

WEST AUSTRALIAN DRIVERS HEAD SOUTH TO CONTEST TARGA TASMANIA

Steven Jones and his navigator Ruari Soutar-Dawson lead a strong charge of West Australian teams contesting Targa Tasmania from 28 April – 3 May 2009.

The talented young driver took the Competition Modern honours at QUIT Targa West 2008 and is this year looking to add the Targa Tasmania trophy to his cabinet.

Since the introduction of Western Australia's only premier tarmac rally – QUIT Targa West - in 2005 the numbers of local crews showing an interest in tarmac rallying has been on the rise.

This increase will be highlighted at Targa Tasmania with the largest West Australian contingent entered in the event in the past few years.

While searching for the outright wins in their respective categories, the West Australian drivers will be keeping a close eye on their competitors with many of the crews entered in Targa Tasmania likely to head to Western Australia in August to contest QUIT Targa West.

"Tarmac Rallying is a large family and the increasing numbers entering events are testament to the experience had by every competitor and their respective crews and the hard work done by event organisers across the country," said West Australian competitor Paul Summers.

"In tough economic times when motorsport is being hit hard at every level of the sport tarmac rallying is growing, as highlighted by QUIT Targa West's recent decision to increase the numbers of crews able to enter the event by 20%, and it is something every driver out there is celebrating," Summers added.

Modern Competition

Driver

Steve Jones
Paul Summers
Paul Davies
Dean Herridge
Robert Herridge
Graham Furness
Graham Iddles

Navigator

Ruari Soutar-Dawson
Michael Arnold
David Henderson
Glenn Weston
Anthony Chudleigh
Cameron Furness
Paul Hopwood

Car

2007 Nissan GT-R
2007 Porsche 911 GT3 RS
2007 HDT VE Retro One
2008 Subaru Impreza WRX STi
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2005 Subaru Impreza WRX STi
2008 Subaru Impreza WRX STi

Early Modern Competition

Driver

Todd Zani
John O'Dowd
Phillip Hooper

Navigator

Michael Kennedy
Gregory Allen
Mal Crockenburg

Car

2002 HSV Maloo
2002 HSV GTO
1999 Porsche 911 GT3

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Classic Competition

Driver

Glyn Crimp
Joe Caudo
Dave Bartlett

Navigator

Paul van der Mey
Ivan Limb
Nigel Jones

Car

1980 Porsche 924 GTS CS
1980 HDT Commodore
1977 Ford Escort RS2000

Early Classic Competition

Driver

Mike Moylan
Rex Growden

Navigator

Kimberley Chance
Frank Pelusey

Car

1964 Ford Galaxie
1970 Ford Falcon XW GT

Showroom

Driver

Michael Minshall

Navigator

Greg Flood

Car

2005 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX

Entry forms for QUIT Targa West are now available and can be downloaded from the official website of QUIT Targa West www.targawest.com.au

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Targa West is a Tarmac Rally event running on sections of closed public roads. The 2009 event will be held over the four days of 20th to the 23rd of August.

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