

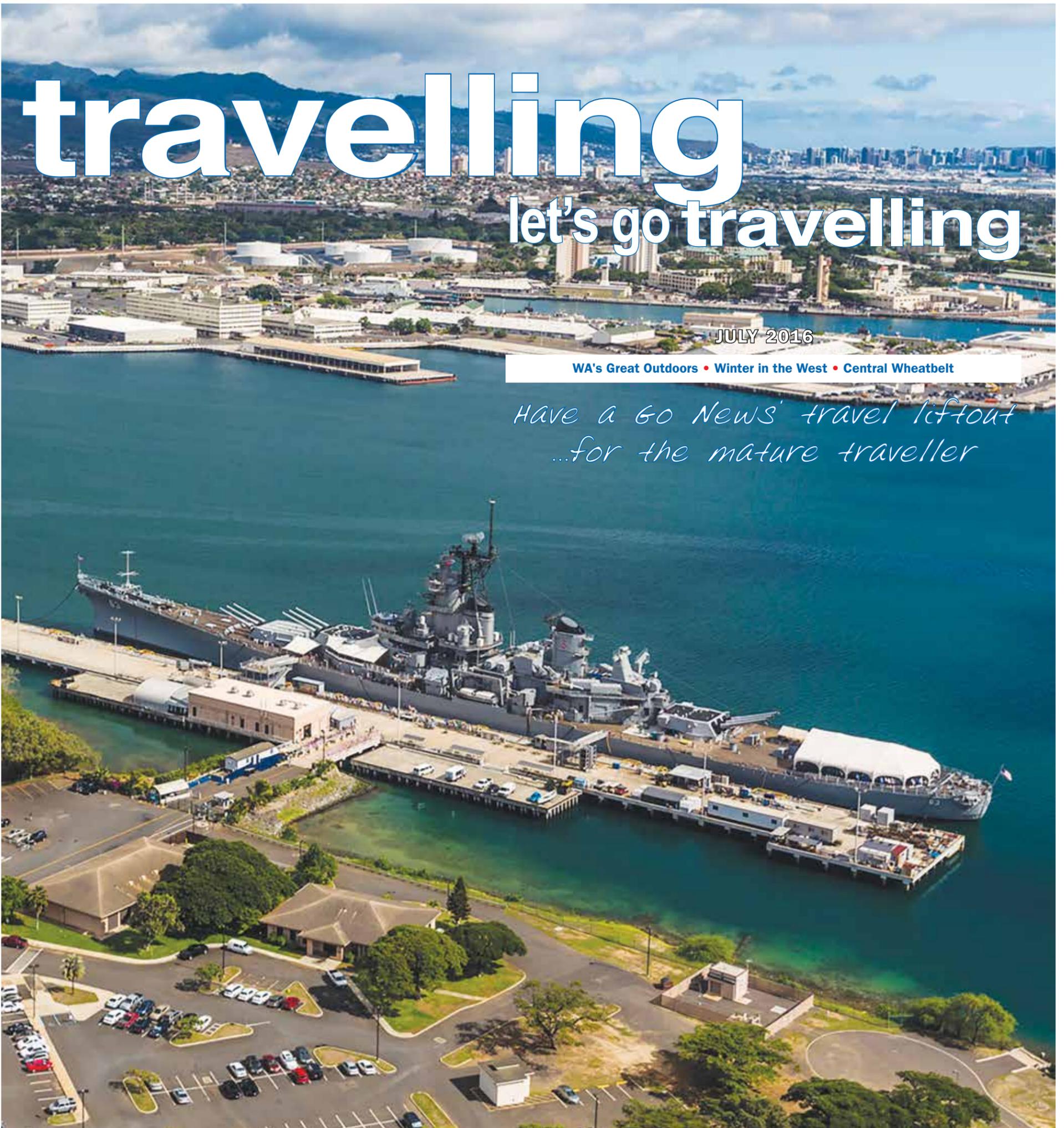
# travelling

## let's go travelling

JULY 2016

WA's Great Outdoors • Winter in the West • Central Wheatbelt

*Have a Go News' travel liftout  
...for the mature traveller*



A visit to the Hawaiian Islands is not complete without touring Pearl Harbour – this month Brad Elborough speaks to Ken Bradshaw about his visit to Pearl Harbour on page 21. Seen here is the USS Missouri docked at Ford Island. Photo courtesy of Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) / Tor Johnson.

*Karma*  
ROTTNEST  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## The Perfect Overnight Escape.

INCLUDES:  
- RETURN FERRY TRIPS  
- COOKED BREAKFAST  
- 1 NIGHT STAY

**\$295**  
PER COUPLE

We Create... Experiences

#EXPERIENCEKARMAROTTNEST



ROTTNESTLODGE.COM.AU  
CALL 9392 5161  
RESERVATIONS@ROTTNESTLODGE.COM.AU  
OFFER VALID FOR BOOKINGS UP UNTIL 31 AUGUST 2016

# let's go travelling

ADVERTISING FEATURE



travel options for the mature west australian



Jen Merigan

LAST MONTH Gerry Lyng, the manager of the Bell Tower, took me on a tour of the tower. I found it to be an incredi-

bly enjoyable experience seeing the bell ringers in action. The Bell Tower offers great views of the river

and Elizabeth Quay and is the perfect place for a visit, especially if you are hosting visitors from afar.

Rottneest Island is going plastic free this July and they are encouraging visitors to reduce the consumption of single use plastic across the island. Recent storms have resulted in a lot of marine rubbish being washed up along many of the beaches and plastic makes up the majority of the rubbish.

We've had a great response to the day tour

to Antarctica, if you would like to join us for this special day trip of a lifetime contact me for the brochure.

I love hearing from readers about their travels and long time readers Jan and Bob Weston sent me a lovely postcard while they have been holidaying in the south of France. One of their discoveries on their trip was a little town on the Mediterranean near Nice called Mandelieu-La-Napoule.

They said it was a lovely spot and they en-

joyed a meal on the terrace at the historic Chateau which is located right on the Med.

Qantas have announced that they will allow low tier frequent flyers to purchase single visit passes to their domestic and international airport lounges. The scheme is being introduced on a trial basis with passes available to frequent flyers during off peak periods.

Eligible flyers will receive an email invitation and the passes will only be sold online and not

on the day of travel.

I am currently having a break from Talking Travel at the moment but will let readers know in the coming months when we will recommence these sessions.

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

If you're a facebooker than like *Have a Go News* at [www.facebook.com/Haveagonews](http://www.facebook.com/Haveagonews). Happy trails

**Jennifer Merigan**  
Travel Editor



The travel industry and readers are welcome to contact the travel editor:  
Ph 9227 8283  
Email: [jen@haveagonews.com.au](mailto:jen@haveagonews.com.au)

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

ANTARCTICA is the world's last great wilderness. Travel editor Jen Merigan invites readers to join her for a trip of a lifetime to visit Antarctica.

Everyone is going for the same reason – to fulfill that bucket list dream of exploring an uncharted continent, without even getting our feet wet.

Australia is the only country from which you can take a sightseeing flight over the frozen southland. Every departure is different – no two flights are the same.

All seating classes will experience spectacular views over the ice and an unforgettable round trip and the complete Antarctic experience – Antarctic experts, videos and other informative activities.

Passengers will receive a comprehensive information kit, two full service Qantas meals plus in-flight snacks and full bar service – including champagne,

wine, beer, spirits and soft drink and the state-of-the-art entertainment system.

This day trip of a lifetime departs Perth on 26 January 2017 at 8am and returns at 8.30pm at night.

The following seating is available:  
PREMIUM ECONOMY CLASS Cost \$3299 per person\*

ECONOMY CLASS SUPERIOR Cost \$2999 per person\*

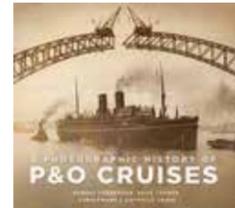
ECONOMY CLASS STANDARD Cost \$1999 per person\*

ECONOMY CLASS CENTRE Cost \$1199 per person\*

Please contact us for booking forms, a \$300 deposit is required with booking and full payment is required eight weeks before departure. Travel insurance is recommended.

For booking forms and to reserve your seat please call the office on 9227 8283 or email [jen@haveagonews.com.au](mailto:jen@haveagonews.com.au)

## Discover the history of P&O in this stunning book



never-before-published photographs, this book is a must-have for any history buff or cruising fan.

The book can be purchased from Dymocks, independent book stores or Fishpond.com.au

**WIN WIN WIN**

To be in the draw to win a copy signed by the authors simply email [win@haveagonews.com.au](mailto:win@haveagonews.com.au) with P&O in the subject line or send an envelope to P&O Competition – C/- Have a Go News – PO Box 1042, West Leederville 6901. Please include your name, address and phone number on the reverse side. Competition closes 31/07/16.

EXPLORE nearly 180 years of history with *A Photographic History of P&O Cruises*. Written by Perth maritime historians Chris Frame, Rachele Cross and P&O experts Rob Henderson and Doug Cremer, this book takes a unique look at P&O's illustrious history through rare archival photographs. With 120 pages and packed with hundreds of

**Elite TOURS**

Elite Tours is your premiere club, retirement village and group tour company. With 60 tours to choose from and tours starting from \$56 per person including homemade morning tea, 3 course lunch with tea or coffee and a 5 star touring coach, also 1 FREE seat on all tours for organiser (minimum of 25 paying passengers required).

Call Elite Tours on 9314 2170  
[www.elitetours.net.au](http://www.elitetours.net.au)

**Asia Travel 2016-2017** Toll Free: 1300 842 688  
E: [sales@mwtravel.com.au](mailto:sales@mwtravel.com.au)  
W: [www.mwtravel.com.au](http://www.mwtravel.com.au)  
Mandarin World Tours

**SALE ON NOW**

**16 Days Vietnam and Cambodia Delight**  
Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Saigon, Cu Chi Tunnels, Phnom Peh & Siem Reap  
Fully inclusive From \$4,295

**15 Days The Best of Vietnam**  
Hochiminh City, Saigon, Mekong Delta, Hanoi, Cu Chi Tunnels, Dalat, Nha Trang, Danang & Hoi An  
Fully inclusive From \$3,785

**16 Days Mighty Yangtze & Hong Kong**  
Shanghai, Nanjing, Wuhan, Fengdu, Chongqing, Gorges & Hong Kong  
Fully inclusive From \$4,145

**15 Days Natural Wonders of China**  
Zhangjiajie, Tian Men Mt, Yichang, Yangtze River Cruise, Chongqing, Jiuzhaigou & Chengdu  
Fully inclusive From \$4,785

**20 Days Japan, Korea, Taiwan Triple Indulgence**  
Taipei, Kaohsiung, Kenting, Seoul, Gwangju, Sun Moon Lake, Busan, Andong, Mt.Sorak, Tokyo, Kyoto & Osaka  
Fully inclusive From \$6,895

**15 Days Japan Cherry Blossom & Garden 2017**  
Tokyo, Hakone, Mt.Fuji, Takayama, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Kobe, Osaka  
Fully inclusive From \$7,080

**17 Days The Best of India & Sri Lanka**  
Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur, Mumbai, Colombo, Negombo, Habarana, Polonnaruwa wildlife & Kandy  
Fully inclusive From \$6,195

**14 Days The Spirits of India with Camel Fair**  
Kolkata, Varanasi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Jaipur, Pushkar & Delhi  
Fully inclusive From \$4,885

**REQUEST FOR FREE BROCHURES**

*inclusion: All flights with taxes and fuel surcharge, meals, 4-5\* hotels, sightseeing & transfers, English speaking Tour Guide, tipping for most of tours. \* Travel insurance, visa are excluded*

Cathie Rice Travel presents  
**GALAPAGOS & PERU**  
18 day exclusive small group fully escorted tour  
Departing Perth 6 April 2017

**ADVENTURE TRAVEL HOLIDAY WITH THE EXPERTS**

**Join Cathie Rice Travel, National Geographic & Lindblad Expeditions on our exclusive adventure of a lifetime for all ages.**

An absolute must for wildlife enthusiasts, and professional and amateur photographers alike.

- Experience the endless magic and mystery of the Galapagos Islands onboard National Geographic Endeavour II
- Discover the undersea and snorkel with penguins, sea lions & sea turtles
- Hike pristine islands, Zodiac cruise & kayak peaceful shorelines
- Visit the Sacred Valley of the Inca
- Explore the magnificent ruins of Machu Picchu

**Bookings now open – limited numbers.**

Images courtesy of National Geographic/Lindblad Expeditions & Contours Travel

**CALL FOR MORE DETAILS and a BROCHURE:**  
P: 9721 9588 or Freecall: 1800 177 788

**CathieRiceTravel**  
the South West Cruise Centre  
...bring your memories home

**3 CITIES & 3 TRAINS** 11 NIGHTS DEPARTS PERTH ON SUNDAYS

• Rail travel on the Indian Pacific, Perth to Sydney in gold service cabin • 3 nts in Sydney • Sydney Harbour Story Cruise • Rail travel on the XPT, Day Service Sydney to Melbourne • 3 nights in Melbourne • City tour and river cruise • Rail travel on the Overland, Melbourne to Adelaide • 2 nights in Adelaide • Adelaide City Sights Tour • Air travel, Adelaide to Perth

**GOLD \$3450 per person twin share**  
**PLATINUM \$5620 per person twin share**

**AUCKLAND TO PERTH FLY CRUISE** 12 DAYS DEPARTS 23 NOVEMBER

Air travel, Perth to Auckland • Transfer to your hotel • 4 nts at Auckland City Hotel • City Tour • A Taste of Waiheke Tour • Transfer to Cruise Terminal, Auckland • 7 nt cruise aboard the Astor cruising from Auckland to Adelaide, with a port call in Sydney, including on board meals and entertainment • airport transfer • Air travel, Adelaide to Perth

**FROM ONLY \$2340 per person twin share IG Category**  
**FROM ONLY \$2490 per person twin share OG Category**

**AROUND AUSTRALIA BY RAIL** 18 NIGHTS DEPARTS PERTH ON TUESDAYS

Air travel, Perth to Broome • 3 nts in Broome • Town Tour • Air travel, Broome to Darwin • 2 nts Darwin • City Tour • Air travel, Darwin to Cairns • 3 nts in Cairns • Rail travel on the Spirit of Queensland, Cairns to Brisbane (Rail Bed) inc meals • 1 nt Brisbane • Rail travel on the XPT, Brisbane to Sydney • 2 nts Sydney • City Tour • Rail travel on the XPT, Sydney to Melbourne (First Class Seat) • 2 nts Melbourne • City Tour • Rail travel on the Overland, Melbourne to Adelaide • 2 nts Adelaide • City Tour • Rail travel on the Indian Pacific, Adelaide to Perth in Gold Service inc meals

**GOLD \$5590 per person twin share**  
**PLATINUM \$7680 per person twin share**

**ASTOR UK TO FREMANTLE** BUY 1 GET 1 FREE 54 NIGHT CRUISE DEPARTS 16 OCTOBER FROM TILBURY

You will cruise via the ports of Portugal, Winward Islands, transit the Panama Canal, Mexico, French Polynesia, Cross the Date Line, Auckland, Sydney, Adelaide, Kangaroo Island and arrive in Fremantle.

