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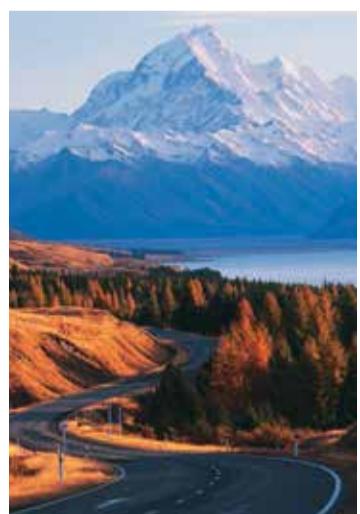
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Jen Merigan

THERE has been much discussion about and criticism of Colin Barnett's idea to market Perth as the drawcard to tourists to visit WA.

I believe he has hit the nail on the head. Mar-

keting Perth initially to the rest of the country and later internationally will encourage visitors to come to Perth and then to travel around the state.

The latest figures show that the number of inter-

national visitors to WA is much lower than to the other states.

Tourism provides employment and reduces the economy's reliance on the mining sector.

If we develop our tourism sector well it can only be an advantage to the whole of the state.

Whether you agree with Barnett's politics or not, I do believe we need someone to take the lead and ensure the development of tourism is steered in the right direction.

Speaking of Perth, for those who are not travelling in the next couple of months, the Winter Arts Festival has kicked off

this month and runs until August. The City of Perth will host a variety of arts and cultural experiences with more than 130 free and ticketed events in the city.

One of the highlights is the Winter Supper Club which is held in the foyer of the Perth Town Hall with food markets and live performances.

They will be held on 24 June, 29 July and 25 August from 5-9pm.

Thanks to the people who got in contact with me about the day trip to Antarctica, please see further details in this section if you would like to join me for this trip of

a lifetime.

One of our readers, Collette, has let me know about some pilgrimage tours to holy lands which are run by Father Sam from Our Lady Help of Christians in East Victoria Park.

His next tour takes in Jordan, Israel and Egypt and includes airfares, three or four star accommodation, most meals and sightseeing. It departs on Saturday 4 Oc-

tober and returns Friday 17 October.

Father Sam has prepared a comprehensive itinerary including some religious services during the trip.

The trip costs \$3990 twin share and explores the many holy and historical places in these countries.

If you are interested in participating contact Father Sam on 0426 506 510 or email al-

bisam161@hotmail.com.

If you have a travel issue, enquiry or would like to share some information, don't hesitate to contact me on the email below.

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Happy trails

Jennifer Merigan
Travel Editor



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The circus, Australian style - returns to Melbourne for winter shows



Above: Jeanette Woolerton
Right: Circus Oz

by Jeanette Woolerton

CIRCUS OZ was formed in 1978 by amalgamating two already successful Australian circus groups, Soapbox Circus and the



New Circus.

The original Circus Oz philosophy (which encompasses collective ownership and creation, gender equality, a uniquely Australian signature and team-

work) is still reflected in their performances today.

The founding members of Circus Oz loved the skills and tricks of traditional circus but wished to create something more innovative

and unique, an experience that a contemporary audience would appreciate.

They decided to add elements of rock'n'roll, popular theatre and satire to an acrobatic repertoire. The outcome is funny, irreverent and spectacular – a celebration of the group as multi-skilled women and men, rather than a hierarchy of stars.

Above all, they did not want to take themselves too seriously.

The original circus performers sewed and welded their own circus tent together, gathered a collection of old trucks and caravans and hit the road. This intrepid, inspiring

company was immediately popular with Australian audiences. Within a few years, they began to tour internationally, with visits to New Guinea and Europe.

Circus Oz has since performed in 27 different countries, across five continents, to over three million people. They have broken box office records at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and represented Australia at scores of international festivals.

They have also performed on 42nd Street, at the Tivoli Gardens, in a refugee camp in the West Bank, in indigenous communities in the Australian desert and in a glass opera house in the Brazilian rainforest.

Along the way they

have translated parts of the show into scores of languages from Hindi to Japanese, to Danish.

Circus Oz was such an original concept, that it inspired the creation of contemporary circus and physical theatre troupes around the world, throughout the mid-eighties.

It was at this time that the company underwent a major skills development phase through intensive training with acrobats from China's Nanjing Acrobatic Troupe.

Many skills learnt from the Chinese over the years, such as pole-climbing and hula-hoop, continue to flavour the show, albeit reinterpreted and presented in a distinctly Circus Oz style.

Only one of the founding

members still performs with the company, yet all the newcomers to the show have embraced the company's co-operative philosophy and made it their own.

Performances have remained consistent over the years, with 11 to 13 performers presenting an intimate spectacle of unrelenting, multi-skilled brilliance surrounded by surreal imagery and fully integrated with an original, live musical score.

Circus Oz continues at the forefront of international contemporary circus and it is back this winter with a brand-new, awe-inspiring show – TwentySixteen.

TwentySixteen is a fabulous two-hour experience for audiences of all ages. It will be held under the heated Circus Oz Big Top at Birrarung Marr, Melbourne for a strictly limited season, from 15 June to 10 July.

From the amazing group juggling act, to the breath-taking skill and wizardry of the flying trapeze, Chinese pole and the unicycle adagio, TwentySixteen will amuse and amaze in its classic Australian larrikin manner – pushing the boundaries of possibility and defying the laws of physics.

The energy, warmth and celebration of this rainbow of characters and their spectacular feats are guaranteed to melt away the winter chills and keep your spirits soaring for days.

For more information and ticketing options, please visit the official Circus Oz website www.circusoz.com/.



