



2014 VICTORIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS BULLETIN 1

**The Victorian Water Ski Federation Tournament Division
in conjunction with the Darwin Water Ski Club and the
Northern Territory Tournament Division
are pleased to invite you to the**

2014 National Championships

**To be held at the Lakes Resort,
Berry Springs, Darwin**

Thursday 17th to Monday 21st April 2014

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A typical Darwin sunset:

Site

The Tournament site are two purpose built ski lakes 56km from Darwin City with direct access down the Stuart Highway.

The Lakes are protected from winds which make for perfect water conditions and are side by side. There is a brand new jump and all technical infrastructure including air conditioned judging towers are all first class.

Lake Address: Lakes Resort & Caravan Park, Berry Springs , Darwin, NT.



Berry Springs NT

The Lakes Resort Caravan Park is situated in Berry Springs, close to Darwin (56kms), the City of Palmerston (30kms) and is central to the whole range of Outer Darwin attractions. There's plenty of open space to enjoy the peaceful natural beauty, abundant bird life, bushwalking and the noises of night-time in the Bush. The Territory Wildlife Park and the spectacular swimming holes of Berry Springs Nature Park are within walking distance and you can comfortably explore Litchfield Park (60kms) and many other Top End attractions from the Lakes.



Some of the nearby attractions at Berry Springs

Some reviews from Trip Advisor:

“One of the highlights of our Darwin trip”

Reviewed 19 July 2009

We discovered Berry Springs on our second to last day in Darwin - if it had been earlier we probably would have visited twice. It was just brilliant! The water is beautifully warm and pleasant to swim in and the whole area is magnificent. It's quite close to Darwin as well, so that makes it a convenient day trip. I highly recommend visiting Berry Springs!

“Don't miss this while in Darwin”

Reviewed 15 October 2007

You won't find this in any of the tourist guides, but is definitely worth a visit while in Darwin. About 60 kms down the Stuart Highway, is a gorgeous place called Berry Springs. It is a freshwater swimming place, complete with waterfalls and beautiful clean, clear water. No crocs either!! Great picnic areas and even a little kiosk. Beautiful.



Australian Government

Australian Sports Commission

Arrival Options & Car Rentals:

As most people will be arriving into Darwin Airport you will require a hire vehicle and there are many options available with all the major companies represented. As this is not the peak season the rates will be very competitive:

Top depots in Darwin

 **Darwin**
Corner Daly Street & Doctors Gully Road
Darwin, NT. 0800

 **Avis - Darwin**
89 Smith Street
Darwin, NT. 0801

 **Darwin Downtown**
55-59 Mitchell Street
Darwin, NT. 0800

 **Darwin**
77 Cavenagh Street
Darwin, NT. 0800

 **Darwin**
64 Stuart Highway
Darwin, NT. 0801

Advance Car Rentals
86 Mitchell Street Darwin
Tel: 08 89812999

Travellers Auto Barn
13 Daly Street Darwin
Tel: 08 89417700

Bargain Car Rentals
99 Mitchell Street Darwin
Tel: 08 89417800



Apollo Motor Homes & Campervans have a large facility in Darwin and they have various options available. The best time to book to get the best rate is in November as this is their quietest time and they offer cheap deals. Also April is their Low Season. The rates range from \$50 to \$300 per day depending on the size and what they have available at the time of booking.



Apollo Motor Homes & Campervans

Caravan Hire:

There are a few options available to hire caravans which can be delivered to your choice of caravan park:

[B & D Caravan Hire](#)

caravanhire.biz/[Cached](#)