**ON SALE \$12,959 Voyager Ocean view cabin for 2 people**

**BEST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA** 11 NIGHTS DEPARTS TUESDAYS

• Air travel, Perth to Adelaide • 5 nts in Adelaide • Adelaide City Tour • Barossa & Hahndorf Tour • 2 day Kangaroo Island Tour including 1 nights accommodation • 3 night Murray River Cruise including transfers and all meals on-board • Rail travel on the Indian Pacific, Adelaide to Perth

**PENSIONER FROM \$4000 per person twin share**

**3 STATE FLY & SAIL GETAWAY** DEPARTS 7 DECEMBER VISITING SOUTH AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

Air travel, Perth to Adelaide • 3 night's accommodation in Adelaide • City Tour • Barossa & Hahndorf full day tour • 7 night cruise on the Sun Princess (inside cabin), departing Adelaide and visiting: Burnie • Melbourne • Port Lincoln and disembark in Fremantle (includes: meals & entertainment)

**ON SALE FROM ONLY \$1680 per person twin share**  
(Upgrades available based on interior cabin)

# let's go travelling

ADVERTISING FEATURE



travel options for the mature west australian

## A visit to Hawaii - paying respects to the fallen at Pearl Harbour



From left to right; Visiting the USS Arizona memorial - Ken Bradshaw enjoying a helicopter ride over the Hawaiian Islands

by Brad Elborough

IT'S EASY to forget that Pearl Harbour is located on the gorgeous Hawaiian Islands.

Once you fly into the island of Oahu, via Honolulu Airport, the focus is very much on the sand and surf at Waikiki Beach, not the reminders of a pivotal moment in our world's history.

Not that Pearl Harbour is hidden away; far from it.

When Ken Bradshaw had the opportunity to visit Hawaii recently for his daughter's renewing of wedding vows, Pearl Harbour was on the top of his to-do list.

Ken's no war buff, he prefers checking out old prisons, such as Alcatraz, but he knew it was something that he just had to see for himself while he was there.

"I have been to Ground Zero in New York (the memorial for the World Trade Centre that was attacked by terrorists on 11 September, 2001) and people ask why I wanted to see that," he said.

"I haven't been personally involved in either, but both events affected the world and I wanted to show my respects.

"I wouldn't say I had a specific interest in Pearl Harbour. I haven't studied what happened there. But I have read about it and the events that occurred in December 1941 are common knowledge."

For those who don't know much about Pearl Harbour's significance (other than what you saw in the Ben Affleck Hollywood blockbuster), here's a quick rundown of two important hours that have helped to shape the world that we live in today.

At 7.55am (local time)

on 7 December, 1941, the US base at Pearl Harbour was attacked by Japanese fighter planes. More than 2400 people died and around 20 ships and 300 airplanes were either damaged or destroyed.

About half of those US casualties occurred on the battleship USS Arizona. It was hit four times.

The result of the mayhem was the US entering the WWII and in August 1945 it ended it when atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japan surrendered less than a week after more than

100,000 of its people died in the bombings. The official surrender documents were signed on board the USS Missouri in Tokyo Harbour on 2 September.

There was much more to the War than that, much of which can be learned by visiting Pearl Harbour.

The USS Missouri has long been retired and is now docked in port at Pearl Harbour and Ken recalls seeing the spot where the documents were signed to end the fighting.

But it was the memorial and wreckage of the USS

Arizona that grabbed his attention more.

"I'd taken a helicopter flight over the top of Pearl Harbour a few days before visiting and when you look out, you can see the wrecks of other boats that were sunk during the attack as well," he said.

"During the ride out to Pearl Harbour for the tour, there was commentary on what we would be seeing and then more when we were led into a large theatre.

"There was even some footage showing that was taken on the actual day; and there is more commentary that was made by some of the survivors.

"And then you catch the ferry out to the Arizona Memorial. It's a bit eerie. You walk down one side and back the other and you can look down a big hole in the floor to the actual wreckage of the battleship lying underneath; that's when you see the oil slick."

That oil slick is coming from the USS Arizona that took on oil the day that it was hit. There has been controversy for the past 20-30 years over how

best to handle the oil that has been seeping from the wreckage for more than 74 years.

Some experts suggest that there is enough in storage for it to continue surfacing for at least another 50 years.

Guides are discouraged from boarding the memorial of the USS Arizona, in a bid to keep the noise down for those who are there to remember or to pay their respects to those who died back in 1941.

And it's not only

those who died that day who are remembered. Survivors from the crew of the Arizona can be laid to rest at the site once they die; many have taken up that offer.

Others who have died since the attack, but were not a part of the USS Arizona crew also have a chance to have their ashes scattered in the area.

It is the respect that the Japanese are paid at Pearl Harbour that caught Ken's eye though.

"The whole area is very

respectful to the Japanese soldiers, including the Kamikaze, who lost their lives in the battle as well," he said.

"There are a lot of photos of the fallen Japanese on show, which I admit surprised me as well.

"There would have been 15 or 16 Japanese on the same ferry to the Arizona as me, some even in uniform, clearly sailors or navy who were visiting to pay their respects.

"And they were left alone to do so."

## CRUISE THE GREEK ISLANDS



### Greek Island Hopping

10 Days from \$1,630

Athens - Mykonos - Santorini - Athens  
or

Contact us to create your own island hopping package from 7-21 Days

Many more Greek Island packages, cruises & tours available.

**BEYOND TRAVEL**

info@beyondtravel.com.au

1300 363 554

www.beyondtravel.com.au

Standard Beyond Travel booking terms apply.

### SENIORS BREAKS

#### 5 Day 4 Night Albany Escapade

Albany and its surrounding areas are rich in natural beauty. Boasting renowned restaurants, wineries and local seafood, the Southern Ocean coastline makes this region a real treat to explore. Albany is the oldest town on the West Coast, set on the beautiful King George Sound and Princess Royal Harbor. Come check out their newest attraction The National ANZAC Centre, see dolphin and whales playing in the harbor just to mention a few. Use your pension free pass to travel on the bus free!

|   |                                |  |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Three Chimneys Bed &amp; Breakfast</b><br>Price includes full cooked breakfast daily |                                | <b>Sleepwell Motel</b><br>Price includes continental breakfast daily |                                |
| <b>\$370pp</b><br>twin share  | <b>\$640</b><br>solo traveller | <b>\$248pp</b><br>twin share   | <b>\$448</b><br>solo traveller |

\*Please note that this is not a guided package tour. It is independent travel on either TransWA or self drive.

**Call 1800 812 808 for more great deals for Busselton, Esperance, Albany, Kalbarri, Kalgoorlie and Bunbury.**

**Western Australian Visitor Centre**  
 55 William Street, Perth

**Australian VISITOR CENTRES**      **FREECALL 1800 812 808**

We provide a free booking service for Great Southern Rail, accommodation, car hire, tours and much more.

## cruiseexpo

**FREE ENTRY**  
**SATURDAY AUG 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 B-SHED FREMANTLE 10AM TO 4PM

**bicton travel**  
 making a world of difference

**WIN!**

**SINGAPORE AIRLINES FLIGHTS TO EUROPE**

**WIN!**

**A PRINCESS CRUISE FOR TWO**

**FREE ENTRY**

- more than 30 exhibitors representing over 40 cruise lines • amazing specials
- exclusive cruise holidays • great prizes • cruise seminars

**B-Shed, Victoria Quay, Peter Hughes Drive, Fremantle Port**  
 Pay & Display Parking Available or Catch the Fremantle CAT to the Maritime Museum  
 T 08 9339 0277 E info@bictontravel.com.au

# let's go travelling

ADVERTISING FEATURE



travel options for the mature west australian



**West Leederville residents**  
**Have a Go News is now available from Kings Tours and Travel located at 110d Cambridge Street, West Leederville Telephone 9380 6656**

## Best Western Kalgoorlie

ONLY \$119 PER NIGHT FOR 2!



- FREE continental breakfast daily
  - FREE wireless broadband internet, FOXTEL
  - FREE tea, coffee and biscuits in your spacious motel room
  - FREE welcome drink when dining at the Katherine Station Restaurant
  - POOL, restaurant, cocktail bar, BBQ & guest laundry
- \*Subject to availability - bookings essential - some blackout dates apply.

**Best Western Hospitality Inn Kalgoorlie**  
 560 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie  
 9021 2888  
 kalgoorlie@hospitalityinns.com.au  
 www.hospitalityinnkalgoorlie.com.au



Top; Enjoy the ambience at the Madame Brussels Lane European Night Market

by Jeanette Woolerton

WINTER has finally turned the corner. Following the solstice on 22 June (which marks the day of the year with the fewest daylight hours) we now look forward to longer days and the return of the sun's warmth.

well versed with the chills of winter and the city of Melbourne is arguably the best capital city in Australia for celebrating the light during the year's darkest months.

In keeping with its warm, dazzling and inspiring mid-winter tradition, the Melbourne city skyline will glow with a spectacular light

Victorian residents are

## Feasts and fireworks

show every Friday evening from the 1 July to 26 August.

This is a free event and all are invited to journey down to the Docklands Waterfront to soak in the brilliance from 6.30pm onwards. The spectacular fireworks commence at 7.30pm.

There is no need to bring your own food or drink, with an array of restaurants and bars along the waterfront to choose from.

This is a guaranteed start to a great weekend, whatever that weekend may have in store for you.

The fireworks illuminate our environment, reflect off the inky waters of Port Philip Bay and light up the heavens, so it makes perfect sense to add to that wonderment by treating yourself to some mulled wine and European treats at the annual Madame Brussels Lane European Night Market, just a stone's throw away in the CBD.

Commencing on the

22 July and running through to the 12 August, there will be a quirky selection of stall holders (as well as returning ones from last year) awaiting you at the 'Paris end' of the city.

Once you arrive at the destination the aromas will seduce you into a state of bliss that could be described as internal fireworks.

Night markets have been a favourite pastime throughout Switzerland, Austria, Germany and the UK for many years and The Madame Brussels Lane European night market is an exquisite Australian representation of that tradition.

Of course, no European night market would be complete without mulled wine, crepes, live music and entertainment, which create a warm, welcoming ambience that intoxicate the senses.

Some of the treats that you discover at this year's night market in-

clude freshly baked German pretzels from Bretzel Biz, Polish dumplings from Eastern Bloc, fabulous Flammkuchen from Frieda's Flammkuchen, melting fondue cheese from Frencheese, flaming French crème brûlée from The Brûlée Cart, French crepes from Les Crepes de Marion and Praline almonds and macadamias from Chooch La La.

Whether you are a local who has been hard at work all week in the CBD, or a tourist visiting this gracious city, this is the perfect opportunity to unwind with a cup of hot mulled wine and exquisite culinary delights in the breathtakingly beautiful 'Paris end' of the city.

This has to be the most majestic way to spend any winter weekend and comes highly recommended for all ages. For further information refer to madamebrusselslane.com.au/news/european-night-market/



## Tweed Valley Lodge

On the Blackwood River, Bridgetown

RAC ★★★★★ Your tranquil adult retreat in a picturesque riverbank setting 2 kms from Bridgetown CBD featuring

- Spacious, self-contained, luxury accommodation
- Stunning riverside location
- Bird lovers' paradise with late afternoon feeding
- Unit for disabled available with King size or twin bed configuration

View our website and/or give Julian and Jenny a call

Tel: 9761 2828

www.tweedvalleylodge.com.au

## Best Western Esperance

ONLY \$125 PER NIGHT FOR 2!



- FREE continental breakfast daily
  - FREE wireless broadband internet, FOXTEL
  - FREE tea, coffee and biscuits in your motel room
  - FREE welcome drink when dining at the Seasons Restaurant
  - CENTRAL town location opposite the bay
  - POOL, restaurant, cocktail bar, BBQ & guest laundry
- \*Subject to availability - bookings essential - some block out dates apply

**Best Western Hospitality Inn Esperance**  
 44-46 The Esplanade, Esperance  
 9071 1999  
 esperance@hospitalityinns.com.au  
 www.hospitalityinnesperance.com.au



**PERTH**

### Weekend Value Deal

Stay at the Goodearth Hotel Perth on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday night and save 15%. From just \$119 per night in a Standard Studio or \$136 per night in a Superior Studio.

Ph: 9492 7777  
 www.goodearthhotel.com.au

**PERTH**

### Seniors Special

Grab a bargain at the Perth Ambassador Hotel with your Seniors Card. Save 10% off your hotel accommodation and 15% off your dinner bill at Café 196. Stay from \$126 per night.

Ph: 9325 1455  
 www.ambassadorhotel.com.au

**ALBANY**

### Winter Deal

Enjoy a cosy getaway this winter at Sleepwell Motel Albany. Stay 3 nights and get free continental breakfast daily, bottle of wine on arrival and 11am late check-out.

Ph: 9841 7399  
 albany@sleepwellmotel.com.au

For validity dates and full terms and conditions, call or visit our websites.



## Three gurus enhance seniors' social scene



From left; Ryan Newman, Anne Williams and Geoff Mead

MOST people have heard of The Three Musketeers, then meet the Three Seniors Social Scene Gurus.

Anne Williams has joined forces with Geoff Mead of Perth Seniors Travel Club and Ryan Newman, travel consultant, to bring to you some new and exciting trips visiting overseas, interstate and in our own great state.

Many readers will know Anne from Annie's Activities, previously featured in Have a Go News. Anne is experienced in arranging functions, outings and events for seniors and has been for the past 12 years.

Geoff has a family background in coach travel, tours and daily transport both over east and now in WA.

Ryan is from a travel background and offers a personal touch as he will come to your home and arrange your travel. What a wonderful service this will be for the seniors community.

It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that they have decided to work together to bring the seniors community some lovely activities in a secure, caring and interesting environment and to try to reach many people who, without the programs put together, would otherwise not get out and about.

For further information see ad below.