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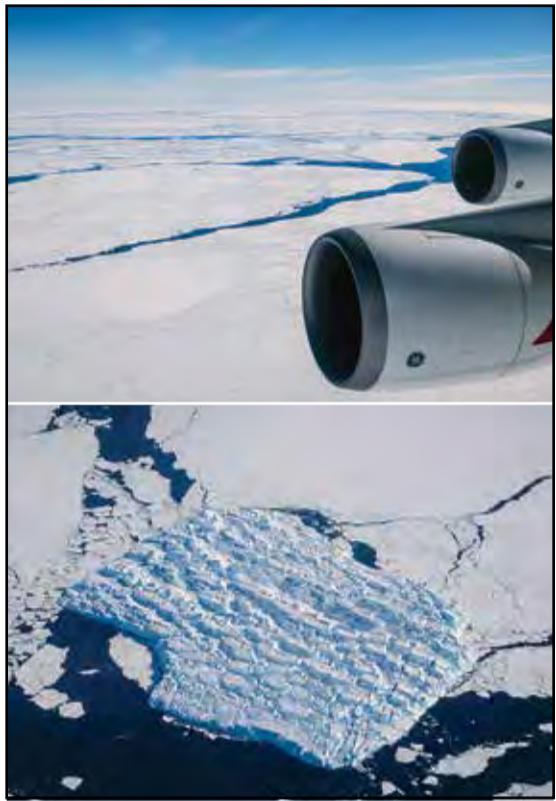
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Join us for a very special Have a Go News trip to see Antarctica in a day...



You're invited to experience Antarctica, a vast expanse of beautiful landscape Australia Day 2017

by Jennifer Merigan

ANTARCTICA is the world's last great wilderness and I invite readers to join me on a trip of a lifetime to visit Antarctica.

Come with me on this very special day trip aboard a privately chartered QANTAS flight which will take off on Australia Day 2017.

The excitement will build as we fly en route to the icy expanse of Antarctica – without a jacket. But then aboard the privately chartered Qantas 747, the standard rules of travel go out the window.

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As the plane soars in a figure eight pattern, you drop down to 10,000ft – close enough to capture the subtle changes in

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the state of the art entertainment system. We can watch *Happy Feet* on the way down.

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*The price includes your Antarctica flight per person in Australian dollars. Price includes full Qantas onboard services, talks by Antarctica experts, Antarctica video screenings, a comprehensive information kit and GST.

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Enjoy exhilarating experiences in Switzerland



Left to right: Enjoy Switzerland's Lake Lucerne onboard the Wilhelm Tell Express - Enjoy perfect acoustics in KKL Theatre

by Ann Rickard

APART from breath-taking scenery around every picturesque corner and up every majestic mountain, Switzerland is efficient, friendly and above all, safe.

And almost everyone speaks English.

It's a senior traveller's dream destination, and the easiest and most effortless way to see it all is by train.

Trains depart on time (to the minute) and glide you smoothly to your destination through scenery so outrageously gorgeous it leaves you

gasping with awe and disbelief.

One of many dazzling panoramic trips in Switzerland is the Wilhelm Tell Express experience. This is part paddle steamer through beautiful Lake Lucerne and part train ride through sweeping mountain ranges.

It begins in Lucerne, a beautiful cosmopolitan city on the lake. You will want to linger there before your Wilhelm Tell Express experience, even if it is just for a few days to explore and enjoy a night of unforgettable entertainment in the architecturally wondrous KKL Theatre on the edge of the lake.

The theatre can hold

1898 people in rows, tiers and balconies that ascend so high you feel dizzy. The KKL is one of the finest theatres in the world with perfect acoustics for a performance by the 21st Century Grand Symphony Orchestra, its home base.

Founded by conductor Ludwig Wicki in 1999, the orchestra performs live concerts featuring soundtracks written by notable composers for major motion pictures. On our visit in April, it was *The Gladiator Live concert*.

The 100 plus men and women of the 21st Century Symphony Orchestra and 90 chorus members performed below a

gigantic screen showing Russell Crowe fighting ferocious tigers and fearsome gladiators.

As the conductor waved his arms and moved his upper body with a virtuoso performance, the orchestra followed his every move with their cellos, violins, flutes, trumpets, tubas, clarinets, trombones and massive golden cymbals, all in tune with the drama of the movie above them.

The battle scenes, the gladiator fights, the poignant and death scenes of *The Gladiator* were all brought intensely to life with the orchestra rising dramatically and falling to almost-stillness, and then rising again to soaring crescendos that lasted for the length of the movie.

Then next morning in Lucerne, we took a brisk walk around the cobbled streets, posing for selfies by its landmark Chapel Bridge and Water Tower, before setting off on the Wilhelm Express.

Boarding the regal paddle steamer gives you a tingle of anticipation, and when it slowly sails from the shore and you gaze back to the

snow-topped sight of Mt. Pilatus soaring to the blue sky, well, you know you are in one of the most scenic destinations on the planet.

A glamorous lunch is served on board in an elegant dining room. Traditional dishes are matched with local wines while you sit back and glide past lofty mountain landscapes, picture-perfect villages and charming lakeside towns.

You'll pinch yourself. Are you really there

on this blue and lovely Lake Lucerne? Surrounded by cloud-shrouded mountains?

With the sun glinting on the clear water creating millions of dancing diamonds? It's beauty overload. The senses struggle to take it all in.

There is not a moment where you are not encircled by Switzerland's embracing beauty, when you are not gazing at something post-card beautiful.

