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Jen Merigan

OF all the enquiries I receive from readers, travel insurance would be the one about which I am asked about most frequently.

This month Frank Smith takes a look at travel insurance for the mature market and has some

interesting information for readers.

I took a long weekend at the end of last month and headed down south to enjoy some winter weather. It was a wily weekend with rain, hail and shine but it was lovely having a log fire in our cabin in the bush.

When we were looking for accommodation I must say that searching the internet for somewhere to stay was not an experience I enjoyed. It really is much easier looking through magazines and papers for accommodation.

Thanks to the many people who have enquired and booked on our Antarctic day trip, it should be a fabulous day trip of a lifetime. Contact me for last minute bookings as places are filling fast.

The Perth Holiday and Cruise Expo returns in February next year to Crown Perth and will be highlight expo for those looking for holiday options.

Organiser of the expo Pat Strahan has

handed over the reins to Peter French and he looks forward to bringing attendees a new and improved range of facilities.

The expo will be held on 11 and 12 February in the newly refurbished Crown Ballroom.

We will have more on that expo over the coming months.

It's that time of year when those who are thinking of travelling at Christmas time should start finalising their bookings.

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We have a bumper travel liftout this month with lots of stories from WA, interstate and

around the world.

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

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Happy trails



Jennifer Merigan  
Travel Editor

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### Orchid show in Peel region

PEEL Region Orchid Society annual show will be held at the Old Mandurah Yacht Club, Halls Head Parade and Mary Street on 10 and 11 September.

The opening hours for the public will be from 1pm to 5pm on Saturday 10 September after the judges have completed their judging and on Sunday will be from 9am till 3pm. Morning and afternoon tea will be available and orchids and plants will be for sale.

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## A worldwide celebration of the bold, benevolent beacons of brilliance



Clockwise from top; Aerial view of Cape Otway. The Cape Otway Lighthouse on Victoria's infamous 'Shipwreck Coast' was built partly in response to the loss of the immigrant ship *Cataraqui*, Australia's worst ever maritime disaster with the loss of 400 of the total 410 souls onboard - For more than a hundred years the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse has helped ensure safe-passage for thousands of vessels entering or leaving Port Phillip through The Rip, the notoriously narrow and often very turbulent entrance to the Bay - left - Jeanette Woolerton

by Jeanette Woolerton

IN EARLY times, people set fires at the edge of the water to warn boats of dangerous rocks on shore. Later Egyptians completed the tallest lighthouse ever built in 283. It stood 122 metres high on the island of Pharos in the harbour of Alexandria. The Pharos Lighthouse used a mirror to reflect its light beam. This could be seen up to 50 kilometres away.

Australia's first colonial navigation beacon was lit on the South Head of Port Jackson, New South Wales in 1793, when a bonfire was lit for the passenger ship *Bellona*. By 1794, a fire was lit in the metal basket suspended from a tripod each night.

The first lighthouse structure in Australia was constructed at South Head Signal Station in 1816 and completed in 1818 at the command of Governor Macquarie. The work was undertaken by Francis Greenway, the famous convict architect.

The lighthouse still did not guarantee safe passage and unfortunately, the *Dunbar* was tragically wrecked below the signal station in 1857. Despite the cries being heard through the night, only wreckage and one survivor (out of 121 passengers and crew) was found the next day.

Many of the earliest Australian lighthouses were built in direct re-

sponse to shipwrecks in the treacherous waters in the Southern Ocean and the Tasman Sea – part of which was known as the shipwreck coast. Lighthouses became critical aids in preventing shipwrecks.

Today, lighthouses are built in harbours, on islands, coral reefs and beaches, and it is estimated that there are currently more than 350 lighthouses (all built in the last 200 years) within Australia.

Victoria, with its rugged coastline and renowned gale force winds howling through the Bass Strait, boasts lighthouses aplenty. These historical beacons of light grace some of the most magnificent seascapes on the continent.

Victoria will participate in the 19th annual International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend on 20 and 21 August, to honour the gracious lighthouse.

This event is a celebration of the historical importance of lighthouses, their keepers and radio operators around the world. An estimated 400 light stations, including Victoria's own Point Lonsdale, are taking part in the weekend program worldwide.

Co-hosted by international amateur radio operators, who will broadcast from the light stations over the weekend and the Association of Lighthouse Keepers, the event is a collaborative professional effort,

which will undoubtedly offer the visitor an incredible sensory (and educational) experience.

