



## Safe and Happy Christmas to all

The festive season is well and truly upon us, and the Organisers of QUIT Targa West would like to wish all our competitors, volunteers and officials the very best over the Christmas and New Year period. Enjoy the time with family and friends, drive safe, and we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2008.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO COMPETE - 2008

Already we have received a positive response to the 2008 QUIT Targa West, with close to 40 individuals expressing their interest to compete in the event with a number of new competitors.

Whilst we are still aiming to have the official entry forms available towards the end of January, we would still encourage interested competitors to submit their

expressions of interest as soon as possible to assure them of a place plus inclusion in the early 2008 Rookie Training program for those who will be competing in their first QUIT Targa West.

The course for 2008 will be similar to that of 2007, with the organisers looking at a potential new stage and changing a few others around to challenge competitor's skills.

Expression of Interest forms can be found on our website ([www.targawest.com.au](http://www.targawest.com.au)).

## Pace Notes

There are a number of different companies who offer a Pace Noting service. If you are a rookie in QUIT Targa West, or would like that extra edge of professionally written pacenotes, there are two companies who can assist you.

### Black Track Pace Notes

Background: 40 years of experience as both a successful driver and co-driver on a national level. 15 years writing pace notes for a wide range of tarmac rallies and sprint events for several of the top performing crews, including VIP's Ton Quinn. Black Track Pace Notes has written pace notes for a wide range of events across Australia, including QUIT Targa West, and these are available to all competitors.

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### Vandenberg Motorsport Pacenotes

Background: Over 20 years experience in writing pace / safety notes, specialising in bitumen events. Drivers such as Tony Longhurst, Glenn Ridge, Steven Richards, Jason White, Peter O'Keefe, and Eric Bana, have all used Vandenberg notes.

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## 2008 Harness requirements for Tarmac Rallies (issued by CAMS on 5 Dec)

Following a recommendation from the CAMS Technical Committee, ARCom has approved the mandatory use of harnesses incorporating a crutch strap in tarmac rallies from 1 January 2008 which will see all harnesses needing to comply with the Type A provisions as outlined in Schedule I, Section 6 of the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

Many tarmac rally cars are already fitted with these harnesses and as such will not be affected. There are others however which are not. The Commission regrets any difficulties this may present to competitors, however the safety of participants in competition is considered paramount and this was felt to be a necessary safety improvement.

ARCom encourages all competitors, irrespective of the type of rally event that they are participating in, to

give active consideration to the fitment of crutch straps as there is clear evidence that these enhance safety particularly in circumstances where a frontal impact occurs.

## Boot and Sock standards – 2008 Australian Rally Championship and Tarmac Rallies

At the commencement of 2007, some crews were unaware of the change in relation to the adoption of the FIA 8856-2000 standard for Australian Rally Championship and Tarmac Rallies. As such, there was a moratorium implemented which has allowed the use of the FIA 1986 standard apparel for the duration of 2007.

We take this opportunity to remind crews in these two types of rally activities that this moratorium will expire at the end of the year and that the newer FIA 8856-2000 standard will be required for boots and socks from 1 January 2008.