



# CANNONBALL NEWSLETTER

Welcome Cannonballers!

This is the first of a series of regular Newsletters that will provide information to those of you who take up the challenge of Australia's inaugural Northern Territory Cannonball Run. We recommend that you keep the Newsletters, Brochures, Official Handbook and any other Cannonball Run merchandise or material as these are likely to become collector's items in years to come.

Many of you have already confirmed your positions in this exclusive event and positions are filling up quite fast, so to those of you who have not yet lodged your Application we advise that you should do so within the next few weeks to avoid disappointment. As you are all aware the Entry Committee will close the first draft of entries at the end of June. If all Entry Positions are filled at this time then no further entries will be accepted.

On to more interesting matters! Allan Moffat and the Route Survey Team have recently conducted the second of their surveys. The Stuart Highway is in absolutely superb condition and is tailor made for the speeds Cannonballers will be driving. Allan has yet to set the times for the Cannonball Special Sections but reports they'll be fast! Competitors should be thinking about tyres right now because you'll need to fit high quality high speed tyres for the duration of the event. Our Media Team were recently filming in the Northern Territory for the Seven Network and they report that even in a Peugeot Mil6 they were capable of comfortably cruising at around 200kph - so imagine what the likes of a Ferrari, Porche or Lamborghini will do!

Our Team was well received by the Territorians who are very excited about the coming of the Run. It will be the largest and most colourful international event ever to hit the Territory so you can expect enormous support from the locals from start to finish.

Those of you who wish to drive the Run at a more leisurely and more "sociable" pace will no doubt enjoy the spectacular Northern Territory scenery, the classic Aussie pubs and outback towns, and the very "unique" characters of the bush. It will be an adventure like no other from "go to whoa".

Official Cannonball numberplates are currently in production and will be available for despatch to competitors shortly. The Cannonball numberplates will replace your existing plates for the duration of the event.

Some Cannonballers have asked about the Officials Team for the Run. Please be advised that all Officials will be professional and highly experienced and will be individually selected by the Organisers for their expertise in these types of motor sport events.

Your next Newsletter will provide you with specific competition details and will be despatched to all official competitors soon.