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## OFF SEASON

Another year rolls around and with it brings the start of the 2009 New Zealand Rally Championship. We have had a great off season, this included a family trip to Australia for some much needed relaxation and attending the wedding of two long standing team members—Stu and Corina.

2009 is set to be a awesome year! Our car has been stripped of all running gear and all of the major components have been renewed. We've carried out extensive testing on our engine and we are pleasantly surprised at the gains made. The car is looking awesome but most importantly it's feeling awesome! We're excited about unleashing it come this weekend at Hawkes Bay.

2009 also brings with it a new junior driver team, this year that will be Nelson's Kieran Hall and Peter Hart. Kieran has shown an impressive ability in and out of the car, he has spent the last 3 months meticulously going over his new version 10 Subaru Impreza and learning it from top to toe. We will be supporting them in their mission for the Rookie title and wish them all the best for their quest.

I will again sit with Richard in the co-driving seat for 2009. Since we have been together in the car, we have won 62% of NZRC rounds we've entered and last year we won 70% of all stages we contested. This year we have a crew of hard working guys; Dwight, Nick, Spud, Murray and Hamish will be joining us at Hawkes Bay.

Our sponsors this year include our faithfuls from last year; BNT, Subaru NZ, Dunlop, The PC Factory, B.W. O'Brien, Randall and Associates, Toms Auto Services, UCD Quality Foods, Murray Coote Suspension and ScottSpeed Performance Engines. We wish to also welcome on board Pagid, Fram, Health Kix Osteopathy and Andersons Meats. We look forward to being associated with you all in 2009.



# RALLY HAWKES BAY

This years format will be much kinder to our nimble Subaru than previous years. The traditional stages will be run in reverse, eliminating some huge up hill climbs that tend to favor the Mitsubishis. Those who want results will also have to be the bravest in the down hill descents—something I know Richard loves.

This year marks the introduction of an open class in the NZ rally championship, this means you will see more powerful cars, who don't have to stick to as rigid rules like we do for our Group N classification, running along side us. It should add some further interest to the championship and due to their relaxed rules, should provide some very good competition!

Richard and I look forward to doing the best we can do to reward our sponsors and crew for their support. So bring on Hawkes Bay and bring on another year of flat out crests, high speeds, thrills and hopefully no spills.

Sara



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