

Make your Mind Up Time

If you are still thinking about competing in the 2006 QUIT Targa West but have yet to submit your nomination form then now is really make your mind up time. **We are currently in receipt of 70 Nominations for the 80 available spaces and the balance will be filled on a first come first served basis.**

Last year we had a flood of nominations within the last 4 weeks prior to the start of the rally; this year we will be full long before then so please act fast to avoid disappointment or being placed on a reserves list.

Simply download the Nomination to Compete form from our website, www.targawest.com.au or else call Chris Wilson on 0410 58 2709.

East Heads West

We look forward to welcoming a growing contingent of interstate competitors to this years event as we currently have 18 teams making the long trip West in 2006. Amongst the latest to confirm their nominations are two more BMW Australia MINI Cooper S JCW cars, meaning that we will have three running as they join that already entered by Unique Cars Magazine; the spectacular Lamborghini Gallardo of Kevin Weeks from South Australia and Frank Purdey's new Porsche 911 Turbo from Queensland

All of the above will be running in the Competition Category and we look forward to making them all very welcome when they set foot in WA this September.

Lamborghini – the first Supercar!

Whilst V8 Supercars dominate the news on the Australian Racing circuit, it was Lamborghini who could probably be credited with the accolade of coining the phrase 'Supercar' when they launched the stunningly beautiful mid engined Muira on the World back in 1966.



Before the Fire at Targa Tas '06!

The marque has enjoyed ups and downs throughout its history, however has been on a roll in recent years since it's acquisition by Audi and now with the Murcielago and Gallardo has two cars that now not only have unmistakably Italian supercar looks, but also now benefit from German levels of reliability.

It is therefore with much great pleasure and anticipation that we look forward to welcoming Kevin Weeks and his stunning Gallardo to WA in September.

The car is the ex-Targa Tasmania Stuart Appleby car and has since run at the Mt

Buller Sprint; Rally Tasmania and Targa Tasmania 2006 where it unfortunately, but memorably, caught fire on a transit stage on day 2.

With Kevin's extensive background in everything from Formula Two, Formula Holden, Production and Saloon Cars to numerous Tarmac Rallies in recent years, he is looking forward to his first QUIT Targa West where he hopes to bring the Gallardo home without any of the drama that occurred in Tasmania!

A MINI Adventure

With BMW Australia looking to commemorate it being 40 years ago this year that a MINI won at Bathurst, we are very excited to announce that we have now received nominations for all three of the BMW factory prepared MINI Cooper S JCW cars in this year's event.



Mike Sinclair in Full Flight!

With the teams having gained considerable experience at Targa Tasmania (including some very respectable out right stage times) and Lake Mountain, they are now becoming increasingly competitive and sure to give some other established entries a real run for their money come September. Whilst the Unique

Cars entry have confirmed their Driver and Co-Driver line up, the other two are still TBC and will be confirmed in the coming month.

Hop On Board

This year will see the launch of a new service as we plan to offer a 'Partners Bus' service over the Saturday and Sunday of this year's event. Using a 5 Star luxury coach, the service is planned to depart the rally HQ at Burswood at 8am on both days from where it will complete a full day's tour including various wineries and other local attractions as well as stops at various Spectator Viewing areas for the rally and a rendezvous at the Service Parks. On each day guests will be treated to morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. On Saturday the coach will arrive back at Burswood at approximately 6pm and on Sunday at circa 3pm.

The service is aimed at providing an exciting, luxurious and relaxed way to enjoy the rally for competitor's partners and guests as well as various sponsors and other VIP's. We expect to be able to announce final pricing and details in time for the July newsletter and will be taking bookings shortly after.



Western Range Wines – One of the stops on route!

Rookie Evening

The first Rookie evening on Tuesday May 30th proved a great success with 16 attendees and a wide range of topics covered on the night. Our aim is to help ensure that all entrants are fully prepared, briefed and aware of what's involved so as to ensure that the rally is enjoyed by all in the manner in which it is intended and that safety is uppermost on everyone's minds. Our Event Secretary Lyndon Sperring will be following through on a range of actions and can be contacted at any time on 0407 688877 or email lyndbeth@bigpond.net.au should anyone have any questions.