The boat stops briefly at chocolate-box villages – Hertenstein, Weggis, Vitznau, Beckenried – the names go on and probably won't mean anything to you but at each brief stop, you will be filled with envy for those who live there and enjoy this year round beauty.

Finally at the town of Fluelen, it is time to disembark, no doubt with 50 or more photos in your camera, and walk a few steps to meet the train for the next part of the scenic journey, your high speed train through to Locarno or Lugano near the Italian border.

There are yet more re-

gal mountains to look up to, more serene lakes to comprehend, more impossibly beautiful landscapes to gape at. This time you have the comfort of a large seat in one of the panorama carriages where the windows loop around and above you and bring all that Swiss splendour right to your seat.

Because you have travelled from the middle of Switzerland down to the balmy Italian border, the scenery changes; snow-capped peaks give way to swaying palms as you cross spectacularly tall bridges, pass cascading waterfalls, and zoom through mountain tunnels.

The Wilhelm Tell Express is an astounding and unique travel experience, named after the Swiss hero, Wilhelm Tell who, according to legend, symbolised the struggle against oppressive rule.

And the best part? You enjoy all this natural beauty in absolute comfort and arrive at yet another of Europe's lovely destinations for on-going adventure.

The writer travelled courtesy of Switzerland Tourism and Rail Europe.

FAST FACTS

Full details of the Wilhelm Express experience are on www.myswitzerland.com. The most economical way to travel by train is with a Swiss Travel Pass.

The 21st Century Symphony Orchestra plays mostly in Lucerne, but does sometimes take the grand show on the road.


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DAY 2 Heidelberg to Strasbourg BD

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DAY 3 Strasbourg and Alsace Wine Route B

Today tour the beautiful old city of Strasbourg, the picturesque quarter of Petite France and the heart of the Alsace Wine Region. Overnight: Strasbourg

DAY 4 Kathe Wohlfahrt's Christmas Store BD

Explore one of Europe's best-preserved medieval towns and a winter's fairy tale scene with Christmas stalls filled with old German Christmas pastries, mulled wine and handcrafted treasures. Overnight: Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

DAY 5 Overnight in a Castle BD

En-route to Wemberg, tour Nuremberg. This evening at your 13th century castle, sample Lebkuchen and Gluhwein and dine in the world class gourmet restaurant. Overnight: Castle.

DAY 6 Bavarian Glass Route BD

Today travel the Bavarian Glass Route to Salzburg with visits to the Glass Barn, Joska Glass Crystal works Christmas market and the 'Glass Forest'. Overnight: Salzburg

DAY 7 Salzburg BD

On your city tour discover Salzburg the birthplace of Mozart and the setting for the film "The Sound of Music." This evening dine at a local restaurant before attending a Mozart concert. Overnight: Salzburg.

DAY 8 Christmas Eve in Vienna BD

In Vienna, view the main sights then take a Grand Tour of Schonbrunn Palace. Overnight: Vienna

DAY 9 Christmas Day in Vienna BLD

This evening, following a Christmas lunch feast attend a Christmas day concert. Overnight: Vienna

DAY 10 Cesky Krumlov to Prague BD

On a walking tour of UNESCO World Heritage site, Cesky Krumlov discover 300 protected medieval buildings and its castle complex, the second largest in the Czech Republic then continue to Prague. Overnight: Prague

DAY 11 Prague Sights BD

This morning your city tour includes a guided walk to see Prague's most famous sights including its bridges, cathedrals, gold-tipped towers and church domes. Overnight: Prague

DAY 12/13 Homeward Bound B (inflight)

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Groove on the Move heading north for the winter...



Gill in her mobile karaoke van

GILL McNAMARA (61) will be getting her Groove on the Move in mid-June when she sets off to take her mobile karaoke business around Australia.

Her lifelong love of singing and entertaining has inspired her to realise her dream and literally 'get the show on the road' for the next 11 months.

Gill, a resident of the Fremantle area, has packed up her van and given up a professional counselling career to operate Australia's only mobile karaoke business travelling across regional Australia.

"Originally from London, I lived for many years in Denmark, a small town on WA's south coast, and experienced first-hand the long distances you often had to travel for a night's entertainment. That was my inspiration to bring entertainment to regional towns. My vision is to offer a professional and fun evening's entertainment that all the community can enjoy by either taking part in or listening to," Gill said.

When told as teenager that she could not sing, it took Gill until she was 42 to try again in public. She started singing around

and South Australia.

With 15,000 karaoke tracks to choose from. Groove on the Move appeals to music lovers across all genres and to all ages.

Locals can expect a really great night getting into the spotlight and performing their favourite songs on quality equipment.

"I have a love of travel and meeting people in this wonderful country having travelled throughout Australia many times before. I'm looking forward to meeting regional Aussies and bringing a really fun and welcoming night of entertainment to their towns," said Gill.

Gill

will be heading

up the coast to Exmouth then Broome and through the Kimberley to Kununurra in WA before heading across to Queensland by mid-August.

Encouraging people to have a go and build up their confidence.

"It does not have to be a solo performance at my karaoke events, you can sing in a group or as a duet and I'll be more than happy to sing along with you too."

"Plus, the audience can join in anytime as all the song lyrics are projected onto a screen for everyone to see."

Gill's Groove on the Move shows are suitable for bowls and RSL clubs, roadhouses, pubs, community groups, aged care facilities and parties.

