



**TARGA
TASMANIA**
The Ultimate Tarmac Rally

TARGA TASMANIA 2025

OFFICIALS GUIDE

5 SEPTEMBER 2025 - VERSION 1.0



WWW.TARGA.COM.AU

Targa Tasmania 2025 Officials Information Guide

Welcome from Targa Australia CEO- Mark Perry

Welcome back to our many thousands of officials who have made the event so amazing since 1992. I would also like to welcome the many new officials who will join us later this year at our first Targa Tasmania since 2022. It has been a long and stressful journey for everyone in the Targa family and like you, I just can't wait to see our world-renowned event back in action this November.

Numerous changes have had to be made to ensure a successful return. Some of these changes have not been greeted with enthusiasm by some, but the reality is that if Targa Tasmania is to not only return but continue long into the future, changes needed to be made. Changes that will make the event safer for all, including our hard-working officials.

When you officiate this year, you will see a different Targa Tasmania with a heavy reduction in the amount of competition cars taking part as we introduce strict criteria to compete in the event, especially in the top speed competitions.

This will make for a far more pleasant experience out on the course with less time needed to volunteer and less pressure in officiating. I urge you to read the 'Changes Since Targa Tasmania 2022' guide, which outlines all the key changes, many of which will be of great interest to you. You can find this important document by clicking this link. <https://targa.com.au/information/>

Obviously, the biggest change is when the event is being held with a new November date now locked in until at least 2029. You can expect to find much nicer weather and with daylight savings combined with later starts each day, the days of setting up stages in the dark will be a thing of the past.

In all, we are very excited about the revitalised Targa Tasmania and hope that you can join us from 16 to 21 November.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Perry
CEO

What Does It Mean to be a Targa Tasmania Official?

1. **Following in the Footsteps of History:** Many Targa Tasmania officials have volunteered at every Targa Tasmania held since 1992. Many more have attended at least twenty events since then! We recognise, admire and acknowledge these people for their dedication to the success of Targa Tasmania. You can join this close-knit group, make new friends and experience the thrills that come with being involved in a world-class international event.
2. **Frontline of the Action:** You will be at the heart of the event, witnessing the action up close and personal. No matter what your role, your presence is vital.
3. **Safety and Support:** Your primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of participants, spectators, and fellow officials. Targa will train you and provide support throughout the event.
4. **Teamwork and Camaraderie:** You will work alongside a dedicated team of volunteers and professionals. Targa Tasmania brings together like-minded individuals and builds lifelong friendships.
5. **Skill Development:** Volunteering at Targa Tasmania offers a unique chance to develop new skills and gain valuable experience in motorsport officiating. It is a fantastic addition to your personal and professional growth.
6. **Giving Back to the Tasmanian Community:** By volunteering, you are contributing to an iconic event that brings joy and excitement to hundreds of thousands of people. Your efforts help create memorable experiences for participants and spectators alike.
7. **Enjoyment and Fulfillment:** Being a volunteer official is about having fun and enjoying the experience. The sense of accomplishment and pride you will feel from being part of such a significant event is truly rewarding.

Targa Tasmania Officials Roles

The Clerk of the Course heads up the entire team of Targa Tasmania officials and is responsible for all course activities during the event.

The Clerk of the Course communicates through our Senior Officials from the Command Centre, which provides oversight and information across all aspects of the event. Senior Officials provide this information to the Stage Commanders and Team Leaders stationed at the various locations on the course who are at the 'coalface' of the event around Tasmania.

Every role at Targa Tasmania is important and examples of available roles within on-stage and off-stage teams include:

- Stage Teams to ensure smooth running of the start and finish of each Targa stage.
- Radio Communications to ensure vital communications are maintained throughout the event.
- Road Closure Officials ensuring that each stage remains secure for competition use.
- Spectator Officials ensuring that the public can safely watch the event.
- Lunch Break Teams to ensure orderly managed of the cars and their crews at these locations.
- Vehicle Scrutineers to ensure that all vehicles are properly prepared and maintained.

Available Roles

1. Targa Stage Team Officials- Minimum One Day Commitment- Previous experience is not required

Targa Stage Team Officials are required to operate the stage start and finish locations along with communications, road closures, spectator points and SOS Points. Each stage team will consist of six officials to operate the stage start and finish locations plus two officials at each SOS Point, Road Closure Point and Spectator Point, when required. Officials will need to arrive at the stage start at their allocated stage/s at the advised time.

