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TOP GEAR FESTIVAL AND RED BULL RACING ARE COMING TO SYDNEY

Thursday 1 November: *Top Gear Festival Sydney* is set to transform Sydney Motorsport Park into petrol-head heaven, as cars and stars take to the track in this inaugural outdoor motoring spectacular. The inaugural *Top Gear Festival Sydney* will take place on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March, 2013 at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek with **tickets on sale through Ticketek from Monday 12 November.**

As part of a whole host of motoring spectacles, *Top Gear Festival Sydney* will feature the roar of the **Red Bull Racing F1 team in action** for the first time on a Sydney race circuit with local hero and F1 race winner **Mark Webber** at the wheel, just one week before the Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne.

Mark Webber commented: "Obviously it's a pleasure to be part of the Top Gear Festival in Sydney and give Aussie motorsport fans another chance to see top motorsport cars in action. I'm really looking forward to being in front of my home crowd, especially just before the Australian GP. It'll be a great way to start the 2013 F1 season."

Hosted by Top Gear presenters **Jeremy Clarkson, James May** and mystery racing driver **The Stig**, the festival will be pushing the boundaries of live motoring entertainment along with racing legends, celebrity friends and the world's finest cars across two action packed race circuits.

Jeremy Clarkson commented "Sydney is the perfect place to hold our massive outdoor track festival. Plus it'll give us whinging poms many more chances to get sunburnt and attacked by spiders."

The 2013 event offers a complete Festival experience for visitors at Sydney Motorsport Park - every corner of the Park will be ablaze with action both on and off the track. Visitors will see exceptional precision driving and jaw-dropping stunts in the Stunts & Jumps zone; the world's most expensive and powerful cars in Stig's Supercar Garage; never before seen challenges and

races across both race circuits including the 'Star in the Reasonably Priced Car' challenge; 4x4 and trial bike riders showcasing their skills on the brutal Off-Road Challenge, and so much more.

Michael Hodgson, Managing Director of Brand Events and Top Gear Festival Australia said "We are thrilled to be bringing this unique motoring Festival to fans across Australia and South East Asia. We look forward to announcing the amazing line up of cars, challenges, stunts and drivers visitors can expect over the next few months. Australia is only the second country in the world to host a Top Gear Festival, and we look forward to putting on an amazing event."

Minister for Tourism and Major Events, George Souris said, "I'm delighted that Mark Webber will be a part of *Top Gear Festival Sydney* in March 2013. The NSW Government, through Destination NSW, successfully bid to host Top Gear in conjunction with the Australian Racing Drivers' Club (ARDC). This unique motoring festival is based on the internationally renowned Top Gear television programme, which was recently named by Guinness World Records as the world's most widely watched factual TV show, having been viewed by audiences in 212 different territories around the globe."

Previously hosted in Johannesburg and Durban, South Africa the event always boasts a unique line-up of legendary drivers, cars, guest presenters and celebrities.

In Australia the Top Gear TV show can be seen first on Foxtel's BBC Knowledge, and then on the Nine Network and Go!

Top Gear Festival Sydney is proudly supported by the NSW Government, through Destination NSW, and is a key event on the NSW Events Calendar.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public, at **9.00am (Eastern Standard Time) Monday 12 November 2012.**

Tickets start from \$29.00 for a Child's General Admission and \$79.00 for an Adult's General Admission. Discounted Family General Admission Packages are also available and start at \$180.00 for x2 adults and x2 children.

Tickets available from Ticketek – 132 849 - www.ticketek.com.au

To view the Top Gear Festival highlights from South Africa, and see some of the action you can expect when Top Gear Festival comes to Australia, [click here](#)

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The live events offer an exciting variation on more traditional motoring events. Top Gear Festivals* include elements such as Motoring Theatre which incorporates the drama of film and theatre with the thrills and spills of stunts and special effects; Track Action including Stig power laps, head-to-head racing, supercars, drag racing & celebrity race challenges; Exhibition Areas – packed with supercars, classic motors and motoring memorabilia as well as other features.

Since 2008 Top Gear Live events have entertained over 1.5 million fans in 19 cities around the World and we are proud to be bringing this event to Sydney, Australia for the first time.

*Festival content varies by Country

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