She is also hoping they might be booked for sundowners at caravan parks as she travels through northern Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria,

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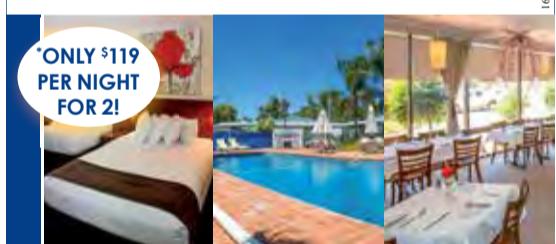
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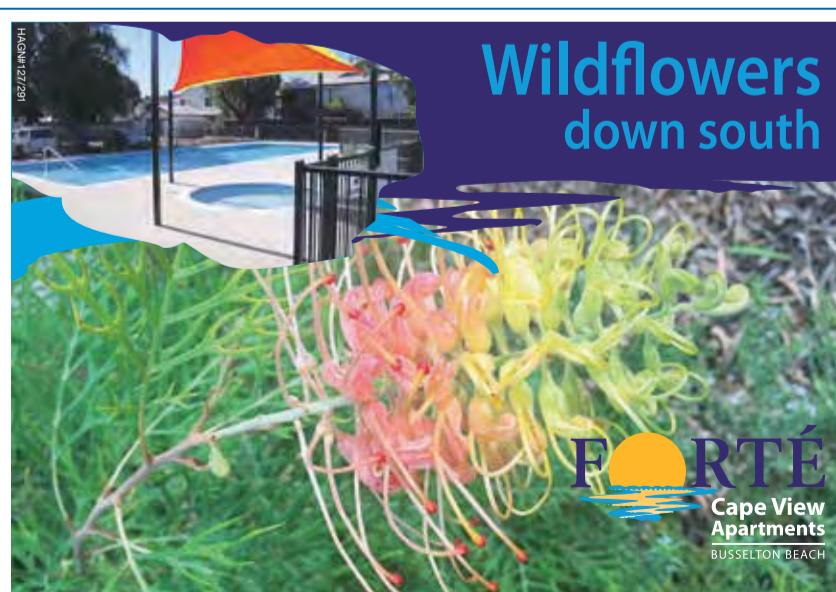
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8 DAYS, MONDAY 25 JULY TO MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2016

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A day at Kuranda including the Kuranda Railway and Skyrail Rainforest Cableway
- ★ Atherton Tablelands, Curtain Fig Tree
- ★ Jaques Coffee and Lake Barrine
- ★ Daintree River Cruise
- ★ Australian Muster Experience
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TOUR COST PER PERSON

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Icons of South Australia

Flinders Ranges & Kangaroo Island

10 DAYS, TUESDAY 13 TO THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2016

On this tour we'll fly to Adelaide where you'll begin your journey visiting just some of its iconic places, Flinders Ranges and Kangaroo Island. On your way to the Flinders Ranges, you'll travel via the Barossa Valley for lunch and wine tasting. When you arrive at Flinders Ranges, you'll step back in time in a beautifully rugged, 540 million-year-old landscape. A local guide will give you an insider's tour of this stunning National Park. Leaving the ranges, you'll travel via Quorn and Melrose to the Clare Valley and enjoy an overnight stay at the Clare Country Club. Now it's time for Kangaroo Island, Australia's third largest island. It's known for its diverse wildlife and nature reserves, including Flinders Chase National Park and its kangaroos, wallabies, koalas and many bird species. At Cape du Couedic, the park's southwestern point, sit the huge, striking Remarkable Rocks granite formations. Nearby, Admirals Arch is a rock bridge with an adjacent fur-seal colony. Here you'll spend a magical and refreshing three nights to truly enjoy the sights and tastes the island has to offer.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Winery tour, lunch and tasting at Seppeltsfield, Barossa Valley
- ★ Locally guided tour of Burra
- ★ Flinders Ranges National Park
- ★ Local guided tour including morning tea and lunch, Gumer仲 Station
- ★ "Sundowners" with Wilpena Pound Resort
- ★ Tour of Martindale Hall, Mintaro
- ★ Visit to Beerenberg Farm
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DAY 6: AT SEA (B / L / D)

DAY 7: PORT ELIZABETH,
SOUTH AFRICA (B / L / D)

Port Elizabeth is a city on Algoa Bay in South Africa's Eastern Cape Province. A major port, it's also known for its numerous beaches. The Donkin Heritage Trail takes in the Old Hill neighbourhood's Victorian landmarks. Coastal boat tours spot whales and rare seabirds, while wildlife reserves outside the metropolitan area are home to elephants, rhinos and other big game.

DAY 8 – 11: AT SEA (B / L / D)

DAY 12: REUNION,
REUNION (B / L / D)

Reunion offers a little taste of French culture on a tropical island whose setting has more in common with Hawaii than Paris. Officially an overseas French department the island is full of cultural Creole buildings as well as an incredible range of geographical diversity, from beaches to flourishing forests.

DAY 13: PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS (B / L / D)

Mauritius was uninhabited until the Dutch arrived in 1635. The capital of Port Louis offers shopping bargains at the old-fashioned central market. Go bird watching at Casela Bird Park. Or set out on a catamaran to admire the sun-drenched beauty of the island, landing on dazzling white beaches and snorkelling amongst shoals brimming with kaleidoscopic fish.