Invitations To Compete

We would like to apologise to all those who have nominated an entry for this year's event about the slow response in terms of us issuing the Invitations to Compete.

These are a number one priority over the coming month and will be issued as soon as possible. We have attached an up to date list of the Nominations Received to date along side this Update and can confirm that subject to approval (on paper) by our scrutineering team we will be issuing invitations to all those noted.

Should you have any questions at this stage please contact either Chris Wilson on 0410 58 2709 or Lyndon Sperring on 0407 888877

Road Book, Maps and Reconnaissance

We are on course to have the road books ready for distribution by mid July. Competitors will then be free to do reconnaissance any time after that.

We remind competitors that during Reconnaissance they are always to drive within the road rules and respect the local residents, roads and property.

Where ever possible please support the local businesses when buying food and fuel and remember there are some great B&B's in the area if you wish to make a weekend of it.

Chicanes & Restricted Speed Zones

One of the biggest challenges in setting the 2006 course has been to bring the Average Speed back 132km/h on some of the stages without destroying everything that the crews enjoyed about the 2005 roads.

At the recent Shannons Busselton Tarmac Rally we experimented with a reduced distance between the chicanes at 12 metres. The crews who competed have commented that they didn't have a problem but it did bring them down to 2nd gear.

We will be setting the chicanes on Quit Targa West at this distance. We realise that this will be very tight for the older big cars but we also need to reduce the average speed of

the smaller high powered modern cars.

This year we will also have two Restricted Speed Zones. Both of these will be 1km in length and crews will have 40 seconds to complete the 1km; this is an average of 90km/h. There will be no speed penalty in the Zone but crews will be asked to drive at a constant speed. Penalties will apply for travelling the 1km quicker than 40 seconds.

Regulations & Entry Forms

Supplementary Regulations are now with CAMS and will be released onto the website as soon as they are approved; this should be in the next few weeks.

Entry Forms will be sent out along with the Invitations to Compete and entrants will need to return these completed with all the additional information required.

Our Event Secretary Lyndon Sperring will manage this process such that come the time of Documentation it will be a quick and easy process.

Challenge Crews Timing

We have put a proposal to CAMS that Challenge crews be timed the same as Competition Crews with NO Target Time but a Maximum Speed of 130km/h.

The Tarmac Rally Working Group has agreed to this and it now needs approval by ARCom

for inclusion in the Supplementary Regulations.

It is proposed that a GPS will be fitted to all Challenge Cars. The GPS will be a box on the dashboard that will start flashing when you reach 130km/h and will display a permanent red light if you exceed the limit. The timing officials will then be able to download the data and allocate the appropriate penalty.

Officials

With just 3 months to go it is now the time for Officials to start registering. Registration forms are available from www.targawest.com.au or you can contact our new Officials Coordinator, Barbara Rebola on 9367 2005 or info@targawest.com.au. We will also be emailing out a Registration form to all 2005 Officials.

With a requirement for over 500 officials to run QUIT Targa West the best way to register is to Fax or Email the Registration Form, and if you were an Official in 2005, contact your Team Leader and let them know that you will be back.

All Officials this year will need to be CAMS Licensed and once you have registered we will arrange for you to receive a CAMS Trainee Licence application form if you are not already in possession of one through your other motorsport activity.

Positions Vacant

1. Chicane Team Leader

Unfortunately Mitch Templar is unable to do this role in 2006, although he is willing to assist any person taking on the role.

We will need over 20 chicane teams for the rally and they will all need coordinating to pick up their equipment and be on site at the correct position on time. We have over 60 chicane team members from 2005 and some have already come forward to say they are willing to help again this year.

Mitch has also got some excellent training and event procedures in place to make it easier for the new leader.

2. Archway Team

We require a two man Archway team for the 2006 event.

The Archway Team will be required to have the sponsors logos updated on the current Archway and then assemble it for the Start each day, (Prologue on Thursday, Forrest Place on Friday and Burswood on Saturday and Sunday) and for the event finish on Sunday afternoon at Burswood.

If you are able to assist with either of these positions or for that matter any other position that you would like to know more about contact Ross Tapper on 9523 2214 or ross@targawest.com.au