

## TARGA ROTORUA NEXT MONTH !

It's five weeks away to the second of the 2009 Dunlop Targa NZ tarmac rally series, the Targa Rotorua on 13-14 June.

A strong field of Classics and Moderns will compete over 17 special stages in the Rotorua district. That's two days of competition, approx 330kms of closed stages and 515 kms of touring stages. The touring part of the event is as time critical as the closed stages.

Currently there are 76 cars pre-registered . There are also 16 cars in the Narva Tour which 'tour' the same route but don't require crash helmets and roll cares because of their lesser speed.

Documentation & Scrutineering will take place on Friday 12th June at the Royal Lakeside Novotel, 11 Tutaneikai Street, Rotorua from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

Cars parked overnight on the Village Green, opposite Royal Lakeside Novotel. Narva Tour Drivers Briefing is at 6.00pm to 6.30pm. Service Crew Briefing is also at 6.00pm to 6.30pm. Mayoral welcome and all drivers briefing is in the Ball Room, Royal Lakeside Novotel, Rotorua from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

**Saturday** morning, the first Car leaves Rotorua at 8.15am. There are 7 Special Stages totalling 175km with 246km of touring. Pit Stops at: Ngakuru School, Rotorua Village Green (lunch stop) and Kawerau. The first car finishes back at Rotorua at 4.20pm.

Event Director Peter Martin said: "The support of the Rotorua District Council and the Business Community has been quite incredible. The 'Show and Shine' is from 4.30pm to 7.00pm on Tutaneikai and Pukaki Streets as cars come in from Special Stage 7. This is where the public can view the cars up close and chat to the drivers and their teams. Cars are then parked overnight (parc ferme) on the Village Green. Twelve restaurants on Tutaneikai will be Targa themed and the Ruck & Mall Bar will have given teams '2 for 1' DB vouchers.

**Sunday**, The first car leaves Rotorua at 7.05am. 10 Special Stages totalling 159km, with 269km of touring. Pit Stops at: Te Woutu School, Wharepapa School, Cambridge Village Green (lunch) and Matamata. First car finishes at Rotorua at 4.10pm with cars parked on the Village Green.

Prize Giving is at the Royal Lakeside Novotel, Rotorua at 6.30pm.

As trialled in the recent Bambina Classic entries will lead out from slowest to fastest, followed by the Modern entries from fastest to slowest. In the past it was slowest to fastest right across the entire field which meant any delays had repercussions across the entire field and spectators could miss viewing the faster cars. It also means the faster cars were not catching the car in front and were not last into service – not ideal for 'race' machines which tended to need more attention at servicing.

The full list of entrants will be available on the website: [www.targa.co.nz](http://www.targa.co.nz)

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