DAY 14 – 20: AT SEA (B / L / D)

DAY 21: ARRIVE IN FREMANTLE (B)

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Spend 3 nights in Cape Town
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- ★ Enjoy the day in the beautiful Cape Winelands region and have lunch in a winery
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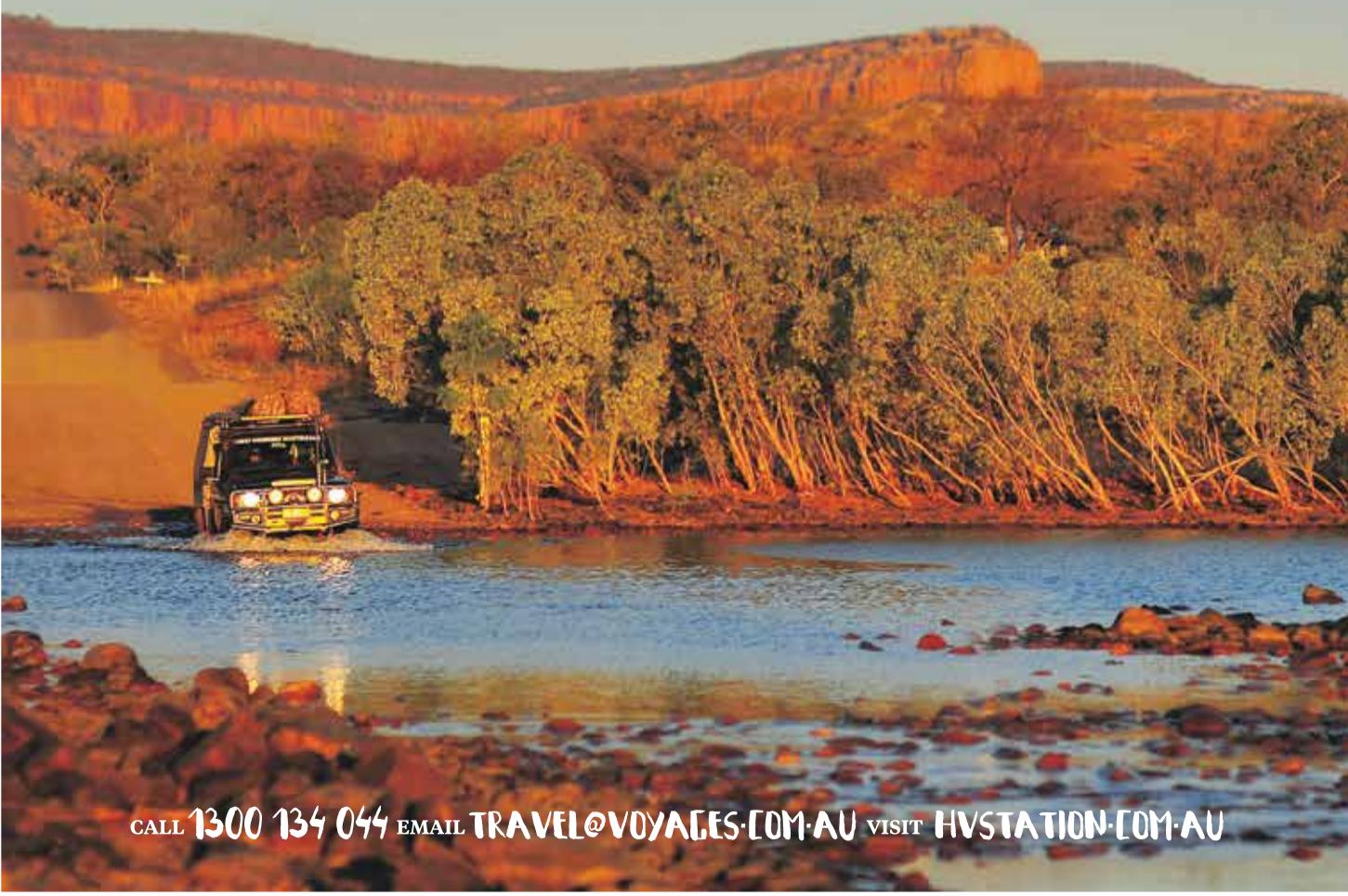
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Deploying artificial reefs in WA



An artificial reef module being deployed off the South West

by Mike Roennfeldt

A FEW years ago a group from Perth visited China and Korea to see first hand artificial reefs used in commercial fishing. Their successful use convinced them that reef design technologies, developed there over many years, could be applied back home to improve the lot of small boat fishing in WA.

As a result specially designed concrete reef modules were built locally and deployed in arrays at sites off Dunsborough and Bunbury a couple of years ago. Just recently a third artificial reef was deployed off Mandurah and a fourth is planned for south of Rottnest later this year.

While the first three are designed to attract demersal species, the fourth is a vertical design designed for pelagic species such as mackerel and tuna.

Each artificial reef is made up of 30 ten-tonne reinforced concrete modules placed in six clusters in the four hectares reef area. As these artificial reef fields mature marine growth on the concrete modules attracts the small creatures that form the bottom of the food chain. Later a fish community around the reefs begins to develop. Experience so far of the two artificial reefs in Geographe Bay points to the program being a remarkable success.

The reefs are regularly monitored with baited remote underwater video (BRUV) cameras. There are some fascinating short videos to watch on Recfishwest's artificial reefs Facebook page. There you can see a passing parade of the species that have made the reefs home.

This program, funded from Royalties for Regions and our fishing licence money, is very much community based. Local user groups had input in location selection and anglers assist in monitoring the reefs. Rec fishers are now doing their own reef watching with GoPro cameras. Posts from the public are welcomed on the Facebook page. Some of the

interesting species spotted around the reefs so far have included a school of 15kg-plus mullooway, lots of Samsons, yellowtail kings, pink snapper, dhuies, boarfish, amberjack and skipper.

Testament to the success of the reefs is the fact that the diversity of species in the areas concerned has quadrupled since their installation. This is pretty encouraging considering the reefs are expected to take around 5-10 years to fully mature.