Volunteers from the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum will conduct tours of the light station daily between 9.30am and 3pm over the International Lighthouse Weekend at 33 Australian lighthouses.

For more than a hundred years the Point Lonsdale light has helped ensure safe-passage for thousands of vessels entering or leaving Port Phillip through The Rip, the notoriously narrow and often very turbulent entrance to the Bay.

Tours will include the historic foghorn shed and soundings of the foghorn at 10am and 3pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

Tour bookings are essential and can be made by calling 0419 513 007. Entry cost is \$10 adults, \$8 concession and \$5 children. Note: Children undertaking the tours must be at least five years old and be taller than 95 centimetres.

International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend is a great opportunity for all of us to participate in a worldwide celebration of these lifesaving aids to navigation, as well as the men and women who manned them, while enduring extreme weather conditions and isolation.

Lighthouses are awe inspiring and this event is their ultimate validation.

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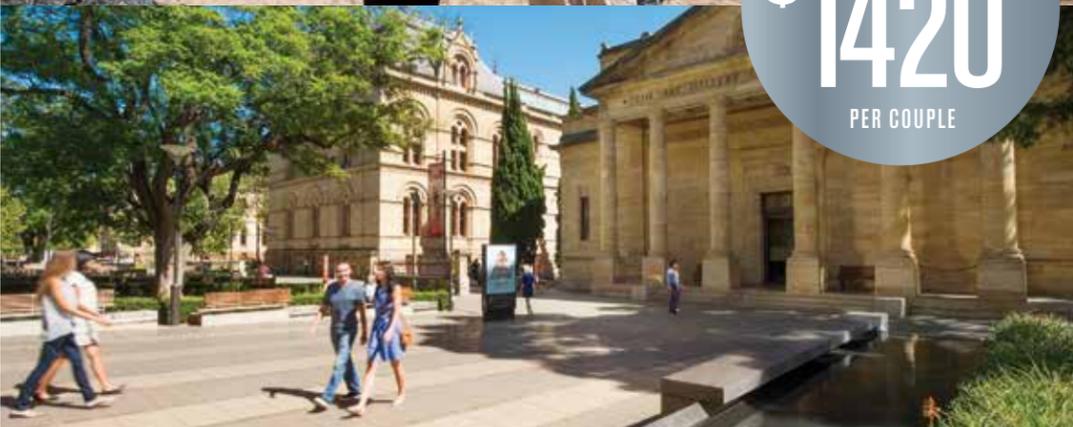
or head further south on the Southern Wheatbelt Wildflowers Wonders holidays departing in October.

Kalbarri is beautiful this time of year and Villa has departures in August and September. Lastly Villa's West Coast Wildflower Explorer departs in August.

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## Talofa lava - welcome to Samoa – a tropical escape in the South Pacific



From left to right; Welcome leis - Seabreeze Resort - Fale's over water

by Michael Osborne

WHAT makes travellers want to return to a destination that they have visited several times before? Here I am, back in Samoa for another visit and I am excited about it.

But I am not the only one, for more than 3,000 years people have been coming to the magic islands of Samoa.

Being a Polynesian society, friendship, love and harmony are part of the mainstay of life, add some very spectacular Pacific Island scenery and easy access from Australia it all adds up to an ideal destination for travellers who like to relax and enjoy life.

The natural beauty of the 10 islands allows one to pick and choose between slow and rewarding in modern resorts and hotels to a beachcomber style life on a sensational beach.

The two main islands of Upolu and Savaii are the most popular, with the capital of Apia on Upolu. Here you find the wonderful colonial architecture that has survived the test of time and weather.

The main shopping precinct and markets provide both local and visitor with highly colourful and aromatic adventures.

Because of an ancient volcanic history the scenery is spectacular, from rugged wave washed coastlines, crystal lagoons with fringing reefs and white sand beaches. The littoral tropical forests rise into the skyline offering jagged peaks to the heavens. Many waterfalls cascade down these mountains, offering more wonderful food for our eyes and cameras.

Don't miss a visit to Sua Trench, a giant natural swimming hole – it is the most magical swimming pool in

the world where a series of canals to the ocean ensure this water hole never dries out.

Tusitala – Robert Louis Stevenson – spent his last years living in Vaillima on his estate in Apia, revered by the locals as Tusitala, the teller of tales. His home has been restored and turned into a museum. To not visit would be a crime.