**LAZY LOBSTER**  
 Holiday Units/Chalets,  
 PORT DENISON/DONGARA

Quiet, comfy, lovely garden setting. Free Wifi.  
 Fully self-contained well-equipped units.  
 Only a 2 min walk to beach and Marina.  
**COACH PICK-UP AVAILABLE**  
**WEEKLY RATE \$600 unit, \$700 chalet**

Ph 9927 2177 Email: lazylobster@westnet.com.au  
 Visit www.lazylobster.net.au

**Perth Seniors TRAVEL CLUB**

Day Tours Extended Tours  
 Mystery Tours Interstate Tours  
 Overseas Holidays  
 Single members welcome

bookings@hireabus.com.au  
 Phone 0473 514 944  
 Facebook Perth Seniors Travel Club

**Elite TOURS**  
 UPCOMING  
 2016 TOURS

|           |                               |      |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------|
| 10 June   | Paddy's Bush Bar              | \$80 |
| 28 June   | Dwellingup                    | \$85 |
| 7 July    | Xmas in July @ Seabird Tavern | \$85 |
| 25 July   | Coorinja Winery Toodyay       | \$85 |
| 10 August | York & Beverley               | \$85 |
| 30 August | Mystery Tour                  | \$85 |

Call Elite Tours on 9314 2170  
 www.elitetours.net.au

# let's go travelling

ADVERTISING FEATURE



travel options for the mature west australian

## Sail back in time in Dirk Hartog's path with STS Leeuwin II in October



Glensse Dyson onboard the Leeuwin II

GLENESSE DYSON has just returned from the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation's, Monkey Mia to Fremantle voyage and is gearing up for more adventures.

The 55-year-old grandmother enjoyed her nine-day adventure so much she's planning to sail to the Dirk Hartog celebra-

tions in Shark Bay in October.

Ms Dyson achieved many personal achievements, both physically and emotionally on the tall ship STS Leeuwin II. The first day onboard she climbed the 33 metre main mast and did not stop pushing her limits from there.

"Everybody encouraged everybody. I never expected the challenge of climbing a sail on the very first day. The Leeuwin cured my fear of heights... I underestimated the strength in my legs and arms," she said.

Ms Dyson returned from the voyage with a new lease on life.

"I have less fears. This was a major life change. I am a different person to what I was before I left. There is more to me and this voyage revealed that."

The STS Leeuwin II is a working ship. All participants are expected to join night watches, steer the helm and belay ropes together among other tasks.

The ship will be joining the 400th anniversary festivities of the first Dutch contact with Western Australia, at Dirk Hartog Island. Anyone aged over 18 can apply to be part of the voyage, leaving Fremantle for Shark Bay on 14 October.

Ms Dyson plans to be onboard for the sail up and to join in the festivities at Shark Bay.

"I would love to come back for the Dirk Hartog voyage. I actually want any excuse to get back on the ship, throw away

technology, climb some sails, eat some great food, be rocked to sleep in the arms of grandmother-ocean and meet a bunch of interesting people," she said.

The WA Maritime Museum and the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation are presenting a Dirk by Sea lecture on Sunday 31 July from 3:30 - 5pm.

It will be held at the WA Maritime Museum in Fremantle and include talks from four guest speakers. Everybody is welcome to attend the free lecture to learn more about the Dirk Hartog history, festivities occurring in Shark Bay or about the Leeuwin voyage and how to get involved.

The Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation is

a not-for-profit organisation based in Fremantle, Western Australia. It is an award-winning provider of experiential learning and leadership development programmes.

For more information on the Dirk Hartog voyage or pre-voyage lecture visit the Leeuwin website at [www.sailleeuwin.com/dirkhartog2016](http://www.sailleeuwin.com/dirkhartog2016).

## Duyfken stamps her place in history



THROUGHOUT her short, 17 year life, the replica sailing ship *Duyfken* has always looked for opportunities that test the sailing skills and character of those who sail aboard her. In these modern times it often pays to reflect on the courage and undoubted seamanship of those Dutch mariners that crossed the oceans of the world in search of riches in the form of spices.

All who sail aboard *Duyfken* this century often ponder: "how did they do it back then?"

Well they did, and they did it well. And in keeping with these traditions a crew of modern day adventurers boarded *Duyfken* in 2006 to tackle the oceans that lapped at the shores of the Australian continent, taking on the challenge of circumnavigating Australia, a voyage that would take six years to complete; as there were a few stops along the way.

That year marked the 400th anniversary of the original *Duyfken's* arrival on the coast of the unknown Southland, and so to acknowledge the first Europeans to set foot on Australian soil, the *Duyfken* replica was commissioned to undertake a voyage from Fremantle to Sydney, along the way visiting 25 ports and inviting thousands of visitors to step aboard and experience life at sea on this little Dutch yacht.

By all accounts it was a memorable experience

for the crew of 16, one full of challenge when you take on all that mother nature can throw at you, as your ship tackles the wind and waves of the Great Australian Bight. But tackle they did in the same vein as those who had sailed these oceans 400 years before.

Like all great adventures at some point they come to an end, and so after circumnavigating half the continent of Australia, *Duyfken* entered the calmer waters of Sydney Harbour to a fanfare befitting of such a vessel and her accomplishments.

For the next five years *Duyfken* remained as an east coast resident, sailing between Sydney and Cairns and visiting ports in between to reveal her stories and her history to those who stepped aboard for a tour of the ship.

Despite the enthusiasm of all those who visited her, the east coast can be a lonely place when you are so far from home, and the familiarity of family and friends and so the call for *Duyfken* to return to her home port of Fremantle began to gather steam.

That calling became a 100-day epic voyage as *Duyfken* slipped her lines in Sydney on 11 April 2012 bound for Fremantle. This voyage took her north to the tip of Cape York Peninsula, down to Weipa, across to Darwin and then down the west coast to Fremantle, arriving on 23 September. Like

all *Duyfken* sailing adventures the crew were consistently challenged with the extremes of big seas and wild winds, to days of drifting in the tropics with no wind to propel her forward.

Fast forward to 2016 and *Duyfken* is now in the final days of preparation for another epic undertaking. On Thursday 18 August at 10am *Duyfken* will slip her lines and head out of the Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour, bound for Bunbury, the first leg of the *Duyfken* 2016 Dirk Hartog Commemorative Voyage and Exhibition.

This year *Duyfken* will go on exhibition at the following ports, Bunbury (22 August - 4 September), Mandurah (5 - 14 September), Hillarys (15 - 27 September), Jurien Bay (29 September - 3 October), Dongara (4 - 7 October), Geraldton (8 - 16 October) and Denham (19 - 24 October).

This four-month pro-

gram will enable thousands of West Australians to step aboard *Duyfken* to personally discover the magic and allure of the Little Dove, a ship that is so much a part of the maritime history of Western Australia, so as a reader of *Have a Go News* we have a special offer for you.

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.

For more details: phone 0427 160 606 or email [info@duyfken.com](mailto:info@duyfken.com).



### Go Ona Bus

Specialising in groups and clubs

#### 3 DAY WHEATBELT EXPERIENCE TOUR

11-13 August \$500pp twin share

Small elite private tour with maximum of 8 passengers.

Includes 2 nights accommodation, all meals, daily tours visiting many wheatbelt locations and attractions plus wildflowers unique to this area.

#### 3 DAY WILDFLOWERS TOUR

6-8 September \$500pp twin share

Includes 2 nights accommodation, daily tours with a wildflower expert, luxury coach, all meals plus night time entertainment.

#### SOUTH EAST DISCOVERY TOUR

11-14 October

\$800pp twin share, single supp available

Fun filled 4 day tour visiting a variety of locations with wildflower walks with local guide. This is a new tour we put together with local farmers and operators to showcase the beautiful Southern Wheatbelt area.

Individuals or couples welcome.

Call the office for a detailed itinerary.

Go Ona Bus offers a number of different group tours, contact us for your next group outing. Pickup is from your club location.

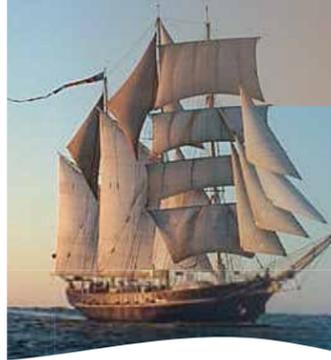
9453 3843

Email: [info@goonabus.com.au](mailto:info@goonabus.com.au) [www.goonabus.com.au](http://www.goonabus.com.au)

Pre-Voyage Lecture 31 July

## DIRK HARTOG COMMEMORATIVE VOYAGE

Adult Voyage 14 - 24 October



The STS Leeuwin II, Western Australia's very own tall ship, will join in the celebrations of the Dirk Hartog's 400th commemoration at Shark Bay. The Leeuwin Foundation invite sailing enthusiasts of all ages to travel in Dirk Hartog's steps.

LEEUWIN Ocean Adventure Foundation

[www.sailleeuwin.com](http://www.sailleeuwin.com) or (08) 9430 4105

## FLY BUSINESS CLASS TO EUROPE

Return Travel from Sep 2016 to May 2017 PLUS up to 26 European airports!

London \$5099  
Dublin \$4899  
Belgrade \$4818

Rome \$4950  
Athens \$4852  
Manchester \$5172



[www.britishtravel.com.au](http://www.britishtravel.com.au)  
Call 1300 857 434  
email: [res@britishtravel.com.au](mailto:res@britishtravel.com.au)

## DUYFKEN 2016 HARTOG EXHIBITION



BUNBURY

22<sup>nd</sup> August - 4<sup>th</sup> September

MANDURAH

5<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September

HILLARYS

15<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September

JURIEN BAY

29<sup>th</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> October

DONGARA

4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> October

GERALDTON

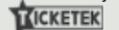
8<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October

DENHAM

19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October

EXHIBITION TICKETS

[ticketek.com.au/duyfken](http://ticketek.com.au/duyfken)



[www.duyfken.com](http://www.duyfken.com)

Event Partners:



The Duyfken 2016 Dirk Hartog Commemorative Voyage & Exhibition is proudly supported by the Government of Western Australia. Made possible by Royalties for Regions.



# The Cockburn Story - discover this often overlooked region with its diversity of place



Left; Woodman Point's ammo jetty, popular with fishers, once used to bring in ammunition that was stored in bunkers in nearby sand hills. Right; Lee Tate

not so for Cockburn which has been in the shadow of Fremantle."

Tate says when he first started looking around Cockburn there appeared to be many firsts including the submarine and national defence base, an area uniquely stretching from coastline and wetlands, Australia's first crematorium and even the first shark net of its kind.

"Cockburn is close to beaches with fish-breeding and protected by islands. The adjacent regional park is virtually in its original bush state.

"It's how the explorers first saw it when they first landed in WA. There aren't many parts of the coast where this has been preserved or disturbed, which is partly because of the quarantine station and military areas.

"In three months researching the area, I saw it was sacred to indigenous people. I found out more and more and just kept on going. I believed I could make a movie from it all. How many places have both coastline and wetlands, extensive history and even its own busy airport (Jandakot)?"

"Coming to Cockburn is a multi-million dollar sports centre which will accommodate the Dockers, as well as basketball courts and swimming pools."

Tate says people might question why they should go to Cockburn. "No one says let's go to Manning Park where you can see birds and animals often

not seen elsewhere, visit an historic house or walk along cliff tops with views across the region and out to sea. Aboriginal people used this as a major trek, so much is unique."

Third generation West Aussie Tate says he and his brothers grew up in Perth thinking Cockburn was just a limestone, crumbling place where ethnic people and a few market gardeners lived.

"It was cheap property which seemed to be miles away when in fact it is 15 minutes from Fremantle. The thing is, Cockburn is not a destination in its own right, it is overshadowed by Fremantle. Garden Island is central to WA's heritage but is now restricted to defence personnel with only occasional visits by outsiders.

"Whaling in WA officially started in Cockburn Sound. There were huge cattle yards, meatworks and abattoirs to support the colony and then the burgeoning new state. Our pioneers crash-landed here, stumbled tragically with loss of life to create farms before their final breakthrough with market gardens and stock. One of WA's most dramatic prisoner escapes was in the area when a group of convicts was plucked from the shore by a fake whaling ship."

Tate and wife Robyn happened on living in Cockburn by chance. Taking grandkids on trips in their caravan they realised the kids didn't need or want to travel

long distances. So they drove past Coogee and Woodman Point and were attracted to the holiday parks near beaches, parks and natural park with bush walks among wildlife – even pesky rabbits.

"Then, next thing, our Melville house needed substantial renovations and we didn't want to live there because it involved bedrooms and bathrooms so we lived in the caravan at Woodman Point for a few weeks. We started looking at properties and ended up settling in Cockburn."

Tate is passionate about his 14-minute DVD and his quest to place Cockburn on the map. "The local council here is very progressive and has lots of open days inviting ratepayer input. Perhaps we should get the community, including business and council, behind a central information and indigenous centre. People could contribute historic photos, artefacts and anything else of relevance before it is lost or forgotten."

"There is so much to tell. For instance thousands of migratory birds from around the world come to Woodman Point. And there's good argument to restore the train track that ferried explosives to ammunition bunkers (which can still be seen), through the bush, past sand hills and the crematorium and quarantine station."

"Along the way, opposite Coogee Caravan Park, is the Coogee Hotel, freshly heritage-restored. Built in 1901 and opposite the colony's first

racecourse, it was the first hotel. In those days it was considered a long distance from Perth and was dubbed the Honeymoon Hotel."

Lee Tate has an extensive journalism, business and marketing background and has been working in recent years in support of mental health carers Helping Minds. His reporting career covered business, politics, education and social columns for newspapers including *The Australian Financial Review*, *Melbourne Herald*, *The Australian*, *The Sydney Telegraph*, *Launceston Examiner*, *Albany Advertiser*, *The West Australian* and *The Sunday Times*.

During his 23 years working away, Tate worked in London for two years and was also appointed to a Japanese journalist exchange program.

He has written for public relations companies on business and politics, been a commentator on ABC Radio, current affairs broadcaster on 6PR and consulted on marketing campaigns including for WA's Margaret River wine industry.

Tate is an author (*West Aussie Book of Firsts*) and ghost writer of other books. He has a regular segment on Curtin Radio with Jenny Seaton covering amazing West Aussies.

The non-profit video (\$20) is available at [www.amazingwa.co](http://www.amazingwa.co), or send details to The Cockburn Story, 30/132 Cockburn Road, Munster, WA 6166 or contact 0455 510 711.