Fishing an artificial reef

for the first time demands a little more thought than fishing a natural reef. The nature of the structure down there gives tough fish like Samsons plenty of opportunity to do you over, so anchoring right on top of the reef is asking for trouble. Better to anchor up-current of the structure and drift baits or a berley trail back towards it, unless of course, the sounder tells you there are heaps of fish or bait down-current of the structure, in which case that is the area to fish.

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QUAIRADING ATTRACTIONS:

Quairading Nature Reserve - 527 hectares of native bushland west of the town along the railway line to York. The reserve contains York Gum, Salmon Gum, Wandoor and Casuarina trees, and wildlife including the eastern wallaroo, western grey kangaroo, echidnas, reptiles and birds.

Nookaminie Rock - a large granite rock, provides a view over the town and surrounding areas.

Pink Lakes - Lies 11 km east of Quairading on the Bruce Rock Road. It is regarded as a phenomenon, as certain times in the year one side have a distinctive pink colour whilst the other side remains its natural blue. **The Toapin Weir** - 12 kilometres northwest of the town, constructed in 1912 to collect rainwater runoff and irrigate the nearby farms.

Cubbine - a homestead 17 kms north of Quairading originally owned by Alexander Forrest.

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Struth... Moondyne Joe, a man on the run



Escapologist Joseph "Moondyne Joe" Johns – the only prisoner ever released from gaol as a reward for having escaped from the place.

IN HIS continuing search for the more weird and wacky in this world, David Ellis wonders if colonial Western Australia bushranger, Joseph "Moondyne Joe" Johns is the only convict ever released from gaol as a reward for having escaped from the place?

After being sentenced to ten years for stealing and killing a steer in 1865, Joe absconded from a prison work party, and when recaptured was given additional time before escaping yet again.

On recapture once more, he was set to work in Fremantle's prison yard breaking rocks for road building... a smirking gaol governor telling him "If you can get out of here, I'll forgive you."

Working in his corner of the yard under constantly-watching guards, Joe soon amassed a high pile of broken stone – behind which he could only be seen from the waist up, and slipping behind every now and again to wield an unseen sledgehammer blow at the prison's limestone wall.

Eight months later, Moondyne Joe slipped behind his rock pile for the last time and through the hole he'd taken so long to create in that gaol wall. He remained on the run for two years. When eventually recaptured, a new prison governor heard of his predecessor's offer of forgiveness if Joe ever managed to escape again, and believing he'd done enough time, bizarrely set him free in May 1871.

Joe married, and apart from a few minor misdemeanours, settled down to a relatively crime-free life, dying of senile dementia in a lunatic asylum 30 years later.

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Batavia's long boat joins *Duyfken* on historic voyage to Dirk Hartog Island

by Brad Elbrough

THERE looms a potentially nostalgic moment later this year when replicas of two four-century old Dutch vessels sail into Shark Bay.

In late October, we will celebrate 400 years since Dirk Hartog Island was discovered. The planned

festivities will make this anniversary one of the major events on this year's West Australian tourism calendar.

And a part of that will be the *Duyfken*, which will make the journey from Perth for the occasion.

She became the first European ship to make re-

corded contact with and map part of the Australian continent a decade earlier, in 1606.

En-route to the party, the *Duyfken* will stop into Geraldton and pick up the Batavia longboat replica.

In 1629, the *Batavia* was wrecked while trying to navigate through the Abrolhos Islands. Her longboat is a part of a fabulous story where 180 crew members were ferried safely to the shores of one of the islands.

She then sailed on to *Batavia*, known today as Jakarta, for help, with the captain and some of the crew and returned from that massive journey three months later.

The story of mutiny and bloodshed that took part while the remainder of the crew stayed has become famous and can be explored in places such as the WA Museum, Geraldton.

The 35-foot *Batavia* longboat replica with her 10-foot beam was constructed in 2002 with massive input by local Geraldton TAFE students attaining their Certificate IV

in Wooden Boat Building. She's spent some time on display since then, for a time at the Geraldton Airport, but is now looked after by a not-for-profit association.

Visitors to Geraldton can sail on her once a month (watch the Association's Facebook page for details of when) for free. Batavia Longboat Replica Association president and skipper Vince Nock says people come far and wide to do just that.

"A part of our constitution is to assist in the promotion of marine heritage in the region and we do our best to fulfil that role," Mr Nock said.

"We get visitors from around the world, including Dutch people who come specifically to explore the history of the region and to see the replica. It's great to be able to accommodate them."

"We get locals who know a bit about the *Batavia* Coast and the Islands, but then there are some who just have no idea."

"And then we have people like the 81-year old lady who had lived



Batavia Longboat replica. Courtesy of Karl Monaghan AAIPP,
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her whole life in Geraldton without having seen it from the water. That was kind of cool."

The Batavia longboat's voyage to Shark Bay will commence alongside the *Duyfken* on 16 October and take around 70-sailing hours to arrive at the Dirk Hartog 400th Anniversary celebrations.

She'll have eight crew on board and sail at about three knots.

"If all the planets align, the two vessels will arrive into Denham at the same time and hopefully to a bit

of a celebration," Mr Nock said. "It should be a bit of a spectacle from the land."

The whole journey is expected to cost the Association around \$20,000, which is a fair sum for a group working on a shoestring budget of around \$10,000 a year.

Included in that \$20k is money for the new sail that she needs for the journey and her transportation back to Geraldton after the party (she's not sailing back).

Mr Nock said that the Association needs financial assistance for the trip to be done properly. He said that there are offers of consistent help (financially and in-kind) from M3 Engineering, the Geraldton Fisherman's Co-op and the Greater City of Geraldton, but is asking for anyone else who can help to come forward.

