

TARGA WEST RALLY 2016– FINAL STAGE – THE ESPLANADE.

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The rainGods were on holidays on this Sunday, and the Bluesky painters were out to play.

Absolutely stunning day, not a cloud to be seen, no wind, and beautiful warm sun to warm the bones.



So after arriving about 10.45am, and setting up in a perfect spot, we set about enjoying the atmosphere, the sun, and the noise and smell of screaming engines at full noise.

Where we had set up was just at the finishing line of the final timed stage of the Targa West Rally, 2016.

Therefore, after having completed the circuit of the carpark down near the Supreme Court



Gardens, the cars then had to finish in a flat out sprint down to the finish line, and that is where we were.



We had an uninterrupted view of the cars coming down Riverside Drive, at full noise, going for the finish line timers, which were just over the grass behind where we were parked.

Man, some of those cars can fly when let off the leash, and then they had to throw the anchor out, to stop before they got to the lights at Pier St, so they could turn left to come back to where they started.

The COBRA created the usual amount of interest, discussion, and photographic opportunities for the masses.



A great day, and we left at about 2.30, after the grand parade, which consisted of a lot of the show-cars, just doing the circuit at their own pace.

There was about 350 cars on show, of all sorts, including

Classics, Street Rods, Customs of all models & vintages, and vintage/veteran cars.

There were numerous car clubs represented in groups, some with only a few cars, but most having in excess of 6 cars on show.

They included the following:

Monaro,

Mini,

Mustang

Ford,

Holden,

Cranksters Rod & Custom club,

Toploaders Car Club.

Chrysler Charger Club,

BMW club

Fiat

MG,

AND ONE LONELY COBRA.

French Car Club

Triumph,

Rolls Royce,

Jaguar,

Lotus,

Torana Car Club of WA.

Combined Car Club of WA.

Aston Martin

HSV

Mazda.