



TARGA NEWS

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OFFICIALS' NEWSLETTER

Last words from the Event Director

Well, there is only a matter of weeks to go to the start of the largest Targa Tasmania ever held. With over 300 entries due to hit the roads for the first time, this year's event is definitely one to be involved in.

With a number of new stages and a new overnight stop at Strahan, many competitors are returning for the first time in years to again enjoy the *Ultimate Tarmac Rally*.

Naturally, without the devoted dedication of each of you, the largest event in Tasmania just would not happen so I thank you all in advance for all your hard work to make this great event a huge success yet again.

I look forward to personally thanking each of you at the post event BBQ's and make sure you have a fun and safe Targa Tasmania 2008.

HAVE YOU BEEN CONTACTED YET?

As we approach Targa Tasmania 2008 most stage teams are **still being finalised with a number of positions still available**. If you plan on volunteering and have not be contacted please make yourself known!

In the areas of Liena, Dunorlan, Kayena and around St Helens, Course Managers are working particularly hard to fill the positions including roles on the Stage Management Team, Post Chief and various control and other roles.

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Just a short note to confirm that Targa Tasmania have appointed a new insurer for 2008 & 2009 to ensure the ongoing viability of the event during this period.

This change does not alter in any way your level of cover during the event and as at previous events, providing you sign on, you will be covered to the same levels as that previously provided.

AASA have a simplified approach to Officials licencing with the provision of the same licence to all officials regardless of the role they carry out at any AASA event.

The AASA will issue licences after this year's event to all officials who sign on for the event next month. Once this database is setup, all officials will receive a 2009 Officials Licence well before the 2009 event.

As in previous events, it is very important that you sign on before commencing any role at Targa Tasmania. In signing on you are then covered under the events insurance policy.

If you have any questions on this change, please email our Event Director, Mark Perry at m.perry@octagon.com

We look forward to seeing you all next month at the largest Targa ever held!

OFFICIALS NIGHT AT THE EXPO

Great news for all our hard working officials!! This year will see the first ever Targa Officials Night at the Silverdome Expo. Yes that's right; all of you will have a night out at the Expo where the general public will not be allowed in. It is your night!! We have asked the competitors to spend some time at the Expo on this night so they can personally thank you all for all the hard work you do and give you a chance to meet the drivers.

It promises to be a big night and it gets even better as the entry is FREE for you, your family and friends. That's right, totally FREE!!!

To get in all you will need is your Targa cap, either this year's if you have received it by then or a previous years cap. Up to six people will be able to enter with you.

It's on Thursday night 17th April from 6pm until 10pm. Make sure you're around at 6.30pm for the Official Finish and presentation of the winners of the Rookie Rallye to be held outside the main entrance to the Silverdome. Come and see the champagne fly!!!!

It's just another small way we are saying thank you to each and every one of you for your hard work in making Targa Tasmania a success.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

OFFICIAL'S THANK YOU BARBECUES

There will be two official Thank You Barbecues for volunteer officials of Targa Tasmania 2008 and they're planned to be bigger than Ben Hurr!!

All barbecues will commence at 12 noon with all food and drinks provided, as well as the drawing of lucky door prizes... including some for the kids as usual!

**North & North West - Sunday 4 May
Sheffield - follow the signs from Main Road**

**South - Sunday 10 May
Talosa Park - Glenorchy**

Please note these dates in your diary, These Barbecues are the Board of Management's way of saying thank you to all our volunteer officials.

YOUR 2008 COURSE MANAGERS

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North West - Phil Nesham
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North – Mike Hill
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South and West – Adam Carr
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PAGANI ZONDA COURSE CAR

The only supercar that can be legally registered in Australia, the Pagani Zonda C12S Roadster, will make its Targa Tasmania debut in 2008.

The amazing Zonda, powered by a 487kW, 7.3 litre V12 engine, will act as the 999 Sweep Car for this year's Targa!

As we all know, 999 follows the last competitor through each stage before it is reopened to the public and its expected that interest in the Zonda C12S will be huge, thanks in part to the car's appearances on the top-ranking Top Gear motoring program.

The car will be crewed by Supercar Investments Managing Director and regular competitors Adam Kaplan, and his brother David, who are usually in their distinctive yellow Giocattolo Group B.

The Zonda's 487Kw engine is supplied to Pagani by Mercedes tuning division, AMG. With 780NM of torque and an all-up weight of only 1250kg, acceleration is nothing short of sensational. It will go from 0-100km/h in only 3.6 seconds!

Fortunately, the Zonda also has brakes to match, bringing the car from 200km/h to a standstill in only 4.4 seconds.

"We're looking forward to seeing Targa from the other side of the fence for once," David Kaplan added.

"We've been competing for 15 years, but this year perhaps we can give something back to the event."

The Zonda has never been seen in Tasmania before and with the full production run of only 100 vehicles (40 Roadsters) already sold, this will probably be the only Zonda ever to grace our shores.



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