

Minis DownUnder 2021 Update 6th October 2021



We are on the move “again”!

We have hit another “Covid roadblock” to the biggest gathering of Minis in Australia. Over the past few weeks, the Minis DownUnder 2021 sub-committee has been looking at the ongoing COVID-19 roadmap to freedom and unfortunately not everyone is as far down the road as others.

Whilst we could still proceed with our event on the 21st November 2021 under NSW Covid restrictions, there is still concern this date will limit numbers overall and prohibit interstate, regional entrants and some visitors from attending. With this in mind and the fact that we want this event to be remembered as how good it was, not how small it was, we have made the difficult decision to move the date again.

The new date for Minis DownUnder 2021 is Saturday 5th and **Sunday 6th March 2022.**

There will possibly be ongoing random lockdowns and state border closures until most of the Australian population is vaccinated, so please make sure you are fully vaxxed by then.

We still have a spaces for a few more minis to display at Minis DownUnder 2021 in 2022 so if you know someone thinking about joining us please let them know. If this change of date affects anyone who has already entered, then please contact me to discuss a refund.

Our subcommittee members continue to work steadily behind the scenes to make this the best Mini event in Sydney for years. We also wish to thank ATC, Rosehill Gardens for their ongoing support and co-operation.

I will contact each of the local accommodation providers listed on our website and advise them of the date change but please also contact your accommodation and confirm your new booking date.

The Minis DownUnder 2021 celebration dinner will be held on Saturday 5th March 2022.

Current event status

- We have a number of ex mini race drivers attending our event. I am sure they will be happy to talk about their mini exploits or pose for a photo or provide an autograph.
- All the merchandise has now been delivered.
- Some items will feature the original logo with the 1stAugust date. For a number of the items, we were lucky to change the logo just before they went into production. If the wrong date was alright on Olympic merchandise it's good enough for us too.
- Below is a summary of available exclusive Minis DownUnder 2021 merchandise which can be pre ordered via our website; please fill in the online form:
<https://miniclub.com.au/merchandise/>
 - Special entrant MDU plain white T-shirt - provided as part of vehicle entry fee
 - Special MDU Black polo shirt with collar.
 - Special MDU Black Polo (colour sublimation)

- Rugby Jumper - Black with red - JB wear – MDU logo
- MDU Children's black T-shirt
- MDU Black cap
- MDU Lapel or cap badge
- MDU Leather Key fob
- MDU Pen
- MDU Stickers
- MDU Drip trays
- All pre ordered MDU merchandise and entry tickets will be pre-assembled and handed out when you arrive at the event.
- We currently have 56 people registered for the Saturday night dinner. Bookings and online form are available via our website: <https://miniclub.com.au/minis-down-under-2021/>
- We thank our generous sponsors who will be in attendance with Canterbury MINI Garage our major sponsor with 4 or 5 new MINIs on display. Andrew and Graham at Mini & Moke World and Wayne at Mini Works Australia will each have large trade stands exhibiting several of their Minis plus a range of spare parts. Also, in the pavilion will be Shannons and SU-Midel with Link Automotive providing sponsorship although no display. Permanent Protective Coatings (PPC) are supporting our event and E-Valence has now joined us to display their new ecological friendly cleaning products.
- BMC-Leyland Australia Heritage Group have confirmed they will be attending to promote their group and sponsoring trophies for Best Original class.
- The show n shine trophies for the 9 classes have been manufactured and waiting for pickup.
- We have arranged for the children's activities – face painting, sculptured balloons and mini picture colouring.
- We have been given some autographed (by famous mini drivers) photos which have had framed, and these will be sold via silent auction with the profit going to Canteen.
- Each sponsor will provide a raffle prize and the profits will be donated to Canteen. Raffle tickets will be for sale at Minis DownUnder 2021 so don't forget to bring some cash and there will be contactless payments available.
- I have been working on the event Program and it is around 90% complete. There is still space for a few more entrant's stories and a couple of our sponsors are yet to submit their advertisements.
- A couple of entrants have had to withdraw and have been refunded their entry fee. Over the next month I will revisit the floor layout and need to fill any vacant positions.
- Please keep an eye on our website for the latest updates.

At this stage all we can really do is make sure we follow Covid-19 regulations and get vaccinated as soon as you can; being vaccinated may not stop you getting or spreading the Covid-19 virus but will minimise or eliminate its effects on your health and should keep you out of hospital.

All guests attending events in NSW are required to be fully- vaccinated or show medical documentation for non-vaccination due to health requirements.

Stay safe and keep up your mini preparations as we will eventually hold this event – Promise!

Cheers

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