**Joondalup Caravan Repairs**  
  
 Servicing • Repairs • Spare parts  
 Insurance work • Accessories  
 Solar Systems • Alterations • Awnings  
 We also manufacture composite panels  
**For all your Caravan, Motor home, or Camper trailer needs. Secure indoor accommodation if your van needs to spend the night.**  
**PHONE 9206 4933**  
 Unit 13/21 Warman St, Neerabup WA 6031  
[admin@joondalupcaravanrepairs.com.au](mailto:admin@joondalupcaravanrepairs.com.au)

**SPORTING PACKAGE**  
 Staying @ Ledge Point Holiday Park  
 (Valid 1/06/16 to 31/08/16)

- Stay 3 nights Sun - Thu on a 10x10m grass powered caravan site
- 2 x Vouchers for 9 holes golf at Ledge Point Golf Club
- 2 x Vouchers for bowls at Ledge Point Country Club
- Wednesday night dinner at Country Club - buy one meal get second meal half price
- Complimentary glass of wine or beer at Country Club
- Free sausage sizzle @ Camp Kitchen - Tuesday Night

**\$120 per couple or \$100 per couple for groups of 10 or more**

For enquiries contact Wayne and Kathryn on 9655 2870 or 1300 856 088  
 Visit [www.ledgepointholidaypark.com](http://www.ledgepointholidaypark.com)  
 Email [reservations@lphp.com.au](mailto:reservations@lphp.com.au)

**Kimberley Cruising For Adventurers**

ACCREDITED TOURISM BUSINESS AUSTRALIA

Spend an incredible week sailing and exploring the pristine waters of the the Kimberley. If you're after a thrilling hands-on experience, then explore and seek adventure with us.

Cruises depart from Broome. All ages welcome.

Broome-Wyndham (or Wyndham-Broome): March-April & August-September  
 13 days from \$3,300

Buccaneer Archipelago: April-November  
 7 days from \$1,800

[www.ahoybuccaneers.com.au](http://www.ahoybuccaneers.com.au) | (08) 9193 7650

**by Josephine Allison**

TWO years after he moved to Cockburn, much travelled journalist and author Lee Tate is working to give the often overlooked region a higher profile with the release of his new non-profit DVD *The Cockburn Story*. Tate says coastal Cockburn stands on its own regarding indigenous people, pioneers, development, industry, tourism, wildlife and even national defence.

"Hordes of people stay and pass through Cockburn, which has two big holiday parks, but they leave largely uninformed," he says. "Many locals generally know only a little of their backyard's heritage."

"Pick up any WA, Perth or Fremantle brochure or map and there will be a spiel on Rockingham and Mandurah, for example. Even small country towns are usually listed in their region's directories; but

**Discover Wildflowers in the Southern Forests**

The southwest corner of West Australia is known to be a biodiversity hotspot with a wide variety of unique orchids and flowers endemic to this region.

**For info on trails, tours, events and maps, contact our Visitor Centres:**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Manjimup 9771 1831    | <a href="http://www.manjimupwa.com">www.manjimupwa.com</a>                                 |
| Pemberton 9776 1133   | <a href="http://www.pembertonvisitor.com.au">www.pembertonvisitor.com.au</a>               |
| Northcliffe 9776 7203 | <a href="http://www.northcliffvisitorcentre.com.au">www.northcliffvisitorcentre.com.au</a> |
| Walpole 9840 1111     | <a href="http://www.walpole.com.au">www.walpole.com.au</a>                                 |

**Blooming Wild Festival 3 Sep - 20 Nov 2016**  
 Facebook: Blooming Wild-Southern Forests and Valleys  
 Website: [www.bloomingwildflowers.com.au](http://www.bloomingwildflowers.com.au)  
[www.southernforests.com.au](http://www.southernforests.com.au)

**Paradise Motor Inn**  
 Friendly & Affordable

**WINTER SPECIALS**  
 Free continental breakfast with every booking

**Phone Louisa for details 9752 1200**  
 6 Pries Avenue, Busselton  
 Email: [paradisemotorinn@bigpond.com](mailto:paradisemotorinn@bigpond.com)  
[www.paradisemotorinn.com.au](http://www.paradisemotorinn.com.au)

**SENIORS DISCOUNT - \$135 per room including full buffet breakfast**

Quality Inn Railway Motel & Function Centre  
 Opposite the railway station - 5min walk to Hannan Street

51 Forrest St, Kalgoorlie Freecall 1800 055 249  
[www.railwaymotel.com.au](http://www.railwaymotel.com.au)

Experience Rest Relax Eat Play Explore

# WA's GREAT Outdoors

CARAVANNING • CAMPING • ACCOMMODATION



## Memories of mates and fishing for herring

by Mike Roennfeldt

SOMETIMES it takes someone from a faraway place to make us appreciate something that's right under our noses.

It was about 35 years ago. My old mate Ross Cusack and I were joined by legendary fishing film maker and magazine editor Ron Calcutta for a couple of days at Rottneest. Ron was a quirky character who introduced Australian fishes to cutting edge fishing techniques and we were sure he would be keen to tangle with big fish like tailor, salmon or yellow-tail kings.

It turned out he was actually happier to watch rather than fish, which is probably just as well because there wasn't

much about. What there were though, were herring, heaps of them in fact. Ron was fascinated by the prolific numbers of them and the honest energetic fight they put on. He wistfully suggested we were incredibly lucky to have them. Apparently in his home town of Sydney there is no local equivalent.

His enjoyment of herring continued when we took some back to the cabin for dinner. Ross was doing the cooking and he chose to slow fry the whole fish after scaling, heading and gutting them. I had always cooked them as fillets but I had to acknowledge that doing them whole tasted far superior.

Since that time I invariably cook them as Ross did and I really enjoy them that

way, especially when I'm cooking up breakfast with freshly caught fish.

Mind you, herring haven't been so easy to find in recent times, particularly for those of us who live north of the river. The warm inshore water obviously hasn't been to the herring's liking, but having said that, the best herring fishing I've had this year has been up at the Abrolhos.

Beats me why that would be so.

Still, from all reports, there have been heaps of them along the south coast and one would hope that all it will take is some cooler inshore water to convince a few more to turn right and head north.

If that means I will have to put up with lower water temperature on my morning dip next summer, then so be it.

Sometimes we take for granted what's right under our noses

## World first marine rehabilitation project at Busselton Jetty



molluscan wood borer or Teredo worm.

"The initial rehabilitation began in April 2015, using collected fragments of damaged invertebrates which were latticed securely against the treated piles," Sophie said.

"Survival and growth of these fragments was monitored and recorded using a photo log over the last year. It has proven very successful with the rehabilitation area also attracting new species to colonise the treated piles."

Locals and lovers of the Busselton Jetty marine environment

can now help further this project and earn a tax deduction at the same time.

"Tools and equipment are required to expand the project so more of the 200 wood piles can be regenerated."

The Busselton Jetty Environment Fund is a 100 per cent tax-deductible fund and any donations will continue to progress this world first environmental project, rehabilitating marine life on timber piles beneath the jetty.

For further information visit the Jetty or the website - [www.busseltonjetty.com.au](http://www.busseltonjetty.com.au)

BUSSELTON Jetty Underwater Observatory Manager Sophie Teede has been successfully colonising sea sponges and soft corals on Busselton Jetty pylons

in a world first marine rehabilitation project.

It was not known if the marine life would regenerate after being scraped off to prevent the progression of the

## Wildflowers in the Capes



JOIN FUNSEEKER Tours for their first five-day four-night wildflower tour in 2016. Touring in the Busselton, Cape Leeuwin and Naturaliste areas this tour has it all.

Travel to a special spot in Donnybrook and Ambergate to see a great display of flowers.

Visits include The Berry Farm, Carbanup Reserve, Meelup Beach, Gracetown and Augusta,

viewing flowers en route.

A home pick up and return is included together with en suite accommodation, morning

teas, lunches and evening meals.

Call Sharon at Funseeker Tours on 1300 660 668 for a full itinerary.

### NORSEMAN

The Gateway to Western Australia

- Nullarbor Links Golf Course - the world's longest golf course
- Tin Camels - a tribute to the Camel Trains that carried mail and freight
- Beacon Hill - Enjoy a walk trail and panoramic views of Norseman
- Phoenix Tailings Dump - resembles a topless pyramid and contains gold
- Granite Woodlands Discovery Trail - 16 interpretive sites, offers opportunities for camping, bushwalking, exploring granite rock formations and viewing spring wildflowers
- Pack a BBQ picnic and take the 28 km heritage trail to explore Dundas Rocks' huge ancient boulders and rock formations.
- Hyden Rock - enjoy the rock's walks, surrounding flora and fauna.
- Bromus Dam - free camping area with bushwalks, lots to explore or a great place to have a BBQ or picnic.
- Mt Jimberlana - 5km east of town, offering spectacular views from the top with a picnic area at the base.
- Phoenix Park - educational, historical and is close to the town centre

Norseman Community Resource Centre  
Your local connection

Government of Western Australia  
Department of Regional Development and Lands

### TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Stay longer, explore further and experience more with a self-drive discovery of the Turquoise Coast. With mild coastal climates you can enjoy beautiful beaches one day and stunning inland drives the next!

TURQUOISE COAST VISITOR CENTRE 67 Bashford Street, Jurien Bay WA 6516  
(08) 9652 0870 - [tmc@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:tmc@dandaragan.wa.gov.au)  
[www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/tourism.aspx](http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/tourism.aspx) - [www.facebook.com/TurquoiseCoastWA](https://www.facebook.com/TurquoiseCoastWA)

### Double Beach HOLIDAY VILLAGE

We are a very neat and tidy Holiday Village located 8km's South from the city centre

- Greenough Rivermouth Walk Trail runs 15kms along the river which is a minutes walk from the park
- Beach is 5 minutes walk
- Free bbqs and camp kitchen facilities are available
- Swimming pool
- Tennis courts
- Volleyball
- Basketball hoop
- Playground
- We have a large bird aviary with peaceful surrounds
- Office and mini mart open 8.30am to 5.30pm daily
- pet friendly

Fully self contained cabin and chalet accommodation is also available. These have their own ensuites, kitchens and all linen is provided.  
THESE ARE PRICED FROM \$140 PER NIGHT OR A DISCOUNTED RATE WILL APPLY IF MORE THAN 3 NIGHTS BOOKED.

4 Hull St, Cape Burnery WA 6532  
8km south of Geraldton  
PH 9921 5845  
Email [grcp@wn.com.au](mailto:grcp@wn.com.au)  
[www.doublebeach.com.au](http://www.doublebeach.com.au)

Powered sites for seniors  
\$30 p/night or \$200 p/week  
RV FRIENDLY!

### MANDURAH WINE TOURS AND CHARTERS

**4 for 3**  
SPECIAL WINTER OFFER  
BOOK 4 PEOPLE FOR THE PRICE OF 3

Select from Wine, Sight Seeing or Gourmet Tours Group & Private charters in Mandurah and WA's beautiful South West  
Ask us about our personalised half day, full day, groups & customised tours.  
12 & 21 Seater air conditioned busses  
Bottled water, esky for perishables and plenty of room for purchases on tour.  
Gift vouchers available.

For bookings or enquiries phone Mandurah Wine Tours & Charters on 0427 442 781  
Email: [info@mandurahwinetours.com.au](mailto:info@mandurahwinetours.com.au)  
[www.mandurahwinetours.com.au](http://www.mandurahwinetours.com.au)

### EXPERIENCE THE Silk STANDARD

Silkwood Wines in the Southern Forests region of WA is an award winning winery and includes world class chalets, with a first class restaurant and cellar door overlooking our beautiful lake and tall timbers. When you choose Silkwood you choose The Silk Standard.

Visit Silkwood Wines during September and October and enter the draw to win a 2 night mid week stay in world class chalets, including Premium Sparkling!

9649 Channybearup Road, Pemberton WA 6260 Ph 08 9776 1584 [www.silkwoodwines.com.au](http://www.silkwoodwines.com.au)

### THE OLD CONVENT DALWALLINU

Ideally located 1km south of Dalwallinu town site on 50 acres of beautiful countryside...

The Old Convent has 11 guest rooms available; king single, queen or king with shared ablution facilities. Each room has tea and coffee facilities, a bar fridge and tv. Continental breakfast included (cooked breakfasts and evening meals will incur additional charges).

Other facilities; large function room, pool, pool table, bar facilities, mini golf course, BBQ area, second hand book exchange, \*wifi available.  
We also cater for different types of functions.

BOOKINGS 9661 1551  
Email [admin@theoldconventdalwallinu.com.au](mailto:admin@theoldconventdalwallinu.com.au)  
[www.theoldconventdalwallinu.com.au](http://www.theoldconventdalwallinu.com.au)

THE KINGS TOURS AND TRAVEL DIFFERENCE

  
**EXCLUSIVE**  
**BONUS**  
 INCLUSIONS

**GO**  
  
**NZ**

**\$840**  
**VALUE**  
 PER COUPLE



## 20 Day New Zealand Rail, Cruise & Coach Holiday

**GUARANTEED DEPARTURES** 24 October 2016 - last seats selling fast! 9 March 2017.

Experience the romance of rail travel, the majesty of cruising and the luxury of coach on this enthralling holiday. Visit all the 'best of' attractions of the North and South Islands and be escorted by a professional Tour Guide. Highlights include 4 spectacular rail journeys and 5 scenic cruises, with an overnight cruise on the beautiful Milford Sound. This tour includes 2 night stays in the Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch, Queenstown and Dunedin.

**FULLY INCLUSIVE** Modern Coach travel with 2 door access & panoramic windows • Professional Coach Captain & Tour Guide in NZ • 17 nights superior hotel accommodation • 37 meals including breakfast daily • 5 scenic cruises including Dolphin / Hole in the Rock Cruise in the Bay of Islands, the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and Milford Sound Overnight Cruise • 4 rail journeys including Glenbrook Vintage Railway, the Coastal Pacific, the world famous TranzAlpine and the Taieri Gorge Limited • All sightseeing & attractions including Skyline Rotorua Gondola, Thermal mud pools & geysers, Larnach Castle and much more!

PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE FROM

**\$6890\***



### **BONUS** Inclusions\*\*

- ✓ Return home pick-up by private car to Perth Airport with professional and caring drivers
- ✓ Pre tour get together including a scrumptious morning tea and gift
- ✓ Kings Tours Rep at Perth Airport on departure
- ✓ Meet and assist service for connecting flights in New Zealand
- ✓ Early hotel check-in on arrival inc breakfast
- ✓ Touring Jacket & Cap
- ✓ New Zealand Travel Guide & Travel Diary
- ✓ Simple Booking process with a low deposit

Get on board with the Escorted Travel Specialists (08) 9380 6656 or 1800 677 760 (Country Callers)



\*Prices valid ex Perth and includes prepaid taxes of \$160, correct at time of print. Prices and taxes are subject to change. \*\*Private car transfers arranged by Kings Tours & Travel and are provided within the Perth Metropolitan area including Mandurah. Early hotel check-in and breakfast included in itinerary, subject to change due to flight schedules. Travel Insurance recommended. Jacket & Cap is one per person. One Travel Guide per household. Diary is one per person. Deposit amount is \$450 per person with final balance due 120 days prior to departure.





'Springtime in Japan is nothing less than magical.'

