

Matt Lee - Co-Driver

Born: 17 May 1975 in Kew VIC

Lives: Montrose, VIC

Married to: Tracy and proud Father of Oliver

Occupation: IT & Business Systems Manager for Natures Organics. Also manages logistics and event operations for Activ Rallysport.

Matt Lee was born into a rallying family and attended his first Australian Rally Championship round at the age of just 6 months. He has been actively involved ever since.

Matt first competed in 1993 in a historic rally with his Father Roger and competed with some success for the next decade.

In 1998 Matt joined the Ford Explorer team led by Ian Swan for the Playstation Round Australia Rally. In 1999 Matt joined Ian again this time with the Suzuki Race Team for the 1999 Australian Safari.

Matt competed in the Victorian Club Rally Championship, Victorian Rally Championship and selected ARC's 1999 to 2002, before joining Justin Dowel at the beginning of 2003. The pairing tasted immediate success winning the P6 class Victorian Rally Championship that year, 3rd outright in the championship in the following year and were crowned Victorian Rally Champions 3 years running after that.

Stepping up to the ARC for 2008, the pairing faced a new set of challenges to once again gain the speed and experience to challenge the pointy end. The teams focus on learning the roads and processes involved in the nation's top level of rallying saw them secure the P5 class championship, and 7th outright for their first year in the ARC.

For 2009 the plan is simple – put into action all that has been learnt, and attack!

Championship Titles:

- Winner of 2008 P5 Class Australian Rally Championship
- Winner of 2005, 2006 and 2007 Victorian rally championships.
- Winner 2002 Proton Trophy Rally of Melb

- Winner of Multiple Historic Rallying awards as both Navigator & Driver

Rally Debut: 1993 Goldfields Historic Rally

Australian Rally Championship Debut:

Rally of Melbourne 1999. First full time assault in 2008 began with 4th Outright in the QUIT forest rally WA.

Favourite Rally (ARC): Rally of SA

Most memorable rally moment: Our team completing all 21 days of the 1998 Playstation Round Australia Rally

What would you be doing if you weren't competing: Spectating, servicing or officiating at rallies and trying to get myself back into a car.

Something most people don't know about me: I was awarded Dux of my secondary school. NO I'm not a geek. OK, well maybe a little

Life Motto: "Ahh just do it, what's the worst that could happen?!"

First Job: Storeman at Weatherbeeta / Horseland Head Office

Best Advice Ever given and by whom: Take the time to listen, think, breathe and then speak! I have the opportunity to choose how I respond to any situation rather than simply react. Given by my former boss and mentor, probably after I'd just had my butt kicked for saying or doing something dumb!

Something you dislike: Credit being taken for others hard work.

Can't live without: Love and support from my family

Fridge usually contains: A half empty 6 pack of Jim Beam.

Greatest Fear: Falling!

If I had one wish: I wouldn't be able to make up my mind so I'd wish for another 5 wishes.

I would like more: Time in the day!

First road car: 1975 Triumph 2500TC that I bought from my parents.

Current Cars: Mitsubishi Outlander Recce Car, Subaru RS Turbo, VH Commodore Rally Car

Dream car: Subaru WRX 22B

Smartest thing I ever did: Learnt to write and call pacenotes!

I would never eat: anything that's still moving

Five people I would invite for dinner: Colin McRae, Jeff Kennett, Eddie McGuire, Bernard Fanning and my late Pop

Superstitions: are a bit silly!

I relax by: Haven't figured out how to yet!

Recent Fad I admit to trying: Meal substitute drinks.

My most treasured material possession: my Subaru RS Turbo

Greatest non motor sport achievement: Captaining my little league AFL team on the MCG for Carlton when I was 11.

Music in my car right now: Powderfinger – Dream Days at Hotel Existence

Most famous person I’ve ever met: Peter Brock, Jim Richards

Biggest regret: Buying cars rather than a house when I was younger!

I am proud of: my son

Really need to: learn to delegate!

Teenage years were: Unmemorable

Person I’d most like to meet: James Hird – Former AFL champion, Essendon Captain

Success is: A measure of how hard you’ve worked on the right things

Most embarrassing moment off-track: Standing on a presentation stage next to a Proton boss as my driver at the time commented on how slow our Proton was!

Worst habit: Taking everything too seriously

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Put my Mum's car off the road while on L plates.

Racing heroes: Mick Doohan, Colin McRae, Simon and Sue Evans and their absolute commitment to get to the top.

What motivates you: Acknowledgement of a job well done. Completion of a task knowing I gave it a genuine 100%

Culinary specialty: Pepper Steak

My favourite things:

Movie: Bourne Identity/Supremacy/Ultimatum

Sunday breakfast: Bacon & Eggs

Piece of clothing: Jeans

TV Show: Friends

Ice Cream Flavour: Choc Mint

Colour: Blue

Music: Anything except Metal

Drink: My morning coffee

Holiday Spot: South Island NZ

Junk Food: KFC

Kitchen Appliance: Microwave

This or that:

Trunks / Briefs: Briefs

Tea / Coffee: Coffee

Blonds / Brunettes: Whatever my wife comes home as!

Dogs / Cats: Dogs (plus our cat!)

Sand / Snow: Snow

Day Person / Night owl: Night owl

Right Handed / Left Handed: Right

Black / White: Ummmmm

Listening / talking: Listening

Love / money: Both

Die Poor / Die Young: Not planning on either!