



## Towards Beijing 2008

The 2007 Desert Duel will raise much needed funds for the Australian Paralympic Summer and Winter Teams. Such support ensures that Australia remains competitive at the Beijing Paralympic Games in 2008 and beyond.

To achieve this competitive edge, and to take away the biggest Games team ever, the APC needs to raise \$3.5million.

Most of the APC's funds are allocated to training and assisting our existing champions, as well as developing rising talent, as we strive to maintain our position among the top Paralympic nations in the world. The work we are doing now ensures that Australia continues to foster World and Paralympic champions such as Louise Sauvage.

Louise, a nine-time Paralympic Gold medallist and one of Australia's most talented athletes will again be participating in the Duel. The Australian Paralympic Committee urges anyone interested in outback travel to support our Australian athletes and join the Duellers for the most exciting Desert Duel yet. You will not be disappointed.

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# DESERT DUEL 2007 GOES WEST!



28 April - 5 May 2007



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# DESERT DUEL 2007 -

# YORK TO KALGOORLIE

Following the huge success of our previous six adventures, the seventh annual Desert Duel departs Perth, Western Australia on 28 April for the goldfields of Kalgoorlie. Like its predecessors, the 2007 journey will raise important funds for the Australian Paralympic Committee, and promises to be a great experience.

Join our intrepid course-setters, Steve Mason and Belinda Green, along with Paralympic champion Louise Sauvage and fellow adventurers on this epic journey through a seldom explored region of our vast continent. Both Steve and Belinda have travelled extensively in Australia and overseas, yet they were astounded by the beauty and diversity of this section of Western Australia and are sure you will be too.

Our official starting point is the 150-year-old historic town of York, 90km east of Perth. From York we head south through the famous Margaret River region, a surfer's paradise and home to some of Australia's best wine-makers. Travelling further south to Augusta, we see where two great oceans – the Indian and the Southern – collide.



## 28 April – 5 May

- Day 1 Saturday 28th April  
Perth to York
- Day 2 Sunday 29th April  
York to Dunsborough
- Day 3 Monday 30th April  
Dunsborough to Augusta
- Day 4 Tuesday 1st May  
Augusta to Mt Barker
- Day 5 Wednesday 2nd May  
Mt Barker to Hyden
- Day 6 Thursday 3rd May  
Hyden to Esperance
- Day 7 Friday 4th May  
Esperance to Kalgoorlie
- Day 8 Saturday 5th May  
Kalgoorlie

Trekking inland through the majestic Karri and Marri forests to Mount Barker, the Duel then heads north through vast expanses of crop country to the magnificent Wave Rock near Hyden. Continuing on to Esperance, home of Australia's 'best' beach, we skirt the Nullarbor Plain before finishing up this fabulous adventure panning for gold in Kalgoorlie.

This special event, anticipated by veteran Desert Duellers each year, provides a unique opportunity to get 'out there' and see Australia.

Both seasoned off-road drivers and first-timers are welcome as the Duel is not a race or rally. You travel at your own pace knowing fellow Duellers are on the track with you. However, your navigation and trivia skills will be sorely tested. Most importantly, everyone has as much fun as possible while travelling to remote parts of Australia they would not otherwise visit, and raise funds for our elite athletes with a disability.

This year, participant numbers will be restricted to ensure the camaraderie and atmosphere which sets our event apart from others can be maintained.

To join us and share the experience with an outstanding group of people, simply call the organisers listed on the back page. Our sponsor Budget provides current model 4WD rental vehicles to groups of 3-4 and the organisers provide daily route maps and instructions.

The entry fee for Desert Duel 2007 is \$2,950 plus GST per person and includes all meals, accommodation and car rental. All entry fees are payable to, and receipted by, the Australian Paralympic Committee.

