

Welcome to the May edition of the QUIT Targa West Update. The month of May is already shaping up to be a busy time for QUIT Targa West. Read on to find out about the latest news and events.

## ENTRIES CLIMB TOWARDS THE HALFWAY MARK

Since we opened the 2007 event to entries there has been a steady stream of entry forms returned and we are already close to the half-way mark for this year's rally.

Given the expected pressure on entries, we would urge all interested competitors to complete and return your Entry Forms as soon as possible as without them we are unable to hold a place. This is particularly noteworthy for those that have registered their interest via the web site but have not yet submitted the forms.

All competitor information including Entry Forms and Supplementary Regulations are available at [www.targawest.com.au](http://www.targawest.com.au).



Graeme Shaw from the ACT will be back in his Mitsubishi EVO 6.5 for the third year in succession.

## CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY OF PERTH FUNCTION

City of Perth is one of the major supporters of QUIT Targa West, and The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Peter Natrass will be hosting a cocktail reception for past, present and potential competitors their partners and supporters at Council House on **Wednesday 23rd May starting at 6pm sharp.**

There will be a number of cars displayed in front of Council House for the day to generate interest from the Central Business District.

To make sure you don't miss a great night, we strongly encourage you to RSVP directly to the Lord Mayor's office if you have not already done so.

Tel: 9461 3345

Email: [protocol\\_office@cityofperth.wa.gov.au](mailto:protocol_office@cityofperth.wa.gov.au)



Dr Peter Natrass speaking at the 2005 rally Gala Dinner

## WELL DONE CHITTERING & TOODYAY OFFICIALS

One of the real success stories of QUIT Targa West has been the Tape & Tag teams of Chittering and Toodyay.

All most all of them have no rally experience, some had a bit of a motor sport background and a few are car enthusiasts. The officials from the regions have embraced QUIT Targa West as their own and with a terrific amount of enthusiasm. Although we are all learning about the best way to close off driveways and roads and then get them re-opened in the shortest amount of time, our "new" officials to rallying are learning quickly and coming up with suggestions on how to improve what they do all the time.

In Chittering the teams have been lead by Ian Watson who has a team of over 100 officials helping over the weekend of the rally.

The Chittering team have had instances where there has been confusion between the Tape & Tag Teams and the Stage Teams on the taping, closing and manning of roads. Their answer is simple, "let us do it all".

This will create extra work and man power required on their behalf but they are looking forward to the challenge. The best part is that it will reduce the workload on the Stage Teams allowing them to get set up and ready for the first car without the stress of putting in place all the road closure officials.

Officials who want to be a road closure in the Chittering region will still be very much welcome, but now you will become a member of the Chittering team rather than the

stage team.

The Toodyay Region has been set up by John Bennington and he to has put together an enthusiastic bunch of officials. In 2006 they also volunteered to come down to Gidgegannup on the Friday to set up those stages. John has recently reached the big 70 years of age and had decided it is time for him to lesson his load with his beloved MG Car Club and his duties with Quit Targa West. We will soon be in touch with the Toodyay officials to find a replacement for John.

Rallying requires a dis-proportionate number of officials to competitors and without them the events could not go ahead; thank you to all of them.

## PERTH MOTOR SHOW

As you all know the Perth Motor Show was held between 20th-25th April. Thousands of people walked through the doors to view the range of new, old, and luxury vehicles on display.

QUIT Targa West had a presence at the show sharing the Shannon's Corner, which gave us the opportunity to reach a wide audience range and raise the profile of the QUIT Targa West event.



Graham Romyn's Torana caught the eye of those with a passion for the "older" vehicle, but the real show stopper was the sleek Lamborghini Gallardo from the Marques 250 collection. There was also something there for the gravel rally enthusiasts, with Justin Kinnear's Mitsubishi Evo VII and Mark Cameron's Suzuki Swift GTi.

A big thank you to all volunteers who made their time available to "take watch" at the stand and answer questions (albeit most questions were in relation to the Gallardo!)



## SEARLE RACE EQUIPMENT - PREFERRED SUPPLIER SUPPORT FOR THREE YEARS RUNNING

As in previous years, we are pleased to announce that Searle Race Equipment have extended their support as our preferred supplier for all your race equipment needs.