He didn't want to mention that his own business, the Geraldton Saw Doctor, also chips in often.

"We can't charge when we take people for a sail, because of insurance," Mr Nock said. "We do ask for and usually accept donations from those who sail on her, plus we get some funding from the Geraldton City Council, which usually covers the insurance."

"Unfortunately, because we're a replica, we can't put sponsorship logos on to sails, or display them on the boat. However, we do promote our supporters wherever we can, on social media, communications and on signs when we display the boat."

John Thomson, a former member of the Association, who has moved away from Geraldton, but has plans of returning, says that the success of the longboat replica has come about by the passion of people like Vince Nock.

Mr Thomson and his Dutch wife, Deb, were involved in the early days of the replica's existence and believe it to be a part of one of the more fascinating pieces of the region's history.

"It's good to have a boat in the water and when you do, some of her story is told as well," he said. "It has always received good support from the community, with cadet groups involved at times too."

"When she was being built, it was a collaboration, with assistance from individuals and the commercial sector."

"History-wise, it sits right up there with significance."

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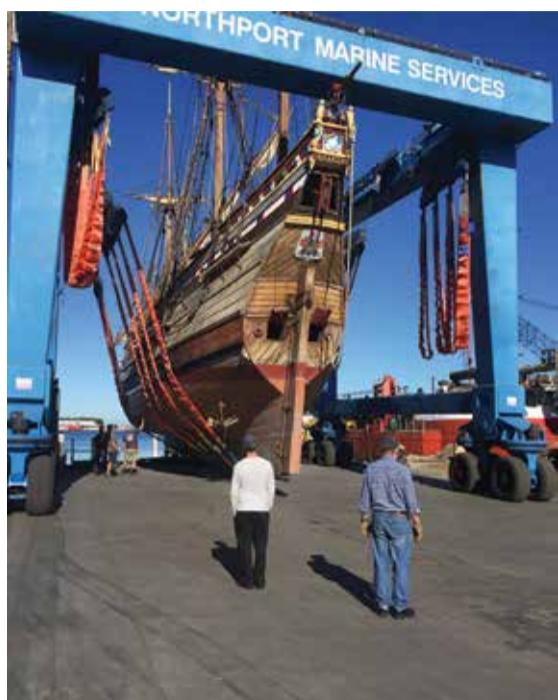


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Duyfken launches on new adventures



The Duyfken in dry dock



OVER the past 17 years *Duyfken* has undertaken many great sea adventures, none more important than this year's *Duyfken* Dirk Hartog Commemorative Voyage and Exhibition.

It's a real testament to those skilled shipwrights who built *Duyfken* during the late 1990s, that they built a yacht capable of sailing the oceans of the world.

For those not familiar with the sea voyages of the *Little Dove* it's worth taking a moment to reflect on those great achievements.

In 2000, only months after her launching, *Duyfken* set sail on the 2000 Chevron *Duyfken* Expedition, a voyage that saw her set sail from the port of Fremantle, from where she headed north along the Western Australian coast visiting numerous regional ports. From Broome she then headed north east on a course that would see her following the old spice trading routes to Indonesia.

Having arrived in Indonesia to great fanfare her instructions were then to re-enact the 1605-06 voyage of the original *Duyfken* by sailing to the Pennefather River in

the Gulf of Carpentaria, before sailing on to conduct an extensive exhibition tour of Queensland, a tour that culminated in Brisbane some nine months after leaving Fremantle.

Not content with the overwhelming success of this first voyage, the crew of *Duyfken* were soon to undertake a massive sailing odyssey, a voyage that would take the better part of 12 months to complete.

The 2002 VOC *Duyfken* Voyage was commissioned as part of the 400th Anniversary of the establishment of the VOC in 1602. Sailing from Sydney, *Duyfken*'s instructions had her heading first to Jakarta, and then along the original spice routes to the Netherlands, where she arrived in April/May 2002.

This voyage saw her sail across the northern Indian Ocean past Sri Lanka, then on to Mauritius and Cape Town in South Africa, before sailing north through the Atlantic Ocean to the Netherlands.

To put this adventure in perspective, a voyage such as this had not been undertaken since the spice trading days of the Dutch East India Company, more than 300 years prior. It represented 12 months at sea in some of the more challenging oceans of this planet, but the crew did it, and upon arrival in Texel in the Netherlands they were welcomed by thousands of amazed Dutchie, who simply

struggled to believe that such an undertaking could be achieved, in a vessel such as *Duyfken*.

Next month we'll share with you the other two great voyages that *Duyfken* has so far undertaken.

Special Seniors Offer:

This year as part of the *Duyfken* 2016 Dirk Hartog Commemorative Voyage and Exhibition, *Duyfken* will go on exhibition at the following ports, Bunbury (22/08 - 4/09), Mandurah (5/09 - 14/09), Hillarys (15/09 - 27/09), Jurien Bay (29/09 - 3/10), Dongara (4/10 - 7/10), Geraldton (8/10 - 16/10) and Denham (20/10 - 24/10).

For seniors we have a special group (10+) price for visits to the exhibition between 2-5pm Monday - Friday. The special price is \$9.95 (normally \$12.50) with a one off group transaction fee of \$9.95.

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Well that's about it for this month from the *Duyfken* team... see you next month. www.duyfken.com

Eat, drink and visit the markets in the Margaret River region...

