



Newsletter 8th May 2009

Hi All,

Targa Tasmania

Well it has been another busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter. While I have been in Australia as a guest of Adrian(SINART) and Targa Tasmania, the rest of the office have enjoyed the quite time without me, Yeah Right! It has been all hands to the pump keeping up with the huge TO DO lists. It was very interesting looking at how Targa Tasmania run their event, some things are great and easy to introduce like wrist bands for identification of driver and co-driver, while others are more cumbersome and unnecessary. We don't have the luxury of government assistance like they do but I believe we have much more community involvement and support, so long may this continue. All in all I believe we offer much better value for money given the number of stages and distances we travel. Enough about that, we have a couple of announcements, but before that a quick update on SINART. He went under the knife again today and is now on the mend. It is unlikely we will see him here for Targa Rotorua, he is in good spirits and we wish him a speedy recovery. He can be contacted on email sinart1@hotmail.com

Targa Bambina Update

For those of you who have been enquiring about Richard Lane and Allan Hamilton, we are happy to report that they are both well on the road to full recovery and while another Targa entry may not be on the cards just yet, Richard is still a keen supporter of our event and is looking at new ways to continue his involvement, so watch this space. Speaking of watching this space, don't forget this Sunday TV 1 at 3.00pm will be screening Targa Bambina. Set your recorders if you are busy or better still, get your mates together and enjoy the afternoon in front of the telly as the weather forecast doesn't look the best.

Blue Wing Honda

As part of the renewed sponsorship with Blue Wing Honda they have, for the Targa Rotorua event, offered a Honda 2.0 KW smart generator, the little red EU 20, RRP \$6700 + GST as a First Place Prize for the Index of Performance for the Classic Competition. They have also offered a Honda 1.0 KW smart generator, the little red EU 10, as a First Place Prize for the Index of Performance for the Modern Competition. This is a wonderful and very useful gesture so if you are considering entering Targa Rotorua, this may just tip the scales.

Targa Rotorua

Only five weeks to go, make sure you have your entry in. We have negotiated special deals with some of the local restaurants and bars. As those frequent visitors to Rotorua may have noticed, Tutaneke Street has been closed to vehicle traffic to create "Eat Street". The restaurants now have a "French Cafe" feel with tables on the street. Check out the Rotorua website www.rotoruanz.com for more entertainment and other things happening in the district. More detailed information along with vouchers will be in the Drivers Pack for

collection at documentation in Rotorua on Friday 12th June and details are also in the Competitors Pack due out early next week with all the relevant information about Targa Rotorua including the revised Supplementary Regulations Booklet. Please take the time to read it if you have not already down loaded a copy from the website. Section one relates to the specifics for the event while sections two and three are more generic and relate to "Targa Events" in general. This new format should be easier to understand and find things.

Spectators

We have had discussions with Paradise Valley Ventures Horse Trekking, who are located along this stage and we have created friends out of objectors who are now embracing our presence. This means they are able to offer some great spectating opportunities for your supporters and friends with food and refreshments along with discounts on horse treks for those who are not interested in the racing. For more information go to www.paradisetreks.co.nz . You may wish to go back another time and enjoy their hospitality or check out this brochure...[Paradise Valley Ventures](#) . If horses are not your thing then you may wish to visit the Wingspan Birds of Prey Trust on www.wingspan.co.nz, they too are effected by the road closure and asked for our help to create awareness of their cause.

BMW's

We have completed the first two Mspec BMW's and will shake them down on Monday before their first outing in the six hour endurance at Pukekohe next weekend. We have a couple of driving positions available. If anyone is interested please call me on mobile 0274 525643 to discuss the costs. These vehicles will be available to lease for Targa Rotorua and we have finalised several package options starting from \$2500, depending on the level of support you require, again call me if you are interested. We believe these vehicles are cost effective and will provide competitive racing which will help get new people into our sport. Sponsorship packages are also available, so I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks for reading, see you soon.

Regards

Peter and the Targa Team

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