# Cherry Blossoms of Japan



## 10 DAYS, SATURDAY 1 TO MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017

Springtime in Japan is nothing less than magical. From late March to mid-April, the country's iconic sakura (cherry blossoms) blanket the country in soft beautiful pink flowers. Picture standing at Matsumoto Castle; one of Japan's treasures, admiring the view of the Japanese Alps and seeing soft pink everywhere. Imagine visiting one of the top three beautiful gardens in Japan, Kenroken, and walking through the blanket of pink flowers.

You'll set off from the bright neon lights of Tokyo experiencing Japan's rich culture and endless discoveries. Spend time at Mt. Fuji, explore the village of Shirakawago, and enjoy a Farewell Lunch at a Traditional ryokan nestled in the peace and quiet of Mt. Yoshida. Japan was voted one of the top 10 countries to visit in 2016, and we are being welcomed with open arms and warm hospitality.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ City tour of Tokyo and Kyoto
- ★ Walking tour of Takayama
- ★ Visit the Imperial Palace Plaza
- ★ See Mt. Fuji at 2,300m
- ★ Cultural Insights – Sample Japanese Sake from an authentic Sake Brewery
- ★ Learn how to make delicate washi paper with a local family

### TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Home pick-up and return
- ✓ Kings Tour Manager (subject to 10 paying Passengers)
- ✓ Return economy airfares including taxes
- ✓ 8 nights accommodation throughout Japan
- ✓ Local guides in Tokyo and Kanazawa
- ✓ Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 4 dinners
- ✓ Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and an on-board restroom

**Only \$7,590**

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

SINGLE PRICE **\$8,650\*** PER PERSON



*The above cost includes \$130pp of air taxes which are subject to change.*

#### DAY 1 / 2: PERTH - TOKYO (IFM / D)

Your holiday begins when you are picked up from home by private vehicle and transferred to the airport. Meet your fellow passengers and Kings Tour Manager and board your overnight flight to Tokyo. Upon arrival at Tokyo Narita Airport, we will transfer to our centrally located hotel. This evening join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception drink and local appetisers. **Hotel: New Otani or similar for 3 nights**

#### DAY 3: TOKYO SIGHTSEEING (B / L / D)

This morning start your city tour with a visit to the Imperial Palace Plaza, a large park area in the centre of Tokyo. View the Imperial Plaza built on the former site of Edo Castle. During lunch, enjoy a cooking class and learn how to make sushi with a local specialist in the famous Ginza district. Continue to Asakusa and visit the Sensoji Buddhist temple. This evening enjoy a Japanese-style dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 4: MT FUJI AND HAKONE SIGHTS (B / L)

After breakfast depart on a full day of sightseeing, beginning at the Five Lakes District dominated by majestic UNESCO listed Mt. Fuji. After enjoying lunch at a local restaurant continue to Owakudani via the Hakone Ropeway, a cable car ride over the forest beside Lake Ashi. In Owakudani see the volcanic activity and enjoy black eggs boiled in geysers before continuing to the beautiful town of Hakone.

#### DAY 5: TOKYO – MATSUMOTO – TAKAYAMA (B)

Drive north this morning to visit Matsumoto Castle, one of the most beautiful and complete original Japanese castles and a great Cherry Blossom viewing spot in the springtime. Later continue your journey through the breath-taking Japanese Alps to the beautiful hillside town of Takayama. **Hotel: Hida Plaza/ Takayama Green/ Associa Takayama or similar for 2 nights**

#### DAY 6: TAKAYAMA SIGHTS (B / D)

Begin your walking tour of Takayama, known as 'Little Kyoto' and discover its Edo style streets filled with amazing attractions. Explore the Old Town, stopping en route to sample Japanese sake at an Authentic Sake brewery. Continue to the Kami-Sannamachi-suji District, home to renowned local artisans. Walk through the narrow streets and admire the ancient Japanese wooden architecture. This afternoon is free to explore this picturesque town or relax. Dinner this evening is a Regional Meal of Japanese Hida beef at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 7: TAKAYAMA – SHIRAKAWAGO – GOKAYAMA – KANAZAWA (B / L)

Take a step back in time during a visit to the peaceful mountain villages and UNESCO designated sites of Gokayama and Shirakawago. Explore the village of Shirakawago, have lunch in a local restaurant and go up to the Observation Deck for spectacular views looking down on the entire village. In Gokayama observe local artisans making washi paper and try making your own. Next discover the secrets of gold leaf painting during a visit with a Local Specialist. **Hotel: Kanazawa Tokyu or similar for 1 night**

#### DAY 8: KANAZAWA – KYOTO (B / D)

Begin the day at the gardens of Kenroken, rated as one of the top three most beautiful gardens in Japan and a great place to see Cherry Blossoms in the springtime. Explore the ornate landscapes, temples and ponds or enjoy an optional experience (additional expense) to a Japanese tea house within the gardens. Later take a short walk through the Omicho market to see the local fish catch and enjoy an insider's view of everyday life in a busy coastal town. Enjoy some free time at the markets to browse the stalls and to have lunch before taking the Express train to Kyoto. Later enjoy a traditional Japanese Kaiseki Regional Meal and dance performance featuring Maiko. **Hotel: Nikko Princess Kyoto or similar for 2 nights**

#### DAY 9: KYOTO SIGHTS (B / L)

This morning visit Kinkakuji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its Golden Pavilion. Later, enjoy a special Be My Guest Farewell Lunch at a Traditional ryokan nestled in the peace and quiet of Mt. Yoshida. Learn more about local Japanese customs as your hosts welcome you into their beautiful home. Later continue on to the Fushimi Inari Shrine and see the tunnel of thousands of bright orange torii gates that snake through the forest up into the mountains. Then head to the Sanjusangendo Hall, a temple famous for its 1001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of mercy.

#### DAY 10: OSAKA TO PERTH (B / IFM)

This morning we transfer to Osaka airport for our flight home to Perth via Hong Kong. Upon arrival in Perth your driver will be waiting to take you home.



The Value of **KINGS ESCORTED TOURS** FOR THE OVER 55's

## Experience the Kings Tours Difference!

- ★ Kings has **30 years** of Escorted Touring Experience
- ★ Kings **Include** Most Meals & Sightseeing
- ★ Kings Provides **Home Pick-Up and Return** Operated by Hughes Chauffeured Vehicles
- ★ Kings Host A **Pre-Tour Get Together** Including Morning Tea
- ★ Kings Have Experienced & Caring **Tour Managers**
- ★ Kings Provide You with a **Welcome Home Pack** When You Return
- ★ **Booking with Kings Tours is easy.** Only a deposit is required Upfront With Final Payment Due Closer To Departure.
- ★ **Interested in seeing what other tours we offer? Contact us to receive a FREE BROCHURE.**
- ★ Kings Don't Build Credit Card Fees Or Loyalty Programs Into Tour Costs



**1800 677 760** **www.kingstours.com.au**

110d Cambridge Street, West Leederville WA 6007 | E: office@kingstours.com.au

**KINGS**  
Tours and Travel





# A nostalgic trip back to sunny Geraldton...

by Josephine Allison

RETURNING to the town where you spent part of your youth can revive lots of memories and so it was when I headed up to Geraldton for a nostalgic few days. The town has come ahead in leaps and bounds, but the familiar landmarks of my

youth remain.

We stayed not far from Geraldton Bowling Club where, as a teenaged cadet journalist on the thrice weekly *Geraldton Guardian* newspaper, I agonised over getting the bowling championship scores right. If I didn't, I would earn the ire of my bowls loving

editor who would chastise me severely. I was a jack of all trades in those days, from reading realms of galley proofs which I would then return to a spike next to the linotype operator in the factory or I would head down to the local police courts where virtually everything was covered

from drink drivers to a murder case or two.

The *Geraldton Guardian* newspaper has long relocated out of town but I popped into Guardian House, now a surf shop, and remembered those long ago days when the building was bustling with staff. There was a shop in front which sold stationery, magazines and cards with the editorial offices and factory beyond. Upstairs was the offices for accounts, the general manager, accountant and social editor.

Marine Terrace had four or five pharmacies, several newsagents (Rocks remains), jewellers, furniture and electrical stores, dress shops, cafes and a bike shop. A newspaper colleague often lunched at a Greek family-run milk bar on one corner.

Geraldton's foreshore had long been cut off from the town by the railway line but that all changed in the mid 2000s with a major restoration. The railway line was moved elsewhere and replaced with a delightful area housing coffee shops, a children's playground, a waterpark, public art sculpture representing the meeting of land and sea and areas where you can picnic and enjoy the winter sunshine.



Clockwise from left; HMAS Sydney II Memorial - Josephine Allison as a young reporter in Marine Terrace - signage on Marine Terrace Trail

Of course I had to take a drive past my old school Stella Maris College (now Nagle College) where the nuns instilled in me a love of writing and literature but despaired at my lack of bookkeeping and algebra skills. Work in progress prevented us from looking inside St Francis Xavier Cathedral, the work of the late Monsignor Hawes. The parish priest arrived in Geraldton in 1915, the foundation stone was laid in 1916 and the building completed in 1938.

The Geraldton Civic

Centre opposite the cathedral is virtually unchanged. It was opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 1963 and our school turned out in force to welcome her and the Duke of Edinburgh. The Geraldton Regional Art Gallery in Chapman Road was once the town hall and used for many occasions.

We revisited my family home in Albert Street above St Patrick's College and took time out to reflect at the memorable HMAS Sydney II Memorial. It is a moving tribute to the 645 lives lost on

the HMAS Sydney II in 1941 and the 360 degree views of Geraldton make it even more poignant as you stand and reflect.

The Geraldton Courthouse where I covered cases almost daily is much as I remember it with the police station now next door. We drove to Geraldton Airport where I lived for two years when my father was in charge of the Bureau of Meteorology, later moving into town.

One day we drove to Northampton to visit a friend. The town has a rich past of indigenous and European cultural history. In 1848 Welsh and Cornish miners began mining lead in the Northampton area and in the 1850s copper mining started. The Northampton town site was surveyed and declared in 1864 and renamed Northampton in honour of John Stephen Hampton, the Governor of WA.

The Northampton Visitor Centre built in 1885 is a stone building which was formerly the old police station, quarters and courthouse. You can step into the past inside the delightful Northampton Family Store (1910) which has a big array of clothing and other items. Northampton prides itself on being a clean and tidy town and we enjoyed our time there. In spring the area has a colourful array of wildflowers in season including exquisite orchids such as the donkey, bee, cow-slip and rare greenhood orchid.

Back in Geraldton we toured Marine Terrace for a final goodbye and then it was on the road again and back to the city lights of Perth.

## Children and Pets WELCOME...we even like Adults!

Above Bored Bed and Breakfast offers exclusive, non-intrusive, boutique hotel accommodation in North Perth, Western Australia. Catering equally to the lone traveller looking for an inexpensive home away from home, couples seeking a romantic getaway, or families where the children and pets aren't frowned upon, this charming Bed and Breakfast suits all. Pets stay for FREE. No Pet Bond. Pets can stay in guest rooms. Free wifi and parking all rooms all stays. Take a virtual tour on our website. **STAY A WEEK GET YOUR 8TH NIGHT FREE, PLUS MULTIPLE ROOM DISCOUNTS AAA RATED ★★★★★**

14 Norham St, North Perth  
Tel: 9444 5455 Mob: 0419 838 282  
Email: [stay@abovebored.com.au](mailto:stay@abovebored.com.au)  
Web: [www.abovebored.com.au](http://www.abovebored.com.au)

\*RECEIVE 10% DISCOUNT \*CONDITIONS APPLY, JUST MENTION HAVE A GO NEWS TO GET IT.

## Esperance Getaway

Clean, comfortable and affordable **ATTRACTIVE AUTUMN RATES!**  
Group bookings

31 DEMPSTER ST, ESPERANCE PH: 9071 1533  
Email: [reception@bayviewmotel.com.au](mailto:reception@bayviewmotel.com.au)

## Relax at CLOVER COTTAGE

Check website for mid-week specials

Limestone Spa cottages with woodfires overlooking the river valley. Trout stocked lakes and river fishing. Grass tennis court and canoeing. Close to the many wineries, restaurants and natural attractions of Pemberton, Manjimup and Walpole region.

Contact Paul or Petrina  
**9773 1262**  
[info@clover-cottage.com.au](mailto:info@clover-cottage.com.au)  
[www.clovercottage.net](http://www.clovercottage.net)

## WINTER SPECIALS at KALBARRI BEACH RESORT

**\$80\*** per night  
2 bedroom apartment (\$40 per person as a couple)

Redeem your TransWA Pensioner Annual Free Trip Voucher for Regional Public Transport  
Your TransWA driver stays at this resort with you!

**BOOKINGS**  
**1800 096 002**  
[www.kalbarribeachresort.com.au](http://www.kalbarribeachresort.com.au)

\*Minimum 3 night stay. Conditions apply. Offer valid 15/12/16

## Family Holiday Park only 1 hour from Perth

We cater for all, as we have cabins, cottages, glamping tents, caravan/tents sites and beautiful natural unpowered sites all in bush setting. We are two minutes drive to the lake where you can swim, enjoy water sports, relax and even camp the night under the stars.

Come and see us, we look forward to meeting our old and new friends.

147 Invarell Road, Waroona Ph: 9733 3000  
Email: [linda@navarino.com.au](mailto:linda@navarino.com.au) [www.navarino.com.au](http://www.navarino.com.au)

## YALGOO

Start your outback adventure with a stop at Yalgoo; a historic town offering unique attractions, abundance of native wildlife and prolific seasonal wildflowers. Visit the fascinating Jokers Tunnel carved through solid rock by early prospectors or drive the short distance to Paynes Find to see the only working Gold Battery left in WA. From late July to September carpets of white, cream, yellow and pink everlasting fill the timeless landscape.

**YALGOO CARAVAN PARK**  
Tel: 08 9962 8472  
[cpark@yalgoo.wa.gov.au](mailto:cpark@yalgoo.wa.gov.au)

**DOUBLE, TWIN & FAMILY ROOMS**  
**PENSION RATE ON SITES**  
**PET FRIENDLY DUMP POINT**

# WA's GREAT Outdoors

CARAVANNING • CAMPING • ACCOMMODATION



## Karma Rottnest, so close... yet so far away



NO DRIVING, no traffic, no hustle and bustle. Rottnest Island is just a short 25-minute ferry-ride from Fremantle and boasts 63 secluded beaches, 20 pristine bays, turquoise seas and the friendliest marsupials you'll ever meet. What more could you possibly want, so close to your doorstep?

What started out as colonial barracks over 150 years ago, today Karma Rottnest has transformed into a truly unique holiday destination offering a serene retreat in which to relax and recharge.

Located amidst modern and historical buildings and stunning natural surrounds, Karma Rottnest offers the island's premier accommodation with comfortable, well equipped rooms and self-contained apartments to suit all budgets. Facilities include a conference centre, day spa, restaurant, bars, and the island's only swimming pool.

