



Forest Chatter

2 February 2009

2009 Quit Forest Rally 3-5 April, 2009 — Busselton & Nannup, Western Australia

THANK YOU TOYOTA

Tuesday 27 January 2008 was a sad day for rallying and the Neal Bates Motorsport team. Toyota announced their withdrawal from supporting the Neal Bates team and the Australian Rally Championship. Although this is nothing to celebrate we should remember that they have supported Neal and his team for twenty years and the Australian Rally Championship for most of those years. Without Toyota we would not have had the privilege of having Neal and Coral and their team over in the West for many Forest Rally's and Rally Australia's. The quest to support and win the ARC has resulted in them running a three car team for one year and most notably recently with Simon and Sue Evans for the past three years. The team has won the past three Australian Rally Championships.

The team were more than just another two cars. They supported the Quit Forest Rally in as many ways as they could, sometimes at their own expense and other times just by supporting what we were trying to organise or promote. This included feeding our officials at testing; taking extra VIP and Officials for a ride at testing; visiting the mechanical class at the Busselton High School to advise them on rallying and the motor sport industry; welcoming one of the Busselton High School students into the team as part of the service crew including staying at the Resort with them; always visiting our sausage sizzle at the Nannup Primary School; always staying at and supporting our HQ Resort; providing at least one and sometimes two zero cars; they provided us with give-aways for our officials bags; they have been more than happy to meet and greet any of our VIP when asked to; always supporting our presentation dinners with their full team still in town and then partying along with the DJ until the early hours. They have flown over at their own expense to help promote the rally in a pre-event promotion.



In addition to this Toyota attended the rally with their own journalist and photographer which always ensure the rally received more exposure. Toyota also made huge contributions to the televising of the Australian Rally Championship.

All that has now changed but that doesn't mean the Quit Forest Rally will change, it will just be different not having such a supporting team at the event. After twenty years rallying is certainly in the blood of the team and we can all be certain that if the Neal Bates team can find a way of continuing the trip across the Nullarbor they will be back at the Quit Forest Rally as privateers and supporting the rally where they can like they always have. We can also be pretty certain that Simon and Sue Evans will be trying just as hard to be back here on 3-4 April.

Thank you Toyota for the support you have given the ARC and the Quit Forest Rally and hopefully some time in the future the economic winds are blowing in a better direction again and we will see you back in rallying.

Entries Are Now Open
 Supplementary Regulations are now available (or will be soon) on
www.rally.com.au www.wacarclub.com.au and www.rallywa.com

ENTRIES NOW OPEN

The Supplementary Regulations have now been sent to the various websites and will be soon online for competitors. There are three websites where competitors can get their rally information.

The official ARC website:
www.rally.com.au

The WA Car Club website:
www.wacarclub.com.au

The new RallyWA website to be launched soon:
www.rallywa.com

Associated with the Regulations are all the various forms including the Entry Form, Service Crew Registration, Recce Car Registration, Test Stage Application and the Competitor Profile. It makes our life a lot easier if they are all filled in at the time of Entry but we accept that this is not always possible. Please fill them all in as you get the information and send it through.

For 2009 the Clubman Regulations have been included in the ARC and WARC to make it easier with just one set of Regs.

FIRST ENTRY

Simon and Margot Knowles from Brisbane were the first to make contact about entering in the 2009 Quit Forest Rally and have now confirmed their flights into Perth accommodation in Busselton.

We have received more interest from crews wanting to compete this year than we have in the past and hence expect a field of cars to be around 50 again.

BUSSELTON TOYOTA SUPER STAGE & SHANNONS BUSSELTON SPRINT

With the announcement that Toyota were pulling out of rallying we have been asked numerous times does that mean the Busselton Toyota Super Stage and the Shannons Busselton Sprint will not be running.

The simple answer is YES, they will both be running.

Busselton Toyota and Toyota WA have been strong supporters of the Quit Forest Rally since it moved to Busselton. Naturally, with the announcement of Toyota withdrawing from rallying they will be reviewing their involvement in rallying. Their support is just not for rallying but also for the benefits the rally brings to Busselton. Busselton Toyota are a huge supporter of many events in Busselton and they have seen the benefits the event brings to the region.

We look forward to the 2009 Quit Forest Rally starting from the Busselton foreshore at 6.00pm on Friday 3rd April.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Officials Registration form is now also available and will soon be on the websites. It has been changed to make it easier to fill in. It is now a *fillable* document meaning officials with access to a computer can type their details directly into the form.

It can then be saved and emailed or faxed straight back to the Organisers. We have taken off the requirement to sign the form to make it easier to email. However, all officials will need to sign the CAMS Officials Disclaimer before starting on the rally. All Team Leaders will have copies of these forms.

