

Get ready to start your engines for QUIT Targa West 2009 - This year's event is only five months away!

2009 Event preparations

Since December 2008, QUIT Targa West has had an overwhelming response for the 2009 event and have already received over 120 Expressions of Interest for QUIT Targa West 2009. Unfortunately we will only be able to run a maximum of 100 entries, however this is quite a big increase on our normal cap of 80 entries.

The Supplementary Regulations and Official Entry Form have now been approved by CAMS and have been sent to all those competitors who have expressed their interest. These documents are now available on the QTW website.

Competitors who have completed and returned an Expression of Interest form must now submit the Official Entry Form with the deposit to secure your place. Once your form and deposit has been received, processed and accepted, you will then receive confirmation securing your position for QUIT Targa West 2009.

Australian Classic Tarmac Rally Championship

The Sporting Regulations and a registration form for the Australian Classic Tarmac Rally Championship (ACTC) is now available at
<http://www.camsmanual.com.au/SportingRegulations.asp>.

The championship is designed to boost Classic crews and increase their level of recognition and the growing status of tarmac rallying, involving classic cars and competitors in Australia. The 2009 Australian Classic Tarmac Rally Championship will be decided over three events with each event counting for points:

- Rd 1 - Rally Tasmania (14-15 February)
- Rd 2 - Quit Targa West (20-23 August)
- Rd 3 - Classic Adelaide (18-22 November)



2009 Course Changes

With encouragement of the Shire of Kalamunda we will be focusing the Friday stages around a centre of activities in Kalamunda. To do this we have sort approval to extend the Kalamunda Stage (Mundaring Weir Road) through to the Mundaring Weir Hotel.

This required the approval from the Shire of Kalamunda and Mundaring, DEC and the Water Corporation. This approval process is going along very amicably. The stage will be 15km's in distance but will require a few chicanes to slow it down. We will also need to run two Restricted Speed Zones where the stage passes through the Reservoir Protection Zone ie close to Mundaring Weir.

Friday will now be the AHG Driving Centre and then two runs each of John Forest National Park, the Zig Zag and Mundaring Weir Road, all up, slightly more distance than last year. There will also be two stops in Kalamunda to show off the cars and for the locals to get up close. Arrangements are being made to turn the Mundaring Weir Hotel into an exciting spectator location. The McNess and Canning Mills stages will not be run.

On Saturday the Wells Glover stage will be replaced (subject to approval) by a new stage in the Blue Plains Estate. Otherwise the rest of the rally will be similar to 2008 with some fine tuning with chicanes and maybe a slight change to a stage or two. Crews should always treat every stage as a new stage when doing reconnaissance to ensure they are running 100% to the road book.

Co-Driver Call-out

There are a number of competitors looking for Co-drivers, so if you have experience in co-driving on either gravel or tarmac and would like to have a run in QUIT Targa West, send your details to Sally Ball (sally@targawest.com.au) and we will do our best to line you up with a competitor in this year's event.

Rookie Information Evenings

It is great to see that with the large response for QTW09, there are so many new competitors wishing to join the excitement of tarmac rallying. To assist Rookies with their preparation for QTW, organisers will be holding two Rookie Information Evenings in March and April.

It is important for all competitors who are competing in QTW for the first time, that you attend one of the Rookie Information Evenings. The evening provides both driver and co-driver with an overview of the event, key contact details, safety requirements and answers to any questions you may have.

Tuesday 24th March - 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday 22nd April - 7.00pm - 9.00pm

To attend one of the rookie evenings, please email Sally Ball (sally@targawest.com.au).

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Co-driver Information Evenings

Each year leading up to the event, organisers of QTW arrange an evening specifically focused for Co-drivers and Drivers who are interested in gaining a few tips for reading and calling pace-notes.

The evening is run by experienced co-driver, Paul van der Mey. Paul has had many years experience in both tarmac and gravel rally events, and has competed in QTW for the past four years.

There will be two Co-driver Information Evenings this year.

Thursday 19th March - 7.00pm - 10.00pm

Thursday 18th June - 7.00pm - 10.00pm

Location: WA Car Club clubrooms, 265 Hale Road Wattle Grove

To attend one (or both) of the Co-driver evenings, please email Sally Ball (sally@targawest.com.au).

Track Days - Barbagallo Raceway

Track days play an important role in the preparation leading up to QUIT Targa West. These designated days held at Barbagallo Raceway provide competitors with an opportunity to test their vehicles with both driver and co-driver in the car to practice pace-note calling and communication within the vehicle.

The track days also provide competitors with the opportunity to invite their vehicle sponsors to Barbagallo for the day to enjoy the buzz that is tarmac rallying.

This year there will again be two track days:- 18th June and 16th July. Further details for the track days will be available at the end of March.

DIARY DATES

19th March - Co-driver Info Night

24th March - Rookie Info Night

22nd April - Rookie Info Night

18th June - Co-driver Info Night

20 - 23rd August - QUIT Targa West