Rottnest is the perfect getaway for couples, families and friends

anytime of the year, with so much on offer. Fill your days with many activities or simply put your feet up and soak up the sounds of nature. Getaways are for indulgence, and what better way to treat yourself than to celebrate the end of an amazing day, with a sundowner at Riva Restaurant. Fresh local produce shines in a wide selection of delicious cuisines, including modern Australian and Mediterranean.

Host the next social club event at Karma Rottnest - with activities on offer such as trivia, bingo, wine tasting, bowls, bush walks, movie screenings, bike tours, golf and so much more. Karma Rottnest aims to cater to every need, working closely to create an enjoyable and memorable stay. Contact Karma Rottnest for discounts applicable for social group bookings of 10 or more. A fully cooked breakfast is included for all bookings.

Karma Rottnest offers a choice of four unique venues for social

functions, weddings, conferences and events, comfortably hosting groups of up to 90, including the historic courthouse building, the contemporary conference centre and the relaxed Riva Restaurant.

Visit today and discover there's more to Karma Rottnest than meets the eye. It is so close... yet so far away.

A special offer for all readers of *Have a Go News* - Join the Karma Club for free this month by simply emailing full name, address and date of birth to [reservations@rotnestlodge.com.au](mailto:reservations@rotnestlodge.com.au) and in the subject line or heading, please state 'join Karma Club' and they will take care of the rest.

Membership includes exclusive rewards, discounts and offers, plus VIP access to Karma Rottnest events.

For bookings or further information call the friendly team on the island on 9292 5161 or email [reservations@rotnestlodge.com.au](mailto:reservations@rotnestlodge.com.au)

## Commemorative book celebrating WA author and ECU Joondalup



PETER COWAN writers centre (PCWC), located in the grounds of Edith Cowan University's Joondalup campus, has launched a commemorative book - *Homecoming* - to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of its founding.

*Homecoming* is also a tribute to the life and work of Western Australian author, Peter Walkinshaw Cowan (1914 - 2002). Peter Cowan was the grandson of Edith Dircksey Cowan, the first woman parliamentarian in Australia.

He was an alert observer of country landscapes and in his early days lived and worked in Western Australia's south west, and also in the Wheatbelt.

He was a prolific au-

thor and eight of his short stories have been reprinted in *Homecoming*, together with a number of black and white photographs taken by Peter of the landscapes that inspired much of his writing. His stories include themes of isolation, loneliness and despair set in the

beautiful, unrelenting landscapes of Western Australia, and later in contemporary suburbs.

In 1987 Peter Cowan was made a Member of the Order of Australia and in 1992 he was honoured with the Patrick White Award for an Australian Writer of Great Distinction. Peter was named one of Western Australia's Living Treasures in 1999, and he was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2001 for his service to literature through writing.

Copies of *Homecoming* are \$25 (or jacketed version \$35) plus postage \$7. They may be ordered through the website [www.pcwc.org.au](http://www.pcwc.org.au), or via email [cowan05@bigpond.com](mailto:cowan05@bigpond.com).

## Take part in the Dowerin Field Day



Aglime Australia - 2015 Most Outstanding Exhibitor

WIDESPREAD rain across the Wheatbelt in the past couple of months, has generated a lot of interest among exhibitors at the Dowerin GWN7 Machinery Field Days.

With such a positive outlook for the season, the machinery sites were all spoken for by the time application's closed on 13 May. The number of exhibitors has been consistently rising over the past few years from 600 in 2013 to 700 in 2015, with even more expected this year.

Dowerin events management chairman Michael Metcalf said it was unusual to receive such a significant number of applications so early.

"In recent years the site has been fully booked across all areas, but to be knocking exhibitors back by mid May is pretty well unheard of," he said.

"We can only attribute it to the exceptional start to the season this year. It shows that agricultural businesses have faith this will be a bumper year for Wheatbelt farmers, and we certainly hope they're right."

This year's event, on 24 and 25 August, will celebrate the Face of Farming, with a focus on the people that make the agricultural industry a success.

Building on last year's theme of Careers in Agriculture, school debating will also be introduced to the event, with high school students covering a number of hot agricultural related issues throughout the two days.

A new equestrian exhibit will also be introduced this year, as a result of feedback received from visitors to the event.

Event coordinator Jenna Santos said many people who attend the field days ride and own horses, and

have requested more equestrian related exhibits.

"The exhibit will include around 30 equestrian businesses, as well as demonstrations and clinics throughout the two days," Mrs Santos said.

"It is expect to attract several thousand equestrian enthusiasts from across the state, and will be a welcome addition to our event."

**Don't miss out! Plan ahead!**  
**WILDFLOWER season is from July to October.**  
 Come to Kalbarri and see our magnificent wildflowers set the landscape ablaze with colour throughout our coastal cliffs and national park.  
 We have the **LOWEST PRICES** and **LARGEST** range of houses and units in Kalbarri, from budget to deluxe.  
 We can cater for everyone! Seniors use your free bus pass! Check out our properties and availability online or call us and we will help you plan your next holiday adventure.  
*Kalbarri - The Jewel of Australia's Coral Coast*  
**Freecall: 1800 777 776**  
 E: [kalbarri.wa@raywhite.com](mailto:kalbarri.wa@raywhite.com) [www.kalbarriaccommodation.com.au](http://www.kalbarriaccommodation.com.au)

## 60+ SENIORS SPECIAL

2 Adults stay 4 nights midweek for **\$399\***  
 Self contained chalet

94 Marine Terrace, Busselton  
**Ph: 9752 3893 or 1800 628 688**  
 Email [stay@busseltonjettychalets.com](mailto:stay@busseltonjettychalets.com)  
[www.busseltonjettychalets.com](http://www.busseltonjettychalets.com)



\*Conditions apply. Offer valid 01/07/16 to 22/09/16

**GERALDTON**  
 TAKE A FRESH LOOK

Geraldton Visitor Centre  
[www.visitgeraldton.com.au](http://www.visitgeraldton.com.au)  
 (08) 9956 6670  
 246 Marine Terrace, Geraldton

Plan your  
 wildflower  
 adventure  
 now!



**The Perfect Getaway...**  
**\*WINTER SPECIAL STAY 5 NIGHTS PAY FOR 4**  
 ...located near **Middleton Beach, Albany**  
 Short drive to town centre, cafes and shops  
**1, 2 & 3 Bedroom self contained apartments**  
 from \$99 OFF PEAK per night  
 19-21 Golf Links Rd, Middleton Beach, Albany  
[www.albanyholidayunits.com.au](http://www.albanyholidayunits.com.au)  
**PH 9841 7817**

**funseeker tours & charter**  
 Travel in our Mitsubishi Rosa 24 seater coach with seatbelts. Fully inclusive packages, home pick up and return - all meals, entries and ensuite accommodation. No hidden extras.  
**2016 TOURING PROGRAMME**  
 SEPTEMBER CAPE TO CAPE WILDFLOWERS \$1,495  
 OCTOBER AMAZING ALBANY WILDFLOWERS \$1,795  
 DECEMBER MANJIMUP CHERRY FESTIVAL \$ 900  
 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS BY THE BAY \$1,850  
**FUNSEEKER TOURS & CHARTER**  
**PH 1300 660 668 (24hrs)**  
 Email [funseek@inet.net.au](mailto:funseek@inet.net.au) Visit [www.funseekertours.com.au](http://www.funseekertours.com.au)

**ENJOY MAGNIFICENT SUNSETS**  
**PAY 2 STAY 3 NIGHTS\***  
 • Kalbarri Motor Hotel offers budget style accommodation with ocean views  
 • Located in the main part of town  
 • Close to shops  
 • Short walk to river and beaches  
 • Restaurant premises - mouth watering menu, Asian cuisine and gourmet pizza  
 \*Excludes Easter and school holidays  
  
**Ph: 9937 1000**  
 Email: [kalbarrihotel@wn.com.au](mailto:kalbarrihotel@wn.com.au)



# Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show and Spring Festival



WITH SPRING around the corner, now is the time to plan your visit to the 34th annual Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show and Spring Festival. The Spring Festival takes place throughout September and the Wildflower Show component will take place 13-24 September.

It is going to be a month of vibrant floral beauty, events and activities. Come and enjoy this hidden paradise for an enlightening, relaxing and enjoyable experience.

The Wildflower Show is an internationally recognised world class floral display produced by amateurs, enthusiasts and professionals. Botanists, artists, photographers and nature loving tourists from around the world agree that our region's flower show is one of the best. In just a 10 day window people can view in one location more than 700 different species that have been picked (under licence), named, collated and put on display by dedicated volunteers.

To add to the floral display there is Eve Green's Bush Bizo, which is a fascinating collection of bush articles and features an echid-

na and a chuditch. Also on display is Sue Leighton's creative masterpiece *The Lady*; a model adorned with local flowers.

Devonshire teas and hot soups are hosted by local community organisations adjacent to the show.

During the Spring Festival many activities help people discover the hidden treasures and hospitality of the region. The show will open with a street parade and a Scottish dancing and music festival that promises to be an evening to remember.

Other events include:

**Sunday markets.**

**4x4 tag-a-long tours.** Follow expert guides on some of the best floral routes around. People need a 4x4 or organisers will try to find people a seat with someone.

**Guided bush walks.**

**4x4 bus tours.** If people don't have the car to take out exploring, this would be suitable.

**Artisan stalls and pop up shops** featuring local small businesses – crafts, oils, jewellery and edible goods.

**Art and flower based activities.**

**Art and photography displays.**

**Gala dinner**

To close the festival a gala dinner event will be held in Hopetoun on 24 September. Hosted by the fabulous and fun Sabrina Hahn and with Alec Coles, CEO of the WA Museum as guest speaker, the evening will be both entertaining and informative.

**About the region:** The Shire of Ravensthorpe is renowned for its abundance of flora and fauna. A key part of the shire is the world class Fitzgerald River National Park, hosting some 1800 different plant species along a wild and beautiful coastline. Some species not to be missed include the unique Qualup Bell (*Pimelea physodes*), the Royal Hakea (*Hakea victoria*) and the weeping gum (*Eucalyptus sepulcralis*). Recently refurbished, the National Park features surfaced coastal roads, interpretive displays and spectacular lookouts.

**Access:** Ravensthorpe is situated 295km east of Albany and 185km west of Esperance – a perfect place to stop and break a journey. The show itself offers parking for caravans, cars, coaches and wheelchair access. The Fitzgerald River National Park can be accessed via the South Coast Highway (en route from Albany) or via Hopetoun, which is 49km south of Ravensthorpe town.

**Contact:** Wildflower Show coordinator: Jeanette Denham phone: 0427691326 email [rawildflowercoordinator@westnet.com.au](mailto:rawildflowercoordinator@westnet.com.au)

Find them on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/RavensthorpeWildflowerShow](http://www.facebook.com/RavensthorpeWildflowerShow) or visit the website for up to date programs and information: [www.wildflowersravensthorpe.org.au/](http://www.wildflowersravensthorpe.org.au/)

## North Perth B&B offers a home away from home for guests and pets in lovely surroundings



WHAT makes a B&B appealing? Ask Dr Sarah Rossetti, who has been successfully running Above Bored Bed and Breakfast in North Perth for the past 10 years. Dr Rossetti, a personable television screenwriter, believes, "In addition to the price advantage B&Bs offer, it's the comfort of knowing that an experienced host lives on-site."

"B&B guests are looking for something different to bog standard, often overpriced, hotel rooms. We have many regulars, who know they cannot run up a bill here. They enter via a code and pull the door behind them when they leave, so it's relaxed. We include free breakfast, WiFi and parking, and if they book more than one room or stay a week, they receive great discounts."

Above Bored is a AAA 4 star rated, 1927 federation home and cottage just five minutes north of Perth CBD, in a quiet street. It is child friendly and offers pet friendly accommodation where pets stay free in guests bedrooms without a pet bond." Sarah says.

"It's knowing what pleases guests, like spacious rooms, no shared bathrooms or stairs, the comfort of knowing children are never frowned upon, and pets always welcome." Sarah says, "My personality as a writer and diver is reflected in the king sized room bathroom's amazing underwater fresco ceiling, which kids adore; in the romantic ensuite master room with French doors and a gas log fireplace."

"Pet owners and car fanatics love the garden room cottage because pets romp freely in the secure back yard, and cars are tucked away safely in a remote controlled garage."

### Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show and Spring Festival

13-24 September, 9am-4pm

Wildflower Show will featuring more than 700 different species, Eve Green's Bush Bizo and Sue Leighton's creative masterpiece *The Lady* plus Devonshire teas and hot soups.

**Spring Festival highlights:** Sunday Markets, guided bush walks, 4WD tag-a-long tours, gala dinner with guest host Sabrina Hahn

Phone (08) 9835 7034 or visit [www.wildflowersravensthorpe.org.au](http://www.wildflowersravensthorpe.org.au)

### Southern Cross Caravan Park & Sandalwood Motel

Located on the Great Eastern Highway  
Over 20 powered sites, separate tent area  
En-suite powered site for disabled persons  
2 ablution blocks  
Campers kitchen, Recreation room, Laundry and BBQs  
Comfortable, fully equipped motel accommodation for singles, families and couples.  
Within walking distance of 2 service stations and the CBD

**For more information**  
P: 9094 1212  
Email: [caravanpark@yilgarn.wa.gov.au](mailto:caravanpark@yilgarn.wa.gov.au)  
Or visit [www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au](http://www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au)

### Just one hour from Perth, travel through the rural landscape of the historic Chittering Valley for a weekend escape or day visit to Bindoon.

A wide range of accommodation is available throughout the area complemented by picnic areas, wineries and walk trails.

**2016 Chittering Wildflower Festival, Bindoon**  
Friday 16 - Sunday 18 September, 10am-4pm  
Seasonal fruit can be bought from roadside stalls and during spring the area is renowned for its wide range of wildflowers.

**Taste of Chittering, Lower Chittering Sunday 28 August**

**Chittering Visitor Centre**  
6180 Great Northern Hwy, Bindoon  
Ph 9576 1100 Email [bindinfo@iinet.net.au](mailto:bindinfo@iinet.net.au)  
[www.chittering.travel](http://www.chittering.travel)

### Shire of Chapman Valley

Connecting visitors from the wildflowers of the Midwest to the coast of Coronation Beach.

The Moresby Range is the gateway from Geraldton with a range of self drive day trips including overnight and short term camp sites on the way. Enjoy our carpets of wildflowers, heritage, cottage tourism activities and local facilities; BBQs & picnic areas, playgrounds, toilets, dump point.