An experienced official will be appointed as the Stage Commander to lead the stage team on each Targa Stage.

2. Lunch Break Team- Minimum One Day Commitment- Previous experience is not required

The Lunch Break Team will check in and check out each Targa car on arrival and departure along with assisting in parking the cars, consisting of up to six officials, depending on the location. All required equipment will be dropped off at each lunch location by the Targa Stage Set Up Team. At the conclusion of the lunch break, the set-up team will collect all equipment for use the following day.

This will allow Lunch Break team members to simply arrive at the lunch break at the designated time. No previous experience is required and the lunch break team is well suited to those with health and mobility challenges who wish to be involved in a key part of Targa Tasmania.

A team leader will be appointed to each lunch break to support the team.

3. Targa Stage Set Up Teams- Minimum Three Day Commitment- Previous experience preferred

In a change back to the early years of Targa Tasmania, stages will be equipped and set up by designated Targa Stage Set Up Teams, consisting of six officials. Up to three teams will be required each day. These teams will transport all equipment to each stage, enabling stage officials to simply get themselves to the stage start.

Stage signage and taping will be pre-set up by the Targa Stage Set Up Team with start, finish, SOS and road closure equipment dropped off for set up and use by the relevant Targa Stage Team officials. At the conclusion of the stage, the equipment will be collected again from the same locations for use the following day.

As some heavy lifting, extensive walking and long days are a requirement of these roles, it is suggested that only officials of suitable health and fitness should apply. Previous Targa Tasmania stage set up experience is preferred.

Teams will be organised on a three day basis, being the first three days in the south where southern based officials will be prioritised, followed by three days in the north where northern based officials will be prioritised.

An experienced official will be appointed as the Stage Set Up Commander to lead the team on each Targa stage. Suitable vehicles and fuel cards will be provided to these teams to transport themselves and equipment to each allocated Targa stage.

Training and Information

- Targa will be running pre-event training sessions for all officials. These sessions will be held in the months prior to the event in the North and South of Tasmania along with online training for those living interstate or remote regions of Tasmania. Attendance is highly recommended to get the most out of your Targa Tasmania experience.
- Leading up to the event you will be given materials to help familiarise you with event protocols, safety procedures, and your specific duties.
- We ask our officials to review the procedural materials and encourage questions if anything is unclear.
- Targa Australia will send invitations for training via email.

Documentation

- When you arrive at your meeting point you will need to sign-on to be registered in attendance.
- You will complete any required paperwork, including waivers and emergency contact information.
- You will be given everything you need to familiarise yourself with before the event begins.

Pre-Event Briefings

- A program of official's briefing times will be supplied to you prior to the event.

Equipment and Uniform

- Hi-vis official's vests and any necessary equipment is provided by Targa and will be distributed in line with a plan, which will be communicated to you prior to the event.
- Whilst the event is now held in late spring, the weather can still be unpredictable, so ensure you have appropriate clothing for any conditions.
- Have comfortable, sturdy weather- appropriate footwear.
- Bring a hat, beanie, waterproof wear, eye protection and sunscreen.

Key Dates

Targa Tasmania starts in Hobart on 16th November 2025 and will operate stages in and around Hobart on 16, 17 & 18 November before making its way to Launceston during the day on 18 November. It will travel to St. Helens on the East Coast and back to Launceston on 19 November. On 20 November the event heads to the long stages on the North West Coast, stopping in Burnie for lunch before heading back to Launceston. The final day sees the event head to the West Coast, stopping in Strahan for lunch before heading back to Launceston for the Official Finish on Friday 21 November.

Officials will be given specific dates and location as to where they are needed, as relates to their role.

Officials Provisions

Each Targa Tasmania Official will be provided with a fluoro vest and all equipment required to carry out their allocated role.

Stage starts will be equipped with water and suitable snack foods to help officials get through the day. We recommend that you bring food with you that suits your needs and intake, especially if you have any special dietary requirements.

Officials Thank You Gifts

Each Targa Tasmania Official will be given a commemorative Targa Tasmania baseball cap, patch and keyring. These items will be distributed to officials at stage starts and other locations each day.

Appreciation certificates will be sent to each signed on Targa Tasmania official in the weeks after the event is completed.

Officials Awards

As in the past, officials will receive milestone awards for completing 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service to Targa Tasmania. These awards will be sent to recipients after the event is completed except 25 year and 30 years of service awards, which will be presented at the Presentation Function in Launceston on 22 November (see further information below)

Officials Thank You Function

In the past, official's BBQ's have been held around the state, which given the time of year have been generally held in cold weather. There are major changes being made to the presentation function held for competitors, which will enable signed on officials to attend this prestigious event for the first time to enjoy the celebration with competitors.