Seabreeze Resort is one of our accommodation favourites. It has been recognised as the number one hotel in Upolu and was ranked 11 out of 25 for the top 25 small hotels in the South Pacific in the 2016 TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice™ awards for hotels.

“To be recognised as the number one hotel in Upolu, Samoa is what the team at Seabreeze have been working so hard to achieve.

“We are incredibly proud that our guests have rated and reviewed the

resort and our service so highly and we are honoured to be the only Samoan resort featured in the top 25 small hotels in the South Pacific,” says owner of Seabreeze Resort, Wendy Booth.

Seabreeze Resort is the ultimate in boutique luxury, gently nestled into a private secluded bay on Samoa's famous south east coast of Upolu.

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They have a recipe for relaxation: “when hungry you eat, when thirsty you drink, when tired you sleep and be pampered at every opportunity.”

Aggie Grey's is dedicated to the famous hotelier Aggie Grey who became world famous and a legend of the South Pacific. Often quoted as Samoa's most famous address since 1933 – it is worth the visit to look at all the historic photos.

Sinalae Reef Resort and Spa was my second stay and within about 15 minutes, the feeling of bliss and relaxation was overtaking me. How would I be if I stayed a week or so?

If you needed another reason, children under 12 are not allowed.

Savaii island is a short voyage away. It opens the door to more of Pacific paradise. Slightly more laid back than Upolu, and with many sensational beach and lagoon side resorts and restaurants.

The Taga Blow Holes, the old volcanic flow has gaps where the full force of the Pacific Ocean waves punch into the coast and send columns of spray many metres into the air which is very spectacular and drenching if the wind turns.

Other points of interest to visit are swimming with the turtles, the Saleaula Lava Fields and the Sapapali Church.

The quality of the restaurants has dramatically improved, with an organised program to utilise local fresh produce.

Space does not allow me to tell you all, so go to: [www.samoa.travel](http://www.samoa.travel) or see your licensed travel agent.

The author was a guest of the Samoa Tourism Authority.



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by Frank Smith

THE DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs puts it bluntly, "If you can't afford travel insurance you can't afford to travel."

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Australian Consumer's organisation Choice recently reviewed 35 travel insurers and found significant differences between the policies, particularly when it comes to cover for people aged over 65 years.

Choice also found some policies won't pay claims for travellers who fail to follow travel warnings or following the financial collapse of an airline or tour provider.

They recommended Apia and Southern Cross Travel Insurance for older travellers.

Choice advises older travellers to be extra vigilant when choosing travel insurance as they often face many exclusions around pre-existing medical conditions, conditional age and activities.

The wide range of policies on offer means you can shop around. You can do this on line for example at [www.comparetravelinsurance.com.au/travel/quote](http://www.comparetravelinsurance.com.au/travel/quote). Compare quotes and policies and haggle for a better price.

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Read 'general exclusions' and 'policy cover' and 'pre-existing conditions' sections carefully, especially if you have particular medical needs and check the 'word definition' table as it may contain some tricks of the policy, for example a definition of the term 'relative'.

The Financial Ombudsman Service says insurance companies have an obligation to express potentially devastating policy terms in language their customers can understand and appreciate.