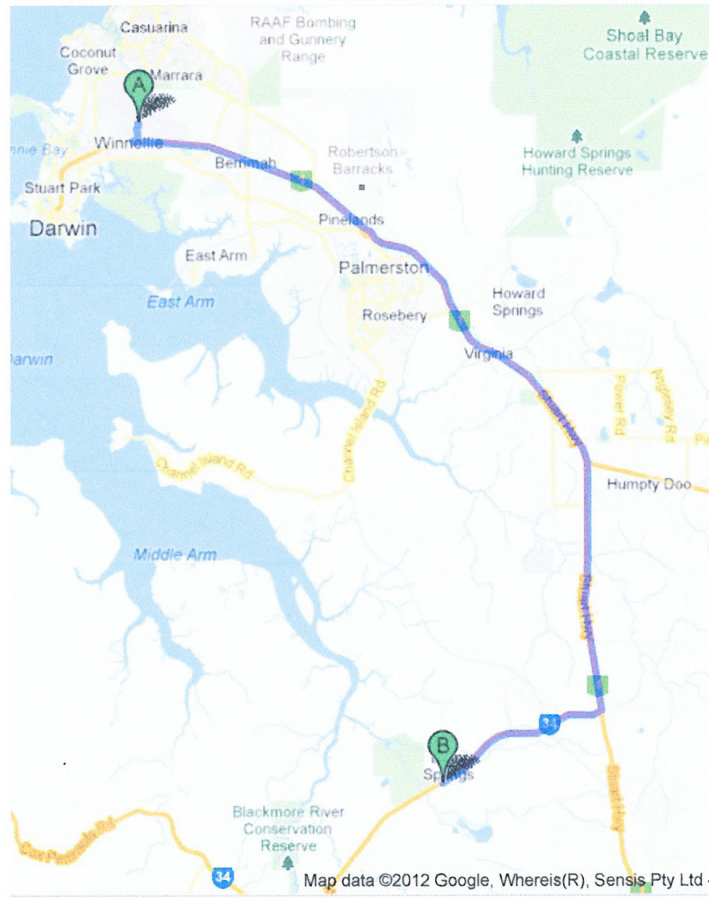
Large and small airconditioned **caravans** available for short or long term **hire**. We deliver to the **Darwin** and rural areas. Advance bookings encouraged:

[Buds Caravan Hire & Sales in Knuckey Lagoon, NT 0828](#)

Caravan-Hire. Out back and beyond camper trailer Hire 0408 835343



Darwin Airport to Berry Springs 54.2 km, 48 mins



1. Head **west** on **Henry Wrigley Drive** **450m**
2. Slight left to stay on **Henry Wrigley Drive** **1.2 km**
3. Turn right onto **McMillans Rd** **5.3 km**
4. At the roundabout, take the **3rd** exit onto **Vanderlin Drive** **2.6 km**
5. Turn left onto **Stuart Hwy/National Highway 1** **22.9 km**
6. Slight right to stay on **Stuart Hwy/National Highway 1** **12.1 km**
7. Slight right onto **Cox Peninsula Rd/State Route 34** **8.9 km**



Berry Springs NT



DARWIN WEATHER:

Hosting the Nationals in 2014 Easter falls late in April, Sunday being the 20th.

The following was the weather pattern for the same period in 2012:

Monday 16th	Min Temp	24.5	Max	34.3	Rain	Nil
Tuesday 17th	Min	24.7	Max	34.6	Rain	Nil
Wednesday 18th	Min	25.2	Max	34.5	Rain	Nil
Thursday 19th	Min	25.4	Max	35.0	Rain	Nil
Friday 20th	Min	25.8	Max	31.9	Rain	1.0mm
Saturday 21st	Min	24.5	Max	32.6	Rain	6.2mm
Sunday 22nd	Min	24.5	Max	32.8	Rain	0.2mm
Monday 23rd	Min	24.5	Max	32.4	Rain	Nil

ACCOMMODATION:

There is varied accommodation available in and around the ski site and April is their Low Season so the pricing should be reasonable. The following recommendations are according to the facilities available, cleanliness and price. The obvious choice being the Lakes Resort Caravan Park which has four cabins and eight bunk rooms with a small ensuite and a double bunk which is very inexpensive, suitable for singles. They have a caravan park with ample shaded trees and the ablution amenities are very clean.

Other Options for CARAVAN & RESORT PARKS are Listed in order of preference:

- 1) **Tumbling Waters Caravan Park,** 14 Klm from the Ski Site
(2 Bedroom Villas and Cabins)
Will not take bookings until 2 weeks prior to Easter
- 2) **Darwin Free Spirit Resort,** 36 Klm from the Ski Site
(140 Cabins and Villas First Class Facility, Excellent choice)
- 3) **Howard Springs Holiday Park,** 28 Klm from the Ski Site
(40 Cabins & Villas)
- 4) **Aurora Shady Glen Tourist Park,** 45 Klm from Ski Site
(73 Cabins & Villas)

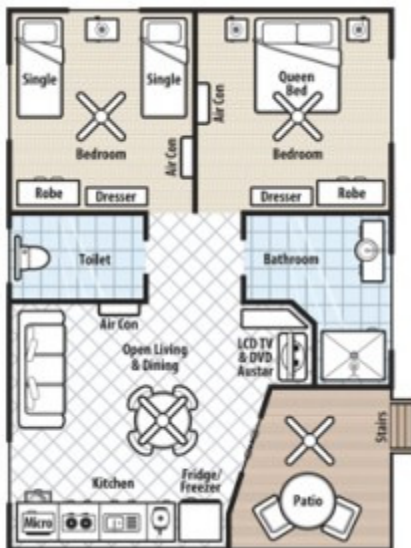


These four Parks are the ones that we would recommend and the Darwin Free Spirit Resort is by far the best Resort capable of accommodating everyone.