This function will be held in Launceston on 22 November from 12.30pm to 4.00pm.

The venue is still to be finalised and we will advise you of this shortly.

The function will take on a more relaxed feel with live music and be held outdoors for the first time. All food and beverages will be provided.

ALL signed-on Targa Officials will receive FREE entry to this function. Unfortunately, due to total capacity restrictions, guests of officials will be unable to attend.

It will be a great time to catch up with other Targa officials and our competitors to celebrate the running of the first Targa Tasmania in more than three years.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I register my interest?

You can apply to be part of the 2025 Targa Tasmania event by registering at <https://targa.com.au/officials/>

2. Do I have to register if I have been a Targa Tasmania official before?

Yes, we need all volunteers that would like to officiate at Targa Tasmania in 2025 to register their details so we can communicate with you.

3. Do I need to volunteer for the whole event?

No, you can volunteer for one or more days. Let us know your availability and we'll find a role and location to suit you on each day you're happy to volunteer.

4. What if I'm new to Targa Tasmania?

New officials are welcomed at Targa Tasmania! Targa will provide you with training and resources to help you feel comfortable in your role. Most officials will assist in teams of like-minded people, so if you're new, you will be placed with other experienced officials and staff to assist you in your role.

Some officials have gained skills in other motorsport disciplines or have experience as part of their occupations; Targa will work with you to place you in the most suitable role.

5. Junior Officials

All signed on officials must be at least 18 years of age on the date they are officiating. Children under 18 are welcomed to accompany a parent/guardian but always remain the sole responsibility of this person/s at all times and cannot undertake any official Targa Tasmania role at any time.

6. When will I be told what role I am doing?

Where possible, we will allocate you the role you wish to undertake. Some exceptions may be needed to ensure that all roles are filled on each Targa stage.

7. Will I be given written material, so I know my responsibilities?

Yes, you will be provided with manuals and resources outlining Targa's procedures to help you perform your role and understand what responsibilities you have at the event.

Materials will be accessible on the Targa Tasmania website (www.targa.com.au).

8. What do I need to bring?

Even in late Spring, the weather can be unpredictable, so be prepared for any weather conditions. We recommend you bring a bag of essentials on the course with you as some locations are remote. You might consider things like extra snacks, any medications, sunscreen, hat, warm clothing, glasses/sunglasses, a seat or stool, hand towel, water, bag for rubbish etc.

9. Will any food and water be supplied when I am out on a Targa stage?

Yes, Targa will provide water and snack foods to assist you through your time officiating. This will be available from stage start locations.

10. How will I get to my position on stage?

Unless you are a part of a Targa Stage Set Up Team, who will utilise Targa transport vehicles to move equipment from one location to another, it will be your responsibility to find your way to your allocated Targa Stage or other location. Allocated Road Closure officials will be required to drive their vehicle to their allocated location to assist in providing suitable road closure protection by parking their vehicle across the road at the relevant location.

11. Accommodation

Targa Officials are not required to stay in accommodation at any time during the event. We encourage officials to be involved in the event at locations which are within an acceptable driving distance from their home along with encouraging local communities to get involved at Targa stages close to their respective town.

Targa Officials are welcome to attend and assist any part of the event, regardless of where the event is being held relative to their home, but any accommodation they choose to use is their responsibility to organise and at their cost.

12. Can I post on social media or take photos?

We encourage you to share your experiences at Targa Tasmania online and with your friends and family. Always be respectful of other people who may be in your images and respect their wishes if they ask that images of them are not shared online.

13. What support services will be available during the event?

Targa Tasmania requires many support services for the event. State emergency services and specialised medical teams along with an Event Chaplain are in attendance and available to all Targa officials, when required.

14. What do I do if I have health concerns during the event?

Some roles at Targa Tasmania are more physically demanding than others. If you have any health concerns whilst officiating, please talk to your team leader in the first instance. In the case of a medical emergency, please call the Command Centre hotline number provided to you on the day. You will be connected to a medical professional for assessment and further instruction.

15. Attendance on the day

If for any reason you cannot attend on a day that you have previously committed to, it is important that you let us know by calling the contact number provided to you before the event to ensure we can allocate a replacement official in time to allow the event to proceed as normal.

Further Information

Please contact Shannon Jones at shannon@targa.com.au