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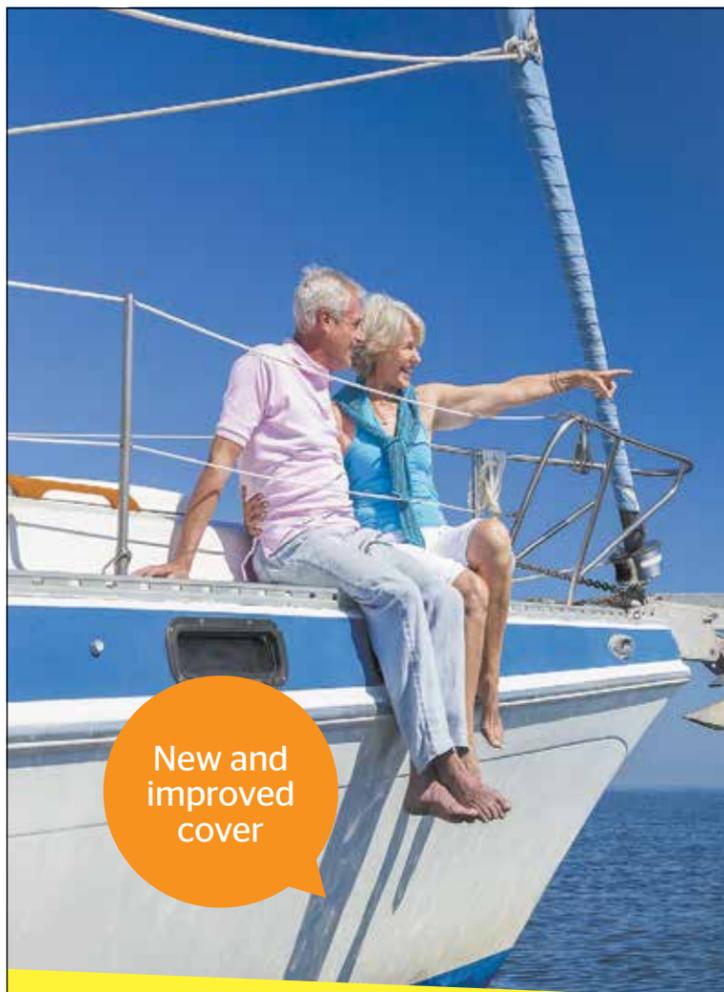
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## Cruising snippets and deals - see what's available from the cruise industry



From left to right; Lots to do onboard the Emerald Princess - Emerald Princess in Norway

by Brad Elborough

### Pacific Dawn – Brisbane – refit

THE 2000 passenger Brisbane-based *Pacific Dawn* is to receive a multi-million dollar refit, which will include a new state-of-the-art waterpark.

P&O Cruises says the refurbishment, which is to also include the development of an interactive kids-only play area, is scheduled for February 2017.

The superliner will also emerge from its re-vamp with The Pantry, an international market place of fresh food outlets which will replace the traditional ship buffet. In addition, *Pacific Dawn's* Pantry will include a new Mediterranean-inspired offering called Nic and Toni's. Also on offer will be the extremely popular pool-side grill, offering casual dining options.

The refit comes as P&O prepares for its biggest year of Queensland cruising, with two ships sailing from Brisbane year round. Between them, *Pacific Dawn* and *Pacific Aria* will offer 108 cruises to holidaymakers in 2017 – up from 98 cruises this year.

Passengers will be able to enjoy *Pacific Dawn's* new features from March 2017. Cruises

include a seven-night South Pacific itinerary departing Brisbane on 13 May, 2017, priced from \$849 per person quad share.

For more information visit [www.pocrises.com.au](http://www.pocrises.com.au), call 13 24 94 or see a licensed travel agent.

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### Emerald Princess – new ship to Sydney

The 3082 guest *Emerald Princess*, which will sail into Sydney Harbour on 15 November, is the biggest Princess Cruises' ship to be based in Australia this summer.

West Aussies will get a look at the superliner on 8 November when she visits Fremantle, before heading to Busselton (9 Nov) and Melbourne (13 Nov).

She will arrive in Sydney two days later to begin her inaugural five month season of cruises from Sydney, offering 13 round-trip itineraries in the South Pacific, New Zealand and around Australia.

*Emerald Princess* features more than 1500 guest rooms – including nearly 900 balcony staterooms. Also on board are eight showrooms and lounges, two nightclubs and four swimming pools, as well as signature Princess offerings such as the child free sanctuary, poolside movies under the stars and the luxurious Lotus Spa.

Fares start from \$1199 per person twin share for an 11-night South Pacific cruise departing Sydney on January 21, 2017 and visiting five ports in New Caledonia and Vanuatu.

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### Astor – family cruise – from Perth

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Here's what's on offer – Southern Explorer – 7–13 Jan, 2017 (6 Nights)

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*Astor* is returning to Perth this summer for her fourth season and is again offering 16 return-trip itineraries from Fremantle.

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### Norwegian Jewel – Australia – inaugural season

The 15 itineraries being offered by *Norwegian Jewel* on her inaugural Australian season can now be booked.

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The season includes seven round-trips from Sydney taking in southeast Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand, and concludes with a 40-day combination cruise sailing Sydney to Yokohama – Gateway to Tokyo, arriving during peak cherry blossom season.

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## Cruising - A time to live life large

by Byron Horne,  
Cruise product buyer, Asia Escape Holidays.

LONG gone are the days where cruising was purely a means of transport getting you from one exciting destination to another. On Royal Caribbean International's *Ovation of the Seas*, the ship itself becomes one of the major attractions on this 18-night fly, cruise, stay package.

From the bright lights of Singapore, to an overnight stop in Phu My, the gateway to Ho Chi Minh City, shopping in Hong Kong followed by the intrigue of South Korea, these ports offer something for everyone. After disembarking in Tianjin, the port of Beijing, guests will enjoy a three-night stay with a full day trip to the Great Wall and a morning tour of Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

The *Ovation of the Seas*, like her sister the *Quantum of the Seas*, is a smart ship. No more paperwork and long lines at check-in and key-cards are no more. An electronic wrist band now acts as your key-card and you simply swipe it at all the various bars and shops for all your purchases. It's all electronic, including an IQ App you can use on your smart phone or one of the many iPad's scattered all around the ship.

Here people won't find the usual, busy, noisy, three tier main dining rooms – that is a thing of the past. The *Ovation* boasts four main dining rooms which form part of the 10 complimentary dining venues – so guests will never get bored of the same meal, let alone the same restaurant. There is a varied choice of speciality restaurants should for those who wish to try something a little different including Jamie's Italian.

The ship is large, with nearly 4900 guests but RCI have not compromised on space. Larger than average cabins, beautifully furnished, elegant, smart, clean lines – perfect. For those on a budget, the interior cabins boast an innovation – all have a virtual balcony – an 80-inch screen with live views and sounds that those with an ocean view or balcony stateroom would enjoy. Your days at seas will be well spent with a huge variety of activities on offer.

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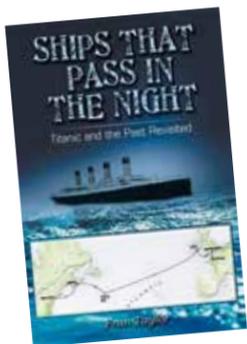
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**Ships That Pass In The Night**  
*Titanic and the past revisited*  
by Fran Taylor  
Reviewed by Pat Paleeya

FRAN Taylor was born and grew up in Scotland near the river Clyde. She would watch all types of ships going up and down the river and became fascinated with the sea and all things maritime. She has crewed on tall ships all over the world and is regularly invited as a guest speaker at many venues around Perth. In April 2012 she and around 1,500 passengers joined *MS Balmoral* at Southampton

## Ships that pass in the night

to undertake a voyage to New York commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic*. The *Titanic* is still an intriguing subject for many people and this book is an entertaining combination of maritime history and the authors account of the memorial cruise.

Not many people have dived on the wreck but a couple of men who had done so were on board and shared their encounters. One particularly poignant story tells of all the shoes on the seabed. One theory is that they may have belonged to the first class passengers who used to put their shoes out at night for polishing.

On page 80 the author writes that a ship from Halifax called the *Mackay-Bennett* was chartered to search the wreck site for bodies. One sailor is reported to have said that: "the bodies in their white life jackets looked from a distance like a flock of white seagulls resting on the water."

Knowing how the original voyage ended I would have found the whole cruise eerie and a little unsettling (read

ghostly spirits), small wonder that so many photographs taken on the cruise had unexplained orbs floating in the background. We know, don't we?

Apart from the cruise the author touches on her time in New York, Scotland and England, writing a mini travel log with some interesting snippets of maritime history along the way.

Fran Taylor's passion for the sea shines through in this interesting, informative and well written book.

Ships that pass in the night is available online at [www.booktopia.com.au](http://www.booktopia.com.au) and <http://www.amazon.com>. ISBN 978-0-9944752-0-6

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## George Booth - maintaining a passion for travel through 60 active years in the travel industry



Jo and George Booth

by Jennifer Merigan

WHEN you've held 12 passports and visited more than 100 countries, people may wonder

whether travelling would still hold its appeal.

George Booth a stalwart of the WA tourism landscape and, with 60 active years in the travel

industry, still loves the thrill of travelling and organising travel.

George from his early days, ventured out like a Marco Polo, "Out into the unknown."

When I asked George what his favourite country was, he said that it was the people who you travel with rather than the destination which gives him the greatest satisfaction.

I have known George for more than 10 years and only just discovered his love of Fremantle and the great interest he has in his family history.

Born in Fremantle to a family of horse racers and livestock he still lives on the