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TICKETS TO THE REGION'S FIRST TENT CITY RELEASED THIS MONDAY

V8 SUPERCARS fans will have the chance to secure their camp site in Townsville's Tent City when tickets go on sale this coming Monday. February 16.

A Tent City will be erected at the Kirwan State High School in Kirwan for five days in July to help accommodate the thousands of fans expected to travel from across the region, the country and overseas for the inaugural Townsville 400 event.

Tickets for Tent City will be released at 9am on Monday via the website, www.v8supercarevents.com.au.

Fans are urged to get in early to secure their place as accommodation is in hot demand for the July 10-12 event.

Townsville's Tent City will be a structured camping accommodation facility, which will have around 650 tents erected and a limited number of powered sites available for motorhomes and caravans.

The facility will be run by Tent City Hire, which has serviced events and festivals since 1995, including the iconic Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 where around 1,000 people stay within Tent City at Bathurst every year.

Packages are available for a four-night stay, as either sole occupancy, twin share, double occupancy or single travellers twin share and are priced from \$280 per person.

Upon booking guests are allocated a site, and on arrival will be escorted to their tent which will be set up and ready to move into.

V8 Supercars Townsville 400 Project Manager Kim Faithfull said:

"If you are looking for great value accommodation in Townsville for the event, Tent City offers a superb alternative.

"Tent City is a structured camping facility that is perfect for people who want to enjoy their stay in Townsville without the hassles of DIY camping.

"But not only is it a convenient and value for money option, it gives people the chance to meet others who share a common passion for V8 Supercars.

"There are ample shower and toilet facilities on-site for the entire four days, as well as a hospitality area with cooking facilities and bar.

"The tents are airy and comfortable, with a carpeted floor, internal light and camp-style beds."

Kirwan State High School Principal Murray James said:

"Tent City presents a great opportunity for Kirwan High to be involved in this signature event for Townsville and we look forward to being the temporary 'home' for many of the visitors who will be here in July.

“Hosting the facility provides an exciting new fundraising opportunity for the school, with all money raised going back into the local community through our various activities.”

Tent City accommodation will be available from 12pm Thursday 9 July to and including the night of Sunday July 12. Check-out will be 10am Monday 13 July.

Tent City was originally proposed to be held at the Townsville Turf Club, however due to a conflict with the racing carnival calendar has been moved to the Kirwan State High School.

Kirwan State High School is located on Thuringowa Drive, Kirwan, and is about 9km from the circuit at Reid Park.

A shuttle bus service to and from the track will be provided on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and is included in the package price.

The packages also include breakfast served each morning in a specially set up hospitality area. The hospitality area is a social area for guests and has tables and chairs, fridges and cooking facilities.

Guests will receive a free Townsville 400 Commemorative Pack, which includes a t-shirt, cooler bag, bottle opener, stubby holder, cap and lanyard valued at \$75.

Guests can choose to include linen and towels in their package for an extra fee.

Tent City accommodation is available only to people who will be attending the Townsville 400 event – an official event ticket must be presented upon check-in.

The inaugural V8 Supercars Townsville 400 is on July 10-12 this year (2009).

Visit www.v8supercarevents.com.au to find out more details about Townsville Tent City and the Townsville 400.

Event tickets are available from Ticketek www.ticketek.com.au or 132 849.

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