



## Daybreaker Rally set to Rock the Manawatu.

As the revitalisation of the Daybreaker Rally continues to gather pace, significant details have been released for the 2011 event.

Set for 29<sup>th</sup> October, the rally will start next to the Automotive Direct Car Yard, Aorangi St, Feilding at the leisurely time of 10am. From there the crews will head out to tackle 128km of competition, over 7 special stages, before returning to Feilding for the finish at 5:35pm. A central service park will be run in the village of Apiti, where the competitors will return to three times for refreshment and repairs.

“It is good to be able to get back to the grass roots of rallying”, says Bruce Sollitt, chairman of the organising committee. “where you can turn up, compete, and then head home, all in one day if you want.”

Setting a challenging, yet achievable route, means that the event will be attractive to competitors in the Geartech Central Region Rally Series (of which this event is the final round), as well as club competitors looking to step up from sprint events, or those wanting to do a one off rally for the year.

Using a route very similar to previous years, the event includes old favourites like the 43km long challenge that is Pakihikura, and the traditional sting in the tail of Ridge Road.

Also attractive will be the entry fee, which has been kept as low as possible to make it affordable to everyone. “It is a risk for the organisers, but a big part of the revitalisation of this event is making it attractive to as many competitors as possible” says Sollitt.

With the new web site address of [www.daybreaker.co.nz](http://www.daybreaker.co.nz) now up and running, the publication of the regulations and entry forms, as well as the spectator maps has seen a significant jump in interest for the event, both on-line and off-line. “This is especially so when you add in the chat being generated on Facebook and on various forums”, says Media Manager Jody Seabright. “The word is certainly getting out there, and we are expecting a great response from competitors, spectators and volunteers, alike”, he adds.

Apart from competitors, the organisers are also looking to recruit volunteers to help on the day. Volunteering is by far the best way to get close to the action, and to be part of the fantastic and friendly family that is rallying, especially on this event. Clerk of the Course Dave Davies says “There are a number of roles that just require people turning up on the day to help out. If you want to be part of the action make sure you visit the web site for contact details”.

With the route now set, and the entry forms posted, the Daybreaker is almost ready for a fantastic day of fun on the magnificent back roads of the mighty Manawatu.



Central Region Series Competitor Marty Smith in last year's Daybreaker Rally  
Photo Credit: Jody Seabright

#### Fast Facts

- Round 5 of the Geartech Central Region Rally Series
- 128km of competition
- 7 Special Stages
- 3 Service stops in Apiti
- Start at 10am from Aorangi Street, Feilding
- Finish at 5:35pm in Aorangi Street, Feilding
- [www.daybreaker.co.nz](http://www.daybreaker.co.nz)

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