

Welcome to the November edition of the QUIT Targa West Update. Did you know that there are only 46 weeks until QUIT Targa West 2008!

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO COMPETE - 2008

The dates for QUIT Targa West 2008 have been set (4-7 September 2008). Due to the increasing popularity of QUIT Targa West, organizers have released the Expression of Interest for next year's event.

In 2008, the field will be restricted to approximately 80 vehicles - Anyone interested in competing are encouraged to complete and return the Expression of Interest form to secure a spot. Expression of Interest forms can be found on our website ([www.targawest.com.au](http://www.targawest.com.au)).

## 2008 Event Sponsorship Opportunities

We are delighted to announce that nearly all of our major sponsors have already committed to support the event in 2008 and we look forward to working with them in the coming year.

As a result of reviewing our sponsorship arrangements for 2008, we now have two significant opportunities available and would be delighted to discuss them in more detail with any interested party.

One of these is a new sponsorship based around the Naming Rights to the rally service parks over the course of the 3 days of competition and the other is a Television highlights opportunity that incorporates a range of significant branding and promotional opportunities.

To discuss either of these in more detail please contact Chris Wilson on 0410 58 2709 or email [chris@targawest.com.au](mailto:chris@targawest.com.au)

## Competitor Preparation

Over the past two years, there have been a number of new comers to tarmac rallying, and in particular to QUIT Targa West. As most can appreciate the preparation and lead-up to any rallying event starts out 12 months prior to the event.

It is important for anyone competing in any tarmac event that their preparation covers all aspects of rallying. This includes making sure your paperwork (licences are up to date and valid) and your vehicle complies to all CAMS regulations.

In order to assist those who will be competing in QUIT Targa West for the first time in 2008, the organizers will be conducting a number of Rookie evenings in the coming months.

The first Rookie evening will be held on Thursday 6th December at the Shannon's Club room in Burswood, starting at 7.00pm. If you would like to attend the information evening, please contact Sally Ball to register - [sally@targawest.com.au](mailto:sally@targawest.com.au) or 0429 089 171.

## Western Range Wines scoop top wine award!

Our long term event sponsors Western Range Wines have just scooped the top award for the Best Estate Grown Red Wine at the recently held 2007 WA Wine Industry Awards for their magnificent 2005 Julimar Shiraz Viognier.

Described as a rich and elegant full bodied red wine with intense aromas of sweet plum, mocha and fresh liquorice, it clinched the top honor for a red wine and has capped a great year for the estate.

In recognition of this award, Western Range Wines General Manager Jeremy Watkins has put together a fabulous two case offer comprising one case of this award winning Shiraz along with one case of their delicious 2005 Viognier, a lovely crisp dry white wine with a fresh citrus style and a beautifully balanced finish.

These would normally retail at \$528.00 for the two cases, but is available to all those involved with QUIT Targa West for \$350.00 including free delivery within the Perth Metropolitan area.

To order yours now in time for your Christmas celebrations, please contact Western Range Wines on 08 9571 8800 or via email on [admin@westernrangewines.com.au](mailto:admin@westernrangewines.com.au) and quote the QUIT Targa West offer when you speak to them.

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## Closed Cars and Reduced Speeds

In the interest of improving the safety of Quit Targa West we have made the decision to only accept entries for Closed Cars with a minimum of a Type 3 Safety Cage. We fully realise that owners of open sports cars will be disappointed by the decision. However, we have to accept that accidents do happen in rallying and when they do we have to ensure the crew has the safest possible conditions to protect themselves. We will also be encouraging competitors to go further than a Type 3 Cage and to add additional cross braces and side intrusion bars. There are a number of companies who can provide high standard

## New look for autowholesale.com.au !

Most of you will be familiar with autowholesale.com.au, who has been a sponsor of QUIT Targa West for the past three years. autowholesale.com.au have been supplying a range of imported enthusiasts' vehicles to the Australian public for the past 35 years, and they are now set for a change of pace, with the launch of their new name > Fabcar "drive something different!".

Fabcar have a wide range of performance, recreational and prestige vehicles currently in stock.

Two that might be interest, are the Evo 9 and GT-R...

Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution IX that is **READY TO RACE!!**

cages and we would be more than willing to pass on their details to competitors.

The other safety improvement we will be making for 2008 is a maximum speed restriction of 190km/h. With modern cars being produced that are capable of very high speeds, with some as high as 300km/h, it is necessary to bring in a limit. We will monitor the speeds by Radar and GPS tracking, however, we will not be providing crews with a speed warning devices. It is recommended the competitors install their own warning or speed limiting device. We will be doing our home work on such devices and will be informing competitors of possible solution between now and the 2008 Quit Targa West.

This is an AUSTRALIAN SPEC EVO 9 - TMR (Team Mitsubishi Ralliart) - Club Spec LIMITED PRODUCTION MODEL! Comes with a host of FACTORY OPTIONS including a CAMS approved ROLL CAGE and a 6 point RACING HARNESS.

or

Nissan Skyline R34 GT-R V-spec II Nür (1 of 300 made) Collectors model and super rare. GENUINE V-spec II NUR R34 GT-R with low mileage and in pristine condition! FACTORY TWIN TURBO RB26 motor with 6-SPEED MANUAL and ALL WHEEL DRIVE.

For further details contact Steve Jones on 9470 5100 (competitor in this years Quit Targa West who ended up 4th outright in the Modern competition class) or visit their website [www.fabcar.com.au](http://www.fabcar.com.au).

## Mt Buller Results

Earlier this month the annual Mt Buller sprint was held in Victoria. A number of West Aussie teams made the trip across the border to participate in the three-day hill climb. The overall results out of a 91 field were:

7th Steven Jones / Rauri Sautar-Dawson - 2004 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo	(56:55:51)
29th Neil Pollard / Louise Pollard - 2007 Subaru Impreza WRX	(1:01:22.34)
31st Kim Ledger / Lisa Dunkerton - 2007 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo	(1:01:36.84)
34th Paul Summers / Michael Arnold - 2007 Porsche 997 GT3 RS	(1:01:44.43)
64th Zac Caudo / Noble - 1980 Holden VC Brock Com	(1:08:56.87)
70th Joe Caudo / Ivan Limb - 1977 Holden Torana A9X	(1:17:08.75)

Ray Vandersee and co-driver John Allen won the event in their Skelta G-Force with an overall time of 55:51:62.

## Targa NZ Results correction

In October's newsletter, we reported that local team, Team Holden, finished 48th and 49th in the recent Targa NZ. In actual fact, out of 87 competitors in the modern category John O'Dowd and Michael Lawrence finished 33rd, with team mates Todd Zani and Michael Kennedy finishing 34th, and their overall results were 49th and 50th respectively from a total field of 140 - which is a great result, well done guys.

## QUIT Targa West 2007 DVD available now

The Quit Targa West documentary DVD is now available from Pitstop Bookshop. Simply contact Pitstop Bookshop (9322 5544) or visit [www.pitstop.net.au/pitstop/plu/19750](http://www.pitstop.net.au/pitstop/plu/19750).

Also available is a special for the Christmas period.... A Quit Targa West 3 pack bundling all three DVDs from 2005 to 2007 into one pack and normally selling at \$99.95.

Pitstop also offer a mail order service if you can't get into Perth.