Each year we ask that officials fill out the form and get back to us as early as possible to make our life easier. However, we are still finding many officials waiting for Ann to give them a ring. For 2009, Ann is not available to do the ringing around and so far we haven't been successful in finding replacement. So please, if you can help on the rally as an Officials, fill in the Officials

Exide Batteries Incentive Pack

To encourage officials to registers early, Exide Batteries and the Event Organisers are offering an incentive pack.

Every official who registers before 8.00pm Tuesday 10th March will go into the draw to win:

Exide Batteries travel bag
Exide Batteries polo shirt and key ring
Exide Battery to the value of \$200
\$100 cash to assist with accommodation at the event

50th Anniversary of the Mini

2009 is the 50th Anniversary of the iconic car, the Mini. With support from three Mini Car Clubs in WA we will be celebrating the anniversary.



On Friday night there will be driving displays from some of WA top motorkhana drivers who can make their Minis do what they were never designed to do. They will be leading the field off on their warm up lap before the rally starts.

We will also be asking Mini owners to turn up to do a two lap parade of the Super Stage to show off the Mini in all its various forms from 1959 till now.

The Mini was famous for being the first front wheel drive car in the world which has set the trend for most manufacturers to follow. In the rally world it was famous for its victories in the 1960's and at Bathurst where it was able to beat much bigger and more powerful Holden's and Ford's

STRONG SUPPORT FROM OUR SPONSORS

The West Australian Car Club has once again received strong support from our sponsors for the running of the Quit Forest Rally. Although Healthway (Quit), Eventscorp and Busselton Toyota are our three major sponsors we certainly couldn't run the rally wouldn't be promoted and run as professionally as it is without the support of all our sponsors. We thank all of them and ask all rally fans to support our sponsors.



Healthway has supported the rally since 1995. Originally it was through the Respect Yourself campaign and since 2005 with QUIT. Healthway is a WA government funded authority with the objective of improving the health of Western Australians.



The Shire of Nannup gives permission for the event to use the main street of Nannup and the special stage around the Nannup Oval.



Shannons Insurance are huge supporter of Motor Sport in Australia and have backed the Quit Forest Rally and the associated tarmac speed event the Shannons Busselton Sprint.



Please remember that the Quit Forest Rally is a Smoke Free event and we ask all our competitors and officials to not smoke in a public place, spectator points or service parks



Eventscorp is Western Australia's government agency and a division of Tourism Western Australia whose mission is to identify, develop and deliver world class events that promote and enrich Western Australia. Eventscorp have been terrific supporters of the Forest Rally for many years.

Pro-Busselton is a sub-committee of The Busselton Chamber of Commerce. Its role is to enhance the Busselton CBD experience as an exciting and dynamic destination to visit, shop and do business and to market and promote the Busselton CBD.



WA's only daily newspaper supports the rally with a 4 page colour liftout in their Wednesday Motoring section the week of the rally. They also do an extensive report on the rally the week after the event.



Local hire firm Trade Hire have assisted us with great prices on all our hire equipment including lighting towers, toilets, road barriers, generators, car wash pumps and heaps of bits and pieces.



Fineline Print are our longest serving sponsor and have provided great prices on the printing of our road books and manuals since the first Forest Rally over 25 years ago.



Since the rally moved to Busselton, Busselton Toyota have supported the rally in the running of the Super Stage on the Busselton foreshore. They also allow their premises to be used for Scrutiny. Busselton Toyota are a huge supporter of events in Busselton.



The Busselton Dunsborough Times are a great supporter of the rally with regular stories printed on the rally in the lead up to the event. They then do a 8 page wrap of the event the week before and a report after the rally.



Local winery Wise Wine's provide all our wines for the Friday Corporate marquee and the Sunday Night Presentation Dinner. They are now the wine supplier to the Bayview Geographe Resort.



The Shire of Busselton allow us to use Barnard Park for the running of the Busselton Toyota Super Stage and assist with the cost of setting up much of the infrastructure for the stage. They also install our promotional banners along the main street.



Local radio station HOTFM and sister station Radio West provide extensive promotion on the lead up to the event and Radio West provides hourly reports on the results over the weekend of the rally.



United Equipment provide us the use of a Telehandler for the week to move around the concrete blocks and hay bales while setting up the Busselton Super Stage.



Easifleet are a car leasing firm providing a range of fleet management and financial solutions. They assist the rally with the artwork and some of the printing cost of the posters and covers.



For 2009 Exide Batteries have come aboard and will sponsor the Rally HQ and the staff with uniforms.



Bayview Geographe Resort has been our Rally HQ for 8 years and continue to provide excellent rates for functions rooms and accommodation.