THE RESTAURANT and café scene in the Margaret River region is unsurpassable. The region has attracted and created world-class chefs that draw their inspiration from the abundant fresh local produce, stunning landscapes and the pristine environment in which they work. People are spoilt for choice of where to eat. Choose from casual eating to first-class dining and there's always a perfect bottle of wine handy to accompany your meal. For an outstanding experience, indulge in a wine and food matching degustation.

The Margaret River region has one of the world's greatest climates to produce premium wine, and the same can be said about the region's ability to grow impeccable produce. Revered in 2015 by *Delicious Magazine* as Australia's 'Most Outstanding Region', specialty growers and producers are part of a food movement that is taking over the region. Heirloom organic sun ripened fruit and vegetables, grass fed beef and lamb, daily caught seafood, venison, marron (freshwater crayfish endemic to the south west of Western Australia), native foods, free range

eggs, organic dairy, olives, olive oils, wood fired bread, traditional French baked goods, artisan cheeses, hand-made chocolate and fudge, fair trade coffee and hand-made ice cream are just some of the outstanding foods being produced.

Nearly 20 years ago, the region's first brewery was a lone trailblazer and now with nine breweries in the Margaret River Region, craft beer is a real player

in the down south scene.

Each brewery has its own distinctive style from traditional pale ales and pilsners to preservative and additive free brews. By contrast chocolate beers, ginger and chilli beer will give your tastebuds something new to think about. Brave inventive styles are introduced regularly and frequent the daily tasting list. Some also produce their own cider, there's

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Enjoy the markets

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Kookynie - Leonora (67 kilometres/1 hour)

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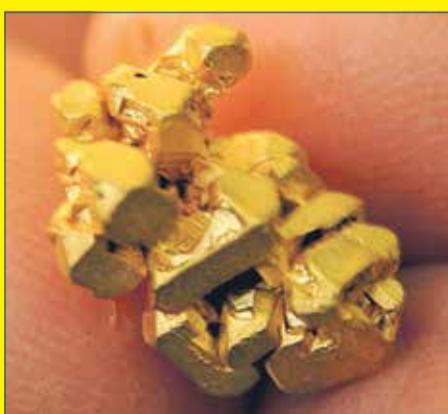
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There's plenty of art to find in the Goldfields...

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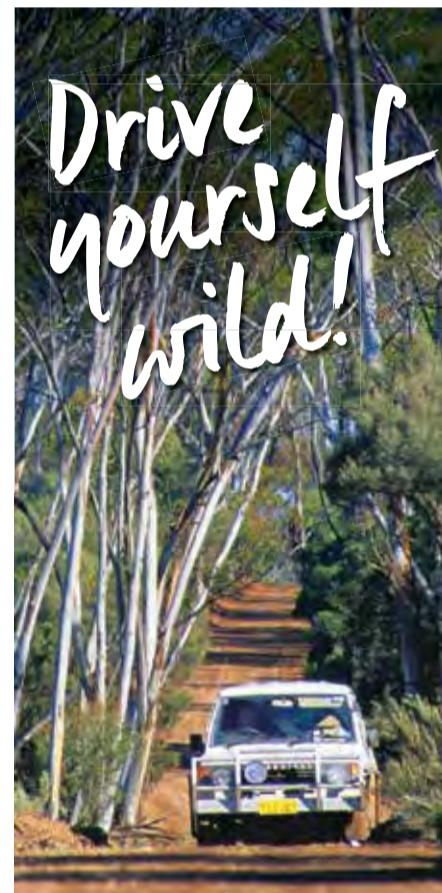
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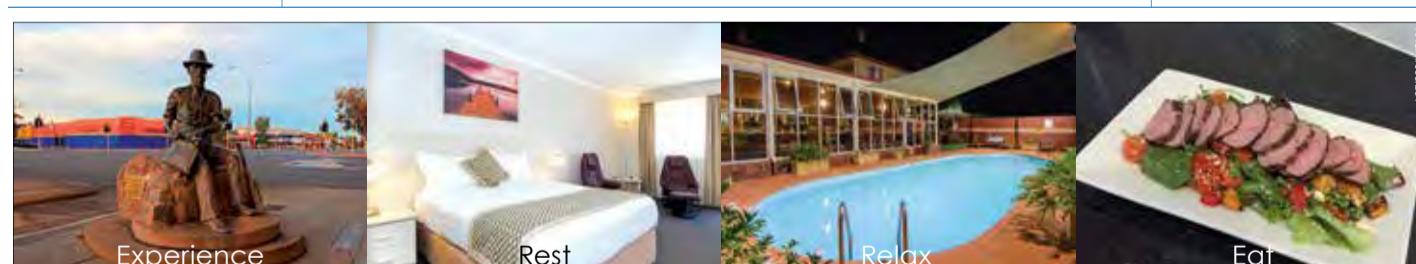
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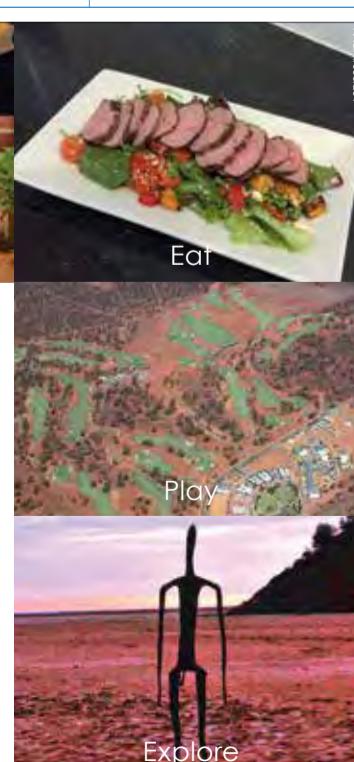
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