[www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au](http://www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au)

## KALBARRI EDGE RESORT

Luxury new resort next to town centre

**Edge Seniors Deals!**  
Luxury accommodation  
\$66.50 per person per night... that is less than half price!

Includes FREE restaurant breakfast daily  
FREE courtesy coach pick up and Rainbow Jungle transfers  
FREE welcome drink  
FREE upgrade to spa suite. Min 2 persons (single supp. \$60)  
And FREE desserts when having dinner at Edge Restaurant (with main course)

**BOOK NOW**  
[www.kalbarriedge.com.au](http://www.kalbarriedge.com.au)  
[info@kalbarriedge.com.au](mailto:info@kalbarriedge.com.au)  
1800 286 155

## Wildflowers down south

**FORTÉ**  
Cape View Apartments  
BUSSELTON BEACH

Call us on **08 9755 4388**  
12 Little Colin Street, Busselton  
[bookings@capeviewapartments.com.au](mailto:bookings@capeviewapartments.com.au)  
Book online at [www.capeviewapartments.com.au](http://www.capeviewapartments.com.au)

## Take Time out in Toodyay

Relax in a luxury B&B in the Avon Valley  
Within an hour's drive of magnificent wildflowers

**Black Wattle retreat**

**\$99\*** PER NIGHT  
MID WEEK BREAKS SPECIAL  
Includes breakfast.  
Offer valid Sunday to Thursday inclusive.

248 Blackwattle Rd, Toodyay Tel: 9574 4086  
Email: [blackwattleretreat@westnet.com.au](mailto:blackwattleretreat@westnet.com.au)  
[www.blackwattleretreat.com.au](http://www.blackwattleretreat.com.au)

## Photography

LTG Global Awards Winner

Hands-on photo courses, Tours & Adventures. Capture WA's breathtaking Wildflowers bounty! Suitable for beginners and advance photographers. Partners welcome. Book now to avoid disappointments.

**BlueTongue TOURS**  
Explore Photography  
Ph 041 433 0629 [bluetonguetours.com](http://bluetonguetours.com)

# WA's GREAT Outdoors

CARAVANNING • CAMPING • ACCOMMODATION

# CENTRAL WHEATBELT

let's gotravelling

## Field Day showcases WA agriculture and entertainment for the whole family

WITH September fast approaching, preparation is well underway for the 44th Annual Newdegate Machinery Field Days. New exhibitors and loads of entertainment for the whole family, all pave the way for this year's event, which promises to be bigger and better than ever.

From the first Field Days held in 1973, this iconic event has grown to become one of the most renowned and recognised in the Wheatbelt. Machinery, technology and research, animals and livestock, outdoor and camping exhibits, art and photography, fashion, show bags, food and wine, local produce, live entertainment, and much, much more make this two-day event one not to be missed, promoting and celebrating agriculture.

Joining the line up for this year's entertainment is the fun and interactive, *Ricochet Circus*. This high-energy circus act will be providing children with workshops and performances over the two days. Proudly sponsored by Brookfield Rail, this new entertainment act is set to provide a lively atmosphere and amaze the entire family.

People will see the return of some of the favourites, including a bouncy castle, the Naked Butcher demonstration and Fairy Sandie with her gorgeous fairy helpers are set to return with performances, workshops and roaming fairies for the younger visitors. Children looking for a more thrilling and challenging experience, the Laser Corp team will be providing a range of combat missions to suit all ages with Laser Tag and the new Hero Tag to suit younger ages.

The Field Day would not be possible without the support of the sponsors, who are an integral part of the event.

The organisers hope people can join them for this year's 44th Annual Newdegate Machinery Field Days, 7 and 8 September - and experience this extraordinary showcase of WA's agricultural industry at its very best.

To find out more about the 2016 event, please contact by email [nfd@westnet.com.au](mailto:nfd@westnet.com.au) or check out the website [www.nfd.com.au](http://www.nfd.com.au).



THE PATHWAY to Wave Rock is an experience in Australia's Golden Outback that people will remember for its open spaces, wonderful sense of freedom, massive granite rocks, spectacular night skies, unique attractions and friendly country people.

Wave Rock, in the Shire of Kondinin, is an iconic attraction. A large granite outcrop, initially used as a water catchment area for the settlement in the early 1900, has a fantastic wave 110m long and 15m high weathered into the rock

wall. It has been developed by the Hyden community into a tourism haven with accommodation, attractions and food outlets, that not only sustains their community but illustrates the ingenuity and character of an outback town.

A trip to Wave Rock can be a pleasurable journey over several days by driving through the Shires of Quairading, Bruce Rock, Narembeen, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace and Corrigin along the Pathway to Wave Rock, all of which are RV friendly with accommoda-

tion and caravan parks of a high standard.

Travellers can enjoy interesting attractions such as the Tin Horse Highway near Kulin, Kokerbin Rock - a very large monolith with excellent picnic facilities, and Steve's Art and Sculpture Park on the way to Bruce Rock or the dog cemetery and wildflower walk near Corrigin.

They will wonder at the fortitude and ingenuity of early settlers by visiting the Grain Discovery Centre in Narembeen, Toapin Weir in Quairading, the Inland Mission Hospital in Lake Grace or the various pioneer museums along the way. The Wheatbelt is also a great place to relax chatting with locals in a coffee shop, a vineyard or to enjoy a picnic spot in bushland with unique flowers and birdlife.

The 'Pathway to Wave Rock through the Open

Wheatbelt' brochure can be obtained by contacting the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre on 1300 736 283. The brochure has an excellent map of regional roads, so a trip can be planned to link into the designated trail from any direction rather than travelling to Perth and out again.

www.pathway-towaverock.com.au or www.wheatbelttourism.com are ideal places to start planning a trip. Look for the link to view the You Tube video get in the mood to have fun on a trip to this wonderful part of Western Australia.

Visiting WAVE ROCK? Stay at

### TRESSIE'S MUSEUM and CARAVAN PARK

4313 Kondinin-Hyden Rd, KARLGARIN  
17km west of Hyden

Modern park, drive-thru bays, disabled facilities, budget accommodation, campers kitchen, S/C chalet. Dogs welcome. RAC ★★★★★

Ph 9889 5043 Email [laurelt@activ8.net.au](mailto:laurelt@activ8.net.au)

Visit **MERREDIN** and our beautiful wildflowers

- Powered Site \$32 per night for 2 people
- Unpowered Site \$25 per night for 2 people
- Deluxe chalets
- 1 & 2 Bed Luxury Villas
- 1 or 2 Bed Cabins
- Budget Ensuite Rooms

Located 260km east of Perth in the Eastern Wheatbelt.

Lots of local attractions like the Cummins Theatre, Merredin Peak and Railway Water Tower.

**MERREDIN TOURIST PARK**  
CNR GREAT EASTERN HWY & OATS ST, MERREDIN  
PH 9041 1535 or email [info@merredintouristpark.com.au](mailto:info@merredintouristpark.com.au)

## Grande Olde' Dumbleyung Inn

**10% OFF accommodation on any 5 night stay**

Come and visit our beautiful Grand Old Lady of Dumbleyung. Excellent food, accommodation and service. Where Donald Campbell celebrated his record breaking speed record, on lake Dumbleyung in 1964. Phone 9863 4817 or 0418 927 154 [www.dumbleyunginn.com.au](http://www.dumbleyunginn.com.au)

For the better

We're backing farmers

professional innovative results

Leading growers to customers

CERTIFIED PRACTISING ACCOUNTANTS

94 Beach Street, Katanning WA

EST. 1843

Your local connection

WOOL MARKETING SERVICES

44th ANNUAL

# Newdegate

## MACHINERY FIELD DAYS

[www.nfd.com.au](http://www.nfd.com.au)

# 7th & 8th

# SEPTEMBER

BRING YOUR FAMILY, BRING YOUR MATES, SEE YOU IN NEWDEGATE!

# WA's GREAT Outdoors

CARAVANNING • CAMPING • ACCOMMODATION

## GENTRAL WHEATBELT

let's go travelling

### WA's Central Wheatbelt invites you to explore the area and discover its farming history...



Left to right; Hikers on the walkway under the Golden Pipeline, at Mundaring - A Banksia cuneata, found near Hyden - One of many creations on the Tin Horse Highway, which stretches for 20km near Kulin © Tourism WA

#### Visit Trayning Hotel Motel!

##### FOR SALE: ACCOMMODATION OR INVESTMENT

All rooms have been recently updated and re-carpeted. Motel units are self contained and include ensuite, air con/heating, TV, fridge. Laundry facilities are available. Meals served from 6pm-8pm. Salt lakes and fauna surrounds. Room rates (per night): Single \$75 /Double: \$85 /Twin: \$ 85 **Trayning Hotel Motel Phone: 9683 1005** Cnr Railway & Mary St (opp post office)

#### Old world charm with modern refurbishing

Lake Grace Hotel welcomes you with local accommodation. Rooms are motel units with individual bathroom,TV, fridge, toaster, kettle, tea/coffee. Meals, bar with bottle shop, and parking. Local attractions include salt lakes, granite outcrops, wildflowers and bushwalking trails. **"We serve dinner or cooked breakfast from Monday to Saturday"** \*Hotel accommodation rates per night: Single \$65 • Twin \$70 \*Conditions apply. Motel unit rates: single \$85, double \$90, twin \$95. **LAKE GRACE HOTEL MOTEL** 16 Stubbs St, Lake Grace Ph: 9865 1219 E: lakegracehotelmotel@yahoo.com.au

THE CENTRAL Wheatbelt towns are all within around a two to three hour drive from Perth.

Visitors to the area have the opportunity to see vistas of open farmland, walk the wildflower trails, climb granite rocks, and enjoy the small country towns.

Stay a while and enjoy the magic of the Central Wheatbelt. This guide provides people with information on some of the towns which make up this important farming area in WA. For more information visit the <http://www.wheatbelttourism.com>

**Bencubbin**  
270 kilometres northeast of Perth  
Bencubbin is located three and a half hours' drive northeast of Perth in the centre of the north eastern Wheatbelt.

Bencubbin is on the border of wheat and station country. This contributes to the wonderful variety of beautiful wildflowers and bird life found throughout the shire. Birds are numerous all year round, and the stunning wildflower season lasts from June until October. There are many varied points of interest, all serviced by good roads.

Bencubbin has a meteorite named after it. The wildflowers in Bencubbin are spec-

taclar, when there are good winter rains, the district blooms. Between July and October experience the diverse range of flowers.

Bencubbin lies in the Shire of Mt Marshall for more information visit [www.mt-marshall.wa.gov.au/](http://www.mt-marshall.wa.gov.au/)

**Bruce Rock**  
243kms from Perth  
A traditional farming town, Bruce Rock produces crops of wheat, barley, lupin and peas. Sheep, pigs and goats are also farmed in the area.

The Bruce Rock Museum comprises a historical display in the restored Bank with adjoining reconstructions of an original one-roomed school, a typical mud brick settlers hut and a blacksmiths shop.

An arts and crafts centre is located in the main street displaying a wide variety of work by local artists.

**Cunderdin**  
156 kilometres east of Perth  
Cunderdin is a two-hour drive east of Perth on the Great Eastern Highway. It was first settled with the arrival of the railway in 1894.

In 1901, the Goldfields Water Scheme reached the town, bringing with it an increase in population.

During the spring months the hill is carpeted with pink and yellow everlasting.

A deep gash in the earth, caused by the Meckering earthquake which destroyed the town in 1968, can still be seen today, located 11 kilometres from Meckering, on the Quellington (York) Road.

For more information visit [www.cunderdin.wa.gov.au](http://www.cunderdin.wa.gov.au)

**Dowerin**  
156 kilometres north east of Perth  
Dowerin is situated on the Pioneers' Pathway tourism route and Northam-Wyalkatchem-Merredin railway loop line.

The name Dowerin is taken from the Aboriginal word 'Daren' that was given to a series of lakes some eight kilometres south of the town.

During the last week of August Dowerin is home to the Dowerin GWN Machinery Field Days, an annual event showcasing the very latest in farming machinery, equipment, precision technology and rural services.

The town's population can increase from around 400 up to 15,000 during this event. For more information visit [www.dowerin.wa.gov.au](http://www.dowerin.wa.gov.au)



#### Huskies and Hounds at The Hamptons

The Western Australian Dog Sled Association is hosting The HAMPTON HOON at Hampton View Homestead, Mount Hampton 16 to 17 July 2016. Come one-come all! Sled dog racing in the Wheatbelt!



The dry-land sled dog races - has to be seen to be believed!

**Hampton View Homestay B&B/Farm Stay,** Outback WA Eastern Wheatbelt, near Southern Cross 541 Mckenzie Rd, Mt Hampton Ph: 9040 4034 Email: [goodhillp@skymesh.com.au](mailto:goodhillp@skymesh.com.au) [www.hamptonviewhomestead.com.au](http://www.hamptonviewhomestead.com.au)

We would like to welcome you to our **BRAND NEW Caravan Park in Quairading.** We had our official opening on Friday 22 April by Shire President Brian Caporn and Mia Davies, local member of The National Party who quoted "One of the Best in the Wheatbelt"



Quairading is located about 170 kms east of Perth in Western Australia's wheatbelt. **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, Wandoo and Casuarina trees, and wildlife including the eastern wallaroo, western grey kangaroo, echidnas, reptiles and birds.

**Nookaminnie 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** 16 July, Car Park Markets - 16, 17 & 18 September, Feature Artist Day, 22 September, NAIDOC Day and 23 September, Future Artist Day.

**NO PRICE INCREASE: Still \$20 per van, we do offer special discount for Caravan Clubs. BOOKINGS: The Shire office 9645 2400 or Peter Ricetti 0427 392 407 (a/h)**

#### Koorda Caravan Park



Located on the edge of a bush reserve and town recreation facility. Walking distance to local shops and town centre.

Park is RV friendly, 20 powered sites, digital retransmission TV, campers kitchen and disabled ablutions. Take the chance to pack a picnic and visit the rocky outcrops or nature reserves within comfortable travel distance of the town.

Drive in: One of three in WA. New digital system to enhance the picture.

For more details on viewing times and dates visit: facebook: [www.facebook.com/KoordaDriveIn](http://www.facebook.com/KoordaDriveIn) or Instagram: @koordadrivein

**Koorda** Scott Street, Koorda Tel: 9684 1219 Email: [admin1@koorda.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin1@koorda.wa.gov.au) Website: [www.koorda.wa.gov.au](http://www.koorda.wa.gov.au)



#### Shire of Lake Grace

• Lake Grace • Newdegate • Lake King • Varley • Pingaring

• Art, Culture, History, Wildflowers and Natural Beauty



LAKE GRACE VISITOR CENTRE [www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au](http://www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au) p: (08) 9865 2140 e: [lgvisitorscentre@westnet.com.au](mailto:lgvisitorscentre@westnet.com.au)

#### NAREMBEEN WESTERN AUSTRALIA Discover, Explore, Stay...



Offering scenery that reflects Australia's true farming lifestyle. Visit the Grain Discovery Centre, explore nature trails, enjoy the undisturbed beauty.

