

Did you know that there is approximately 9 months before the excitement of QUIT Targa West 2009 starts again!

QUIT TARGA WEST 2009

20 - 23 AUGUST 2009

The fifth QUIT Targa West will be held on 20 - 23 August 2009. Event organisers are already planning the course with some new and refreshing stages to test the skill of drivers and their co-drivers.

2009 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The dates have been set and the Expression of Interest is out now. In 2009 the field will once again be limited to approximately 80 vehicles, so to reserve your place (pending the release of the Official Entry and Supplementary Regulations) in 2009 download the expression of interest form from the QTW website, complete and return it to info@targawest.com.au. This year's event was over subscribed and we expect the 2009 event to be the same.

Once the Official Entry forms are available for release, your reservation can then be confirmed and secured by return of the Entry Forms along with a \$750 deposit at that time.



AUSTRALIAN CLASSIC TARMAC RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Board of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport has approved the establishment of the Australian Classic Tarmac Rally Championship for cars that date pre 1982.

The championship recognises the growing status of tarmac rallying, involving classic cars, and its participants in Australia. The 2009 Australian Classic Tarmac Rally Championship will be decided over four events with each event counting for points:

Round 1 - Rally Tasmania (14-15 February)

Round 2 - Suncoast Rally (22-26 July)

Round 3 - Quit Targa West (20-23 August)

Round 4 - Classic Adelaide (18-22 November)

The success of tarmac rallies is highly dependent on classic cars and each event in the championship is endeavouring to promote the cars and increase the level of interest among the public and the media.

The championship is also designed to boost Classic crews and increase their level of recognition, which has proved difficult in the past with the number of modern cars competing in tarmac rallying.

"The increased focus on classic cars will be welcomed by crews and spectators alike - there's no doubt that the classics are the crowd favourites," said Ross Tapper, Clerk of the Course of both Rally Tasmania and Targa West.

Event organisers are considering a suitable award for the Championship winners and the champions will be recognised alongside their motor sport peers at an appropriate CAMS function.

"CAMS, in conjunction with the organisers, has standardised the regulations for tarmac rallies and we now feel that we have progressed to the point where a Championship can now be introduced," said CAMS Tarmac Rally Working Group Chairman Ben Rainsford.

Sporting Regulations for the Championship - which will include conditions for entry, point scores and other relevant matters for the championship - are in the process of being developed and will be released shortly.

To be eligible, cars will need to comply with the CAMS Classic Tarmac Rally Technical Regulations. The Entry form for the Australian Classic Tarmac Rally Championship is available for download from the QTW website.



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QUIT Targa West 08 - DVD out now

If you missed QUIT Targa West on TV, which was broadcast nationally on Channel 7 on Saturday 4 October, your chance to own a copy on DVD is here. Our friends at Pitstop Bookshop now have the 2008 QUIT Targa West DVD on their shelves. The DVD is \$39.95.

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ROOKIE EVENING

In 2008, QUIT Targa West had a large number of Rookie's. Organisers have recognised that Tarmac Rallying is a growing sport and is gaining interest from those who have very little or no experience. In the lead up to each QUIT Targa West, organisers run a number of Rookie information nights which are designed to give the first-timers a taste of all the preparation required to compete.

Organisers are looking to hold an information evening in December, so if you are interested in competing in QUIT Targa West in 2009 and would like to attend a Rookie Information evening, please email Sally (sally@targawest.com.au) or call on 0429 089 171 to register your interest.

SEARLE RACE EQUIPMENT

Searle Race Equipment have expanded their showroom and moved into new premises in Welshpool. Call in and speak with Brad and Heidi for all your Motorsport equipment.

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CLASSIC ADELAIDE

Bob and Ross recently attended the Classic Adelaide Rally to catch up with a large number of tarmac competitors and the fellow organisers of the new Australian Classic Tarmac Rally Championship.

Both enjoyed the trip and picked up some good ideas for QTW, met many enthusiastic competitors for QTW and the new ACTC and working on how to bring Gorge and Corksrew Roads home to WA.

Of particular interest was the lunch break street parties and the Friday Night in Gouger Street, some of which we should be able to incorporate into Quit Targa West.

There were quite a few QTW competitors who entered Classic Adelaide, although the WA contingent didn't have a good run.

Hans and Mark De Corti (18th), Glym Crimp and Paul Van Der Mey (21st), Joe Caudo (52nd) all finished.

Unfortunately David and Angela Hooper, Phil Hooper and Mal Crockenburg, Kim Stewart and Frank Zanoti and Ben Searcy (co-driving) were all DNF's.

Kim and Frank were involved in a bad accident resulting in leg injuries to Kim and a hand injury to Frank. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Festival of Christmas

14th November - 25th December

Perth City - various free entertainment for everyone.
Visit www.cityofperth.wa.gov.au for details.

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