

## Media Release Monday 10 August 2009



### **QUIT Targa West provides even more for spectators in 2009**

In just under two weeks one of the most prestigious events on the Australian tarmac rally calendar, QUIT Targa West, will hit the shires of Kalamunda, Chittering and Toodyay.

The best news is that it's FREE.

Celebrating it's fifth birthday, QUIT Targa West 2009 boasts a record field of 99 cars, and is one of the few events where motorsport fans can see such a wide range of competition vehicles from classic Australian built Holdens and Fords to the very quick modern Porsches, Subarus, Mitsubishi's, Nissans and Lotus'.

The rally will provide local residents and spectators from across Australia with a visual feast of live rally action and static car displays, providing opportunities to admire the action and then meet your favourite drivers and co-drivers.

Best of all the action is delivered right to your doorstep, where you can invite over your friends and family for a great social gathering and enjoy the spectacle unfolding before you.

Jill from Greenacres Nursery in Muchea has been supporting the event since its first year and says this year is set to be a big celebration with around 200 of their friends and family set to join them to watch the event.

"We have already started preparing for the weekend and this year plan to make a grandstand in the front paddock," Jill said.

"It brings people into the town which is great for the community and best of all we have a fantastic weekend!"

While they support all the drivers attempting the rally Paul Davies is always a favourite after he joined them in their camp in 2007.

After kicking off with the Searle Race Equipment Prologue at the Perth Motorplex in Kwinana on Thursday 20 August, the action continues on Friday morning when the cars gather for the official start in Perth's Forrest Place and Murray Street Mall.

The City of Perth Lord Mayor, the Rt Hon Ms Lisa Scaffidi will wave the first car away at 9:00am when the cars head off to the RAC Driver Training Centre for the first Special Stage of Leg 1.

Head from the Murray Street Mall up to the renowned Summers Legal Zig Zag Special Stage, a drivers favourite, and an opportunity to see some great action with spectacular views over Perth.

A shuttle bus will run between Maida Vale Reserve and the bottom of the stage, while the other spectator point can be accessed via Lascelles Parade and Zig Zag Scenic Drive.

After seeing the cars racing against the clock head into the Kalamunda Service Park for morning tea and a chance to ask some of the drivers how they are going.

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As the cars head off it is time to head through one of the open stages to the Mundaring Weir Hotel to watch the conclusion of the newly extended Kalamunda Stage on Mundaring Weir Road.

After an action packed day in Kalamunda the Friday night 'Show-n-Shine', held along James and Lake streets in Northbridge, provides the perfect opportunity to experience the fine restaurants of Perth's main café entertainment area with a little twist.

The Chittering and Toodyay regions are the base for Saturday's (Leg 2) and Sunday's (Leg 3) stages with fast flowing special stages and service breaks in Bindoon and Toodyay.

Special stages run around the houses in Muchea, Maryville Estate and Bindoon and the two long and fast stages through Toodyay are a highlight for competing crews and spectators alike with plenty of places to see the cars in full competition mode.

As well as the fantastic rally action all the town centres on the rally route have wineries, bakeries, restaurants, art outlets and fascinating historical features.

For full spectator information details including maps and times please head to [www.targawest.com.au](http://www.targawest.com.au)

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*Targa West is a Tarmac Rally event running on sections of closed public roads. The 2009 event will be held over the four days of 20th to the 23<sup>rd</sup> August.*

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