



22nd September 2009 Newsletter

Hello everyone,

## Breaking News

Hayden Paddon has confirmed his entry to the 15th Anniversary Dunlop Targa after successfully defending his NZRC Title. His entry has been made possible by Rally Tours and will enable him to clock up more tarmac experience in preparation for his Pirelli Star Driver Scholarship which will see him compete in six World Rally Championship events next year.

We also have Chris Amon, Owen and Mitchell Evans and Robert(Cheese) and Shane Van Gisbergen involved this year to help raise the profile of Targa and the variety of motorsport medium that Targa appeals to.

33 Days to go until the 15th Anniversary Dunlop Targa and all the months of planning are now complete. Entries close at the end of September so if you still haven't entered, you'd better get in quick and while you are at it take advantage of the early bird rates for the 2010 events which are now up on the website.

Keith is out and about again dropping off all the signage and doing the final marshall training along the way so look out for him as he passes through your region.

By now the Dunlop Targa competitors will have received the information packs, please take the time to read ALL the information and complete the function form, then return it the office. We have listened to your comments about the number of functions during the event so you will notice that they have been reduced and placed strategically throughout the week so that more of you can attend.

Cure Kids are providing water again for you to purchase this year with all the proceeds going to their cause. Remember that hydration is very important during the event.

It was good to see some of you at Speed Show over the weekend. We had a stand in Hall 2, displaying the posters and playing some past Targa videos. Like a lot of these shows, it is very hard to measure the impact but it was a good medium to educate the public about the event beyond what they see on TV.

We are still looking for Car Clubs to get involved at the Telstra Pacific Centre on Sunday 25th October. This is an opportunity to display your cars and help promote your club, so if you want more information please contact Ru on [eventmanager@targa.co.nz](mailto:eventmanager@targa.co.nz) or call the office.

While we are on the topic of Telstra, the guys from MONIT will be onsite during prologue day to help out with any problems you may have. If you haven't got one yet we HIGHLY recommend them, they are very easy to use and calibrate so give James Holder a call on 0800MONIT1 or email

[info@monitrally.com](mailto:info@monitrally.com) .

Gina is still needing a few more volunteers so please contact her on [timing@targa.co.nz](mailto:timing@targa.co.nz) or call the office if you can help or know anyone who would like to get involved.

Another big thank you goes to Bob Boniface and his team at Honda, they have provided another two generators as prizes. This time one will go to the first Honda home, and by this we mean the highest placed finisher who is driving a Honda (not the first Honda to crash and go home early), and the other will go to the entrant that overcomes the most adversity and finishes. These are great prizes and don't just take our word for it, ask the recipients from Targa Rotorua, Mike Lowe and Graham Sword.

Speaking of Targa Rotorua we must apologies for an error in the Index of Performance awards, while we have spoken to those concerned in the Classic Competition, we didn't let everyone else know but there was a change to second and third place. The correct results are 1st Mike Lowe, 2nd Mark McCaughan and 3rd Greg Crene.

That's all for now.

Regards  
Peter and the Targa Team.