It maybe worth considering transferring your accommodation to Darwin City for Easter Monday 21st as the Presentation Night will be held at the Skycity Casino.

Garden Villa

Free Spirit Resort Accommodation



Stay in style with your family. The 2 bedroom Garden Villa offers a spacious living area, dining and well appointed kitchen. There's a modern bathroom, timber patio and convenient undercover parking.

- Spacious 2 bedroom Villa / Master Bedroom 1 x Queen Bed / 2nd Bedroom 2 x Single Beds
- Separate Lounge & Dining Area / Ensuite with Shower / Hairdryer / Toilet (seperate)
- Spacious Patio with ceiling fan / Undercover Parking / Airconditioning / Bed Lined & Towels supplied
- Ceiling Fans / Colour TV / DVD Player / Iron & Ironing Board / All Kitchen facilities / Sleeps 4

The Free Spirit Resort has 12 different types of accommodation from Luxury Villas to Cabins and of course a caravan park with ample shaded trees and van sites with ensuites. The Resort has amazing park facilities and is situated on the Stuart Highway 36 Klm from the Ski Lakes.



Park Facilities

Darwin Free Spirit Resort have a great range of facilities for you to enjoy including: -

- 3 resort swimming pools all with sun lounges
- Giant Jumping Pillow
- [Elements Poolside Bar & Bistro](#)
- Undercover BBQs and picnic areas
- Fully equipped Camp Kitchens with guest TV
- Internet Kiosks
- Wireless internet access is available within the Terrace area
- Live evening entertainment (during peak season)
- Activities in peak season including water aerobics and pancake breakfasts
- Kiosk in adjoining service station
- Terrace (undercover area)
- Big Screen TV in Terrace
- Elements Conference Facilities
- Tour bookings & Ticket Sales (with free pickup from some tours booked at our office)

Apartments:

The closest Apartment accommodation is the Quest Apartments at Palmerston which is 35 Klm from the Ski Site, this provides first class 4.5 Star accommodation apartments and is across the road from a shopping Mall with Target, Coles, Woolworths and Various Shops including Cinemas.





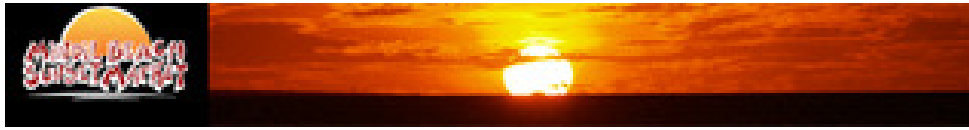
Quest Apartments at Palmerston

For those wanting to stay in Darwin it is 55 Klm from the Ski Site with easy Highway access and there are numerous accommodation options available from Back Packers to 5 Star Facilities.

Why not plan to make the 2014 Nationals and Darwin one to remember by combining your skiing with some sightseeing as the Darwin area has some amazing attractions:

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| • Berry Springs Nature Park | Distance from Ski Site | 3 Klm |
| • Territory Wild Life Park | Distance from Ski Site | 5 Klm |
| • Top End Cable Ski | On Site | |
| • Flicking Fresh Barra Farm | Distance from Ski Site | 12 Klm |
| • Crocodylus Park | Distance from Ski Site | 40 Klm |
| • Adelaide River Jumping Crocodiles | Distance from Ski Site | 56 Klm |
| • Windows on the Wetlands | Distance from Ski Site | 55 Klm |
| • Famous Litchfield Park Waterfalls | Distance from Ski Site | 60 Klm |
| • WW11 War Museum | Distance from Ski Site | 56 Klm |
| • WW11 Oil Storage Tunnels | Distance from Ski Site | 55 Klm |
| • WW11 Airstrips (several) | Alongside Stuart Highway | 20 Klm |





- Darwin Water Ski Club on the beach

Distance from Ski Club

55 Klm



The Iconic Darwin Water Ski Club

On behalf of the Victorian Nationals Committee we hope that the information we have provided will help you plan your trip to Darwin for the 2014 National Championships. Please give consideration to spending a few extra days to enjoy the wonderful sights and attractions of Darwin, you will not be disappointed.

A second updated Bulletin will be released in the coming months with relevant information concerning the Event including Welcome & Presentation Evenings, Skiing practice sets, (the week before) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday familiarization sets prior to the Championships commencing, on site catering details and much more!

