

Pitstop Success

Last Thursday night, the **Pitstop Bookshop** in Perth was filled with over 85 people attending the launch of the 2007 QUIT Targa West.



Peter Lyster and his team at **Pitstop** kindly hosted the evening providing food and refreshments whilst our long term wine sponsors, **Western Range Wines**, were there with a great selection that was enjoyed by all!



Tight squeeze in a great venue!

Detailed within this newsletter is a summary of the key points discussed at the evening and with the release of the Official Entry Forms due any day now, we look forward to keeping you abreast of what we fully expect to be a fast growing entry list over the coming months.



Alan Melchert from Events Corp WA and Chittering Shire CEO Kenn Donohue discuss plans for future rallies.



Clerk of Course, Ross Tapper, runs through the changes.

Once again, special thanks go to **Pitstop Bookshop**, Australia's largest and best specialist motoring bookshop www.pitstop.net.au and **Western Range Wines** www.westernrangewines.com.au for their support and for all those that braved the congested Perth City Centre to join us on the night!

2007 Event Entry Forms Due Out VERY soon

As we bring you this update, we are still waiting on CAMS to approve the 2007 event entry form and accompanying supplementary regulations. It is hoped that these will be available any day now and when they are, we will notify everyone by email with full details and directions to find all the required forms on our new website to download and return.

On The Ball

As we enter our third year, we are delighted to welcome **Sally Ball** onto the 'Targa Team' in a full time administration capacity.

Sally brings experience and expertise plus a much needed 'extra pair of hands' and proved

her worth last year as a valuable member of the Functions Team.

Over the coming months you will see much more of Sally specifically in her capacity as primary point of contact for competitor enquiries and entry details, as well as organising future pre-rally events such as the social evenings and other functions.

Sally can be contacted on sally@targawest.com.au or 0429 089171

Jim Richards to run in '07



We have already had an enormous amount of interest in the 2007 event with numerous calls and emails lodging their interest to compete this year.

Perhaps most notable of all of these to date is that QUIT Targa West 2007 will be contested by veteran tarmac rally specialist and multiple winner of both Targa Tasmania, Classic Adelaide and Bathurst (amongst many, many others...) Jim Richards.



Jim at Targa Tasmania in 2006

Jim will be well known by many and brings enormous experience to the rally and we can't wait to welcome him over for his first run at the event.

Perth Motor Show

Thanks to our long term sponsor and supporter Shannons Insurance, we are delighted to announce that we will once again be forming part of their display at the forthcoming **Perth Motor Show which runs from 21 - 25 April** at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre.



SHARE THE PASSION

This is a fabulous opportunity to again significantly raise the profile of QUIT Targa West and we look forward to showcasing another spectacular display of cars over the course of the 5 days.

Healthway don't QUIT

We are pleased to announce that our naming rights sponsor, Healthway, have renewed for another two years, which will see the event continue as the **QUIT Targa West** through until 2008.



Healthway have been a huge supporter of Targa West, coming on board for the inaugural event in 2005 and already pledging their long term commitment to our growth and success.

As an organisation we fully endorse their aims and objectives and will be continuing to work hard promoting the **QUIT** message along with other healthy lifestyle choices.

On your Marques

New to our sponsor program this year is Marques 250 who will be appearing as the naming rights sponsor for the prologue leg of the 2007 QUIT Targa West rally.



Lamborghini Gallardo Spider – one of a number of cars available to Marques 250 Club Members

Marques 250 is an exclusive members only organisation providing its members access to the worlds finest engineered automobiles and supercars, world class accommodation, fine dining and truly luxurious lifestyle experiences.

Starting here in Perth, they plan to roll out their club facilities across the country as they build on their initial success in WA.

Sharing a passion for motoring and motorsport they will be organising a number of events that should appeal to anyone with an interest

in any of the above including their first 2 day social drive, **The Bull Run, here in Perth on the 14th and 15th of April.**

To find out more about Marques 250, 'The Bull Run' and other plans, please visit www.marques250.com or call Tanya Cavanagh on 0412 300 850

New Targa West Web Site

Following a huge push in the final few days running up to the launch event on Thursday the 15th Feb, our new IT and Web Partners, **Quantum Interactive**, have done a fantastic job of ensuring our completely new and revised web site is 'in the sky' to coincide with the launch.



Taking a whole new design direction to make the site more interactive, interesting and informative, we believe the site retains its original primary purpose (simple, ease of use and easy access to the information and forms you need) whilst giving us a better platform to deliver news and other content as we develop it over time.

We would value your feedback and look forward to adding significantly more content to it over the coming months as we make this your primary point of contact for information on the rally. To see the changes please visit www.targawest.com.au and if

indeed you need to revisit your own web needs, please feel free to contact Craig or Callum at Quantum Interactive on (08) 9472 0060 or visit them at www.quantuminteractive.com.au

What's New in '07?

At the launch event last Thursday, QUIT Targa West Clerk of Course **Ross Tapper** outlined a number of the key changes and modifications to this year's rally. Detailed below is a summary of some these changes:-

Regulations

There is no nomination form this year. Just download an entry form (**available from our site just as soon as CAMS have approved the final version - we will email all as soon as this happens!**) and send it in with your deposit to secure your place and we will then send you an entry acceptance notice soon after.

Note: It is the **Competitors responsibility** to ensure that their car meets the CAMS Technical Regulations. Download the document via our website www.targawest.com.au/COMPETITORS/Documentation or visit www.cams.com.au for more detail, however if you do need help, please contact us and we will aim to assist you.

Rookies

We will again be running pre event Rookie evenings for all those new to 'targa' style tarmac rally events.

We will notify the dates for these in due course. Please note that a minimum pre-requisite is three 'qualifying speed events' in the 12 months prior to the rally so if you

are new, best to start planning your year now.

Qualifying events - we class qualifying events as any of the many 'speed' tarmac events that are run.

Here in WA these would include the **AMR Series**, the **AHG Sprint events**, **The Busselton Sprint (April 28th)**, the **Dutton Rally** (here in July), or any other similar series.



The WA Round of the Dutton Rally - One of many events that will help Rookies and experienced drivers alike prepare for Targa

All of these can be easily found on the web, however please also feel free to contact us if you need help in choosing.

Exclusive 'Targa' track day(s)

We will again be having one (maybe two) pre rally track days at the Wanneroo and Collie circuits.

We will arrange to have a CAMS permit that will enable cars to be on the track with drivers and co-drivers on board to practice both driving 'two up' as well as pace noting and other specific training / preparation issues.

We will also structure the day such that there will be a controlled session allowing competitors to take their own sponsors & media representatives out for 'hot laps' throughout the day.

More details will be published in the Updates in due course.

Key changes to the 2007 event course

- No stages where cars have to 'interweave' back into the stage as in previous years.
- All cars will be running at 30 second intervals on all stages.
- New road card procedures will be introduced to streamline and simplify the process
- Less chicanes than in 2006.
- Prologue moved to a new 4kms long course at the Perth Motorplex on the Thursday of the event. Recce will be held on the same day. It will be run twice with the starting order determined on an average of the two times.
- Friday's stages will be run in memory of Peter Brock and will also see the rally take in a number of new stages in and around the Perth Hills. We are still working through the long approvals processes and hope to be able to confirm these shortly!
- Saturday and Sunday will follow a similar format to previous years, however we are also working on the possibility of a new short town stage in Toodyay.

In summary, there will be approximately 230 to 250kms of Special Stage Tarmac Rallying in the 2007 event.