**PHONE (08) 9064 7055** **EMAIL [cremanager@narembreen.wa.gov.au](mailto:cremanager@narembreen.wa.gov.au)**



Located along the Pathway to Wave Rock and near the Great Eastern Highway, Narembreen is the perfect place to stay and relax.

#### Mary's FARM COTTAGES

KUKERIN • WESTERN AUSTRALIA

##### An authentic WA farm experience

Enjoy luxurious king size beds or king twins, large flat screen TVs, beautifully appointed bathrooms, uninterrupted farm views, watch the sun go down from your own verandah or enjoy the nightly star studded sky. All cottages back onto a large lawned area shaded by natural trees.

The barbecue is located under the bonnet of an ancient Austin Truck with the 'tray' providing a great picnic table.



**WINTER SPECIAL** Mention *Have a Go News* and receive 10% discount with a 3 night stay

**3645 Dumbleyung-Lake Grace Rd, Kukerin** PH: 9864 6054 MOBILE: 0437 341 679 EMAIL: [info@marysfarmcottages.com.au](mailto:info@marysfarmcottages.com.au) WEB: [www.marysfarmcottages.com.au](http://www.marysfarmcottages.com.au)

# WA's GREAT Outdoors

CARAVANNING • CAMPING • ACCOMMODATION

# CENTRAL WHEATBELT

let's gotravelling

## Towns of the central Wheatbelt

**Koorda**  
238 kilometres northeast of Perth  
Just over three hours' drive northeast of Perth is the town of Koorda.

The predominantly farming community dedicates itself to growing wheat, coarse grains and sheep.

Early in September, Koorda hosts its annual Agricultural Show, which brings together past and present residents, along with a large number of visitors. The show features many agricultural displays, including the 'corn dollies'.

You can find out more about the show at [www.koordashow.com](http://www.koordashow.com) or for more information visit [www.koorda.wa.gov.au/](http://www.koorda.wa.gov.au/)

**Lake Grace**  
345 kilometres south east of Perth

The Shire of Lake Grace is home to the towns of Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King, Varley and Pingaring.

As you travel the open roads marvel at the natural beauty of the farming landscape dotted with natural salt lakes in shades of pinks, greens and mauve.

For more information contact the Lake Grace Visitor Centre on (08) 9865 2140 or visit [www.lakegracevisitorcentre.com.au](http://www.lakegracevisitorcentre.com.au)

**Meckering**  
133 kilometres east of Perth

Situated on the Great Eastern Highway between Cunderdin and Northam this small hamlet was a busy Wheatbelt town until hit by a devastating earthquake on 14 October 1968.

The Meckering Big Camera Museum is situated on the Great Eastern Highway.

It features displays of items which include cameras, movie cameras, enlargers, processing equipment, slides, projectors, kaleidoscopes and more.

**Trayning**  
235 kilometres north east of Perth

Trayning has natural granite outcrops, native birds, insects, reptiles, woodlands and stunning panoramas of wildflowers in season which are all easily accessible.

The town is 70 kilometres from Merredin and in the heart of the northeastern wheatbelt and is with good roads.

The shire attractions are well sign posted with maps readily available.

For more information about the Shire of Trayning please visit [www.trayning.wa.gov.au](http://www.trayning.wa.gov.au)

**Wyalkatchem**  
200 kilometres north east of Perth

Wyalkatchem is at the centre of the wheatbelt and has a population of 523.

The gateways to the town are historical grain elevators which mark the region's claim to fame as "The cradle of Bulk Handling" because it was the first place where bulk wheat was collected in WA. It is also home to some of the best wildflower displays.

The town lies on the Pioneers' Pathway – the old Goldfields Track which was the route taken by fortune seekers making their way toward Kalgoorlie Boulder

For more information visit [www.wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au](http://www.wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au).

## Corrigin – a Wheatbelt town on the way to everywhere

ON THE WAY to Corrigin stop and look over the fence at food being sown or harvested.

A paddock of canola is a great splash of sunshine amongst the greens of grain crops. If the sheep are at the shearing sheds, as people pass by, they may be able to watch shearing. People may even snatch a chat with the farmer. Just ask the farmer for permission and safety concerns. They are on the go for untold hours.

The town has several picnic and play parks if people are just stopping for a rest. Visit ANZAC Hill with a Turkish WW1 gun, Tower Hill, Farmers Memorial Museum, Town Hall and Roads Board buildings, an original working windmill – the last of hundreds before piped water arrived – and a railway water tower.

Take a selfie with a big red harvester at the machinery dealers in Walton St. See the bread grains at the CBH bins and bulkheads. Buy local lamb at the butcher shop.

There are many points of interest on the approach roads. The Brookton-Corrigin Highway has woodland and wildflower stops at the 20km peg – Jubuk North Rd, 12km peg – Kunjin, 5km peg – Wildflower Drive, 2km peg – short Look-Out drive of shrublands and views over farms and the town.

There is something intriguing or unique around every bend.

There are always wildflowers and always a spot of colour in the amazing bushlands which are most colourful from September to November. Orchids fea-

ture from May to November. Whatever the season people will be mesmerised by the leaf designs and hues of the scruffiest shrubs. Wander through woodlands of salmon gums, black-butts, jam wattles, rock sheoaks and mallees or search the litter for fungi, lichens and minute liverworts.

There are also four massive granite domes; just walk in off Seimons Ave in town onto Corrigin Rock or if you fancy a climb try Gorge, Woggerlin or Sewell Rocks further a-field.

What are those tracks? – a bird, a lizard or what? Kangaroos bound away if startled in the bushland. Watch soaring eagles and listen to melodious shrike thrushes or the shrieking of galahs and ringneck parrots on their sunset roosting flights. Even in town people will hear the dawn bird chorus. There are always water-birds on the dam near the railway crossing. Interesting volcanoes, towers and crumbles belong to ants and beetles.

Then at the end of a discovery-packed day, relax at the Corrigin Caravan Park. Barbecue under a billion stars, cook in their kitchen or walk down to Corrigin Hotel which has delicious, value-for-money dishes. The caravan park has green space, powered sites and is an easy walk to the shops, services and the hotel.

For more information in the Corrigin-Kulin Wheatbelt area about special places, flora and fauna or casual tours by appointment email: [rob.in.campbell@westnet.com.au](mailto:rob.in.campbell@westnet.com.au)



Rare Grevillea scapigera - Corrigin Grevillea © R Campbell - Sunrise

Welcome to the wonders of

# THE OPEN WHEATBELT

QUAIRADING | BRUCE ROCK | NAREMBEEN | HYDEN  
LAKE GRACE | KULIN | KONDININ | CORRIGIN

Enjoy open spaces, wildflowers and interesting rock outcrops. Delight in our fabulous skies and friendly country folk.

Call 1300 736 283 for a **FREE** Pathways to Wave Rock Map.  
[www.wheatbelttourism.com](http://www.wheatbelttourism.com) | [www.pathwaystowaverock.com.au](http://www.pathwaystowaverock.com.au)

### VISIT THE WONGAN HILLS VISITOR CENTRE

Open: 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun 10-2pm  
**The Station, Wongan Rd, Wongan Hills**  
Wongan Hills just two hours from Perth, call into the Visitor Centre for up to date information on the best places to find our many wildflowers, enjoy our many beautiful walk trails and reserves. 'A Wildflower Adventure' well worth a visit.  
**Reynoldson Reserve Festival**  
28, 29 30 October 2016

**WONGAN HILLS VISITOR CENTRE**  
PH: 9671 1973 Email: [wongantourism@westnet.com.au](mailto:wongantourism@westnet.com.au)

### THE ETTAMOGAH PUB

Situated in the town of Cunderdin, the heart of WA's Wheatbelt region... The Ettamogah Cunderdin typifies the "outback pub" concept, and operates under a traditional country pub atmosphere, clean, tidy with meals available seven days from pub restaurant. Accommodation available, 15 motel units.  
Open: Sun-Wed 11am-10pm and Thu-Sat 11am-12am  
**75 Main Street, Cunderdin**  
Phone: 9635 1777 [www.ettamogah.com](http://www.ettamogah.com)

### CUNDERDIN MUSEUM

**No.3 Pump Station**  
Vintage Machinery Goldfields Water Supply Scheme  
Meckering Earthquake Goldfields Railway

Only two hours drive from Perth  
Cunderdin plays host to an abundance of spring wildflowers  
100 Forrest Street, Cunderdin, Western Australia  
Ph/fax: 9635 1291 E: [museum@cunderdin.wa.gov.au](mailto:museum@cunderdin.wa.gov.au)

### Friendly service in peaceful surroundings of a country town

**\*DISCOUNTS FOR SENIORS\***

- Located 234km south east of Perth
- An hours drive from Wave Rock
- Camp on grass, hard surface or under shady trees.
- Large motorhomes welcome
- Pet friendly
- Clean amenities with hot showers, swimming pool, guest laundry, FREE barbecue on timber decking
- We cater for caravan clubs; cables for TV reception, tidy park, club rates and friendly service
- Auto gas is available in Corrigin
- Powered sites \$30

\*Conditions apply. 2 night stay minimum

**CORRIGIN CARAVAN PARK**  
Cnr Kirkwood & Larke Crescent, Corrigin  
PH: 6555 9108 [www.corrigincaravanpark.com.au](http://www.corrigincaravanpark.com.au)  
[corrigincaravanpark@westnet.com.au](mailto:corrigincaravanpark@westnet.com.au)

### CORRIGIN WINDMILL MOTEL

Located on the Brookton Highway 230km from Perth

Perfect stopover if visiting Wave Rock, beautiful Esperance or enjoying the wildflowers.

Clean and comfortable beds the recently renovated motel rooms all have reverse cycle air con.

Free continental breakfast and WIFI

**\*MENTION THIS ADVERT TO RECEIVE 10% DISCOUNT\***

from **\$99** PER PERSON  
\*Price is inclusive of continental breakfast and 10% discount

PH 9063 2390  
[admin@corriginwindmillmotel.com](mailto:admin@corriginwindmillmotel.com)  
[www.corriginwindmillmotel.net](http://www.corriginwindmillmotel.net)

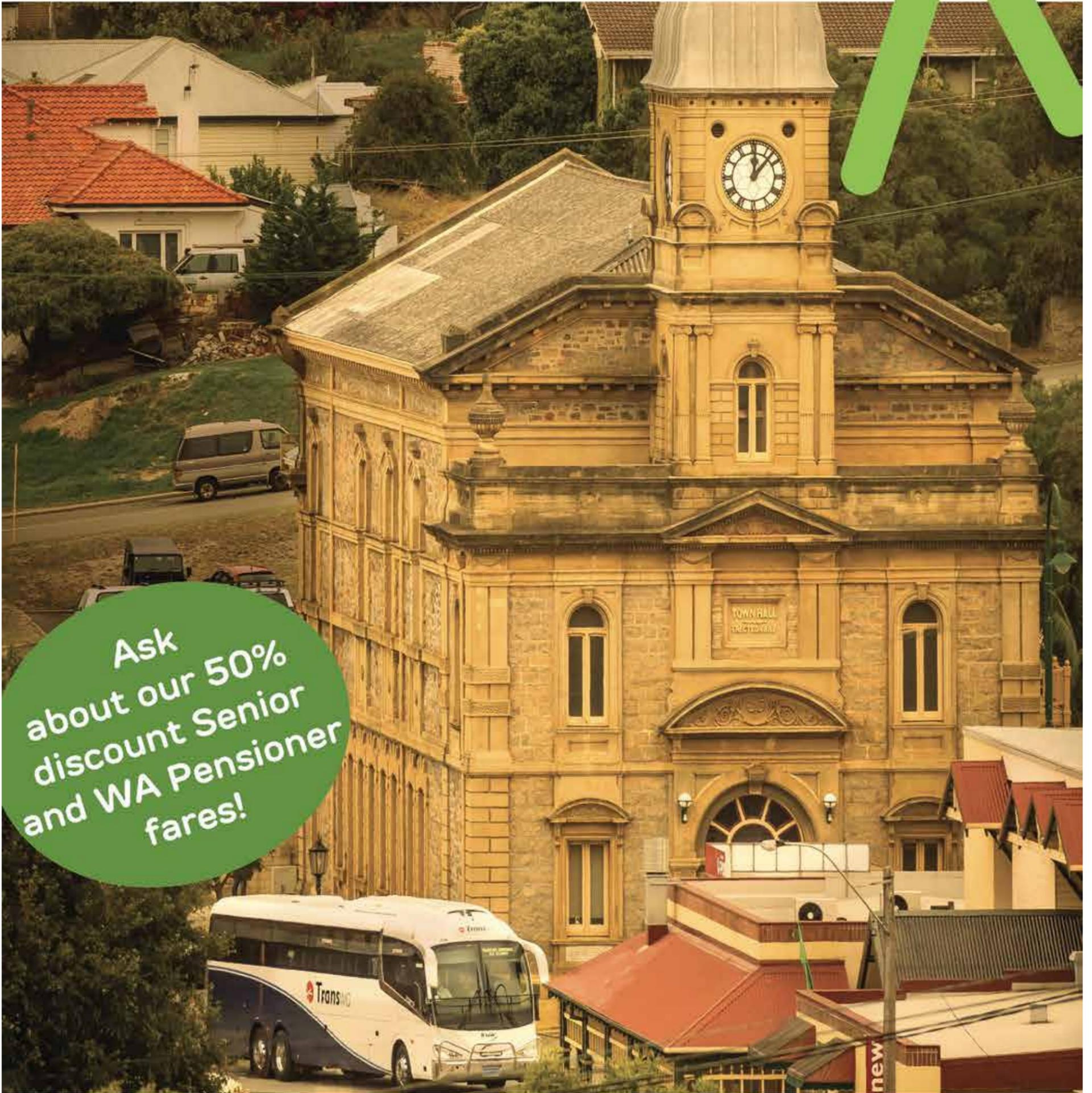
### DOWERIN GWN7 MACHINERY FIELD DAYS

Celebrating the **Face of Farming**  
» Check out the latest in farming and give your family the ultimate country experience!

- » Access **latest products, best service** and **great advice.**
- » **Free entertainment** and a huge range of exhibits for the family.
- » Record machinery exhibits.

**Countryman**  
**GWN7**  
Australia's No.1 because it works  
Visit: [www.dowerinfielddays.com.au](http://www.dowerinfielddays.com.au)

# Bringing WA's south west closer



Ask  
about our 50%  
discount Senior  
and WA Pensioner  
fares!

**Transwa connects more than 240 destinations within  
Western Australia.**

For more information about travelling with Transwa contact:

**1300 662 205 | [transwa.wa.gov.au](http://transwa.wa.gov.au)**



**Public Transport  
Authority**

..... **Bringing WA closer** .....



**Transwa**