Providing a comprehensive range of products including race suits and clothing, helmets, Hans devices, intercoms, Terra Trips and just about anything else you need to get you and your car ready, they are a one stop shop for all your needs. They also have full workshop facilities and can offer additional services from installing new equipment such as the Terra Trip, through to comprehensive engine work and supplying tubing for the fabrication of roll cages.

They also offer special rates on a number of items for QUIT Targa West competitors so please ensure you mention us when visiting.

For further information call Brad Searle on (08) 9358 0050, [sremotorsport@dodo.com.au](mailto:sremotorsport@dodo.com.au) or visit them at Unit 5 / 138 Radium Rd, Welshpool.



## INTERSTATE TRANSPORT RATES NOW AVAILABLE

As in previous years, we are pleased to announce that discounted vehicle transport rates for interstate competitors have now been published by CEVA Logistics (Formerly TNT). These tariffs represent approximately a 10% saving off their standard tariffs and are available exclusively for all QUIT Targa West competitors.

Given the continuous high volumes of transport coming across to WA, we would ask all competitors to make a special note of the estimated transit times indicated and wherever possible to make arrangements allowing some contingency if possible.

For all bookings please contact Rastislav Bovis, Special Vehicles Co-ordinator at CEVA Logistics on (03) 9931 9141 or [rastislav.bovis@au.cevalogistics.com](mailto:rastislav.bovis@au.cevalogistics.com).

A detailed tariff sheet can be downloaded from our web site at [www.targawest.com.au](http://www.targawest.com.au).

## **T**ARGA TRACK DAY – 16TH AUGUST RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW

Following the great success of last year's track day at the Barbagallo Race Circuit in Wanneroo, we are pleased to announce that we will be running another one this year on Thursday the 16th of August.

This is run differently to a normal track day in as much as we will have the relevant CAMS licenses to allow cars onto the circuit with passengers on board. This therefore provides the opportunity to drive your cars 'two up' and to get used to the dramatic change to the way in which this makes the car handle. It also allows teams to practice pace notes at speed.

We will also have on hand experts to provide help and advice with regards to writing and calling pace notes as well as to discuss any other aspects of tarmac rally participation.

Due to the nature of the day, this also provides entrants with the opportunity to invite their own vehicle sponsors along and potentially take them out for a number of 'hot laps' within a dedicated session.

In 2006 this proved to be a hugely enjoyable, informative and fun day and at a cost of just \$295 inc GST for the full day and with a maximum of 22 spaces available, it is sure to be fully subscribed again.

To register your interest please email us on [info@targawest.com.au](mailto:info@targawest.com.au) and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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## **R**OOKIE EVENINGS 9TH AND 23RD JULY

We currently have planned two Rookie evenings on Monday 9th and 23rd of July, which will be held at the new Shannons Offices in Burswood.

If you have not competed in a Tarmac Rally or 'Targa Style' event before, then for the purposes of QUIT Targa West you are deemed to be a Rookie irrespective of any other competitive motorsport experience you may or may not have.

These evenings are planned as information nights and we will cover all aspects of what's required to be fully prepared for the rally come September so that you are best placed to completely enjoy the rally in a safe and competitive manner.

For all Rookies, attendance at one of these evenings is a mandatory requirement and we would ask you (even if you are yet to submit your entry form) to email Sally Ball on [sally@targawest.com.au](mailto:sally@targawest.com.au) indicating your preferred night in order for us to start planning numbers accordingly.

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## **I**NTERSTATE 'BUDDY' CONTACTS

If you are planning to compete in WA for the first time and / or would like to make contact with some local teams or specialists to assist in any respect (vehicle preparation / service crew requirements etc) please contact us via [info@targawest.com.au](mailto:info@targawest.com.au) and we will put you in touch with some of the many people who have offered us their help locally.

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**Targa West Cocktail Reception**  
**City of Perth Council House**  
**23 May**

**Jim Richards at AHG Driving**  
**Centre**  
**5 & 8 June**

**Targa West Rookie Evenings**  
**9 & 23 July**

**Dutton Rally**  
**27 - 29 July**

**Targa Track Day**  
**Barbagallo Raceway**  
**16 August**