

25th March 2011

Farewell Ru

Today was our last day with Ru Tauri, Targa New Zealand Event Manager. Ru has been with us for two years and during this time has contributed immensely to the smooth running of all Targa NZ events. His quiet demeanor has held us together in times of pressure and he has developed his Motorsport knowledge to a very high level. So while it is sad to see him go, he leaves with our support for his new endeavors with RYDA NZ Limited as General Manger. RYDA is an acronym for Rotary Youth Driver Awareness and this role will enable Ru to continue to develop himself while working in an environment that he has a passion for. So while it is good bye for now, I'm sure that we will still be seeing Ru around future Targa events.

Targa Bambina

Another great event that was received extremely well by everyone involved. Competitors loved the State Highway 25 stage almost as much as the local spectators with record numbers perched in prime locations throughout the stage. A special thanks to all the volunteers, nearly 500 people across the weekend. Thanks also to the local businesses especially in Whitianga who provided such a wonderful atmosphere and great service.

Targa Rotorua 4th & 5th June, Queens Birthday Weekend

Not far away now, only **10 weeks** and time is flying by so please make sure you beat the **next deadline of the 15th April**. To receive this pricing structure you must be entered and paid by this date NOT on this date. Mandy is in the office from 9.00am until 3.00pm and ready to help, so call her if you need to on 09 2988322. Provisional entry list is on line www.targa.co.nz under Targa Rotorua 2011 on the side tab. This is over Queens Birthday weekend which means that Monday 6th June is a public holiday and you will need the extra day to recover as we have plotted 375km of special stage and 530km of touring with the longest special stage of 68km. Are you up for it? If you think this is cool don't forget that this is all squeezed into the two shortest days of the year, well may be not quite, but the daylight hours are very limited. Don't forget the Targa Tour, this part of the event has long been over looked. It is a great way to start your involvement in Targa and not have the pressure of keeping to time and worrying about service crews and other Rally protocols, so get your mates together and come and enjoy the opportunity of stretching the legs of your favourite car. More information about the Targa Tour is available on line www.targa.co.nz or call the office 09 2988322.

Targa NZ Calendar

Another new initiative is the creation of a Targa NZ Calendar. Given that we are already in March we are looking at the first edition later in the year. The concept is to use it as a fundraiser for the local community groups that are involved with our wonderful event. We are looking for expressions of interest from competitors who would like to have their cars featured as a monthly photo. If you are keen to be involved and want some more information then please call Peter at the office on 09 2988322 or Mobile 0274 525643 or email peter@targa.co.nz There is a cost and some months are more expensive than others, but this is to cover the cost of production so all proceeds from the sales will be given to those community groups who help out. We have already had a couple of competitors confirm their involvement so don't be shy or you might not get the month you want.

Peter and the Targa Team