a degree of manufacturing including driveline and suspension components.

AWARDS – OVERALL

AWARD	DESCRIPTION
RED CENTRE CHAMPION – In Honour of Nigel Warr	The vehicle with the highest scores in judging, People’s Choice and driving events.
PEOPLE’S CHOICE - VEHICLE	Vehicles on display in the Elite Show or outdoor in the Show ‘n’ Shine; the entrant with the highest individual votes from event attendees.
PEOPLE’S CHOICE - BIKE	Bikes on display in the Elite Show or outdoor in the Show ‘n’ Shine; the entrant with the highest individual votes from event attendees.
JUDGES’ CHOICE	Awarded to the Entrant as chosen by the Judges.

AWARDS – VEHICLE – STREET ELITE

AWARD	DESCRIPTION
TOP 10	Top 10 highest scoring vehicles in the Street Elite category.
TOP BODYWORK	Highest scoring bodywork from assessment of straightness, alignment, glass markings, rubber seal fitment, boot, door jams, sills, floor pan and engine bay.
TOP ENGINE BAY	Highest scoring from assessment of engine bay fabrication, engineering, and detailing.
TOP INTERIOR	Highest scoring interior from assessment of creativeness, workmanship, and attention to detail. Consideration all items visible from the doorjamb, dash, floor coverings, rear parcel, hood lining, seats, modified/fabricated panels, use of materials and fitment.
TOP PAINT	Highest scoring colour available on OEM vehicles or custom finish.
TOP ENGINEERED	Highest scoring from assessment of undercarriage, fabrication, mechanical, performance and suspension parts.

BEST PRESENTED 4 WHEEL DRIVE	Best presented 4-wheel drive.
BEST PRESENTED RALLY	Best presented rally-inspired vehicle.
TOP AUTHENTIC	Highest scoring vehicle in original condition from the manufacturer, allowing up to five changes, period correct but may be for safety / registration reasons.
TOP CLASSIC	Highest scoring pre-1970 vehicle, not a hot rod.
TOP CLUB	Best presented club within the show and shine.
TOP COMPETITION	Highest scoring vehicle which can be a race car or race inspired.
TOP CONVERTIBLE	Highest scoring convertible (no roof).
TOP COUPE	Highest scoring two door with no pillar, side rear window may be fixed or movable.

TOP CUSTOM	Highest scoring vehicle with body modifications, chopped or flip front with significant changes from original.
TOP ENGINE BAY	Highest scoring from assessment of engine bay fabrication, engineering and detailing.
TOP EUROPEAN	Highest scoring vehicle manufactured by a European car brand.
TOP HOT ROD	Highest scoring pre-1948 vehicle, open or closed.
TOP JAP	Highest scoring vehicle manufactured by a Japanese car brand.
TOP MUSCLE	Highest scoring original or restored retaining manufacturing guidelines.
TOP RETRO TECH	Highest scoring pre-1986 with a post-1986 engine and engine management system.
TOP RESTORED	Highest scoring vehicle restored to original condition, allowing up to five changes, period correct but may be for safety / registration reasons.
TOP RATTER	Highest scoring vehicle built from old parts, typically with a patina paint style.
TOP SEDAN	Highest scoring four door sedan including pillarless models.
TOP UTE/PICKUP/MINI TRUCK	Highest scoring utility vehicle.
TOP USA	Highest scoring vehicle manufactured by a USA car brand.
TOP STATION WAGON / VAN	Highest scoring van with minimum two doors.
BEST POST-1980	Highest scoring vehicle post-1980.
BEST POST-1980 MUSCLE CAR	Highest scoring vehicle post-1980 muscle car.
BEST POST-1980 MODIFIED	Highest scoring vehicle post-1980 with modifications.

AWARDS - BIKE

AWARD	DESCRIPTION
BEST PRE-1949 BIKE	Best presented bike manufactured before 1949.
BEST 1949-1980 BIKE	Best presented bike over forty-six (46) years old.
BEST OFF-ROAD	Best presented off-road bike.
BEST IN SHOW	Best bike overall.

RED CENTRENATS CHAMPION – In Honour of Nigel Warr

This is the highest award at Red CentreNATS.

Entrants wishing to contend for the Red CentreNATS Champion must inform the Chief Judge by 10.00am Saturday and be displayed at the Elite Shed or in the Show n Shine.

The Red CentreNATS Champion Competition will be conducted in accordance with the Motorsport Australia and Australian National Drag Racing Association respective regulations. An entrant cannot win the Red CentreNATS Champion award more than two times in a row with the same vehicle, then not again for another two years unless the vehicle has gone through a major rebuild. A major rebuild includes new paint colour, engine, interior and overall look.

Points are accumulated by judging, votes received in People's Choice and overall performance in the driving events.

The driver must be the Entrant noted on the application form. The vehicle needs to be road registered or have been approved with the appropriate permits to drive on public roads.

The Red CentreNATS Champion will receive a locally built trophy, \$7,500 and join the elite ranks of those who have proved themselves worthy of one of the most sort-after awards in the Australian Street Machine scene.

A Red CentreNATS Champion Competition driver's briefing will be 8.00am at Lasseters. Drive in convoy out to Alice Springs Inland Dragway.

POINTS ALLOCATION

Points awarded in descending order with the number of points determined by the number of competitors e.g. 1st Place = 12 points, 12th Place = 1 point. There will be a maximum of 12 points for Red Centre Champion driving events to keep the points balance correct over all the disciplines.

Contenders must compete in all Red CentreNATS Champion driving events as listed below.

CRITERIA	POINTS
Show 'n' Shine – Selection in the Top 10	10 points
People's Choice (must receive minimum 5 votes)	
People's Choice – 3 rd place	3 points
People's Choice – 2 nd place	4 points
People's Choice – Winner	5 points
Driving Event – Drag Racing	Place
Driving Event – Khanacross	Place

ELITE SHED/RED CENTRENATS CHAMPION PROGRAM

DAY	ACTIVITY
<i>Wednesday/Thursday/Friday</i>	Vehicles scrutineering and judging
<i>Friday</i> 9.00am-2.00pm 5.00pm-8.00pm	Elite Shed Display vehicles announced and set-up Elite Shed Display show
<i>Saturday</i> 10.00am 12.00pm-3.00pm 3.00pm	Deadline to nominate for Red CentreNATS Champion Elite Shed Display show Street Parade form-up (Parade start 5.00pm)
<i>Sunday</i> 8.00am 9.00am 10.30am-12.00pm 4.00pm	Red CentreNATS Champion Drivers' Brief Red CentreNATS Champion Driving Events – Drag, Khanacross Outdoor Elite Display show Red CentreNATS Podium Party Awards followed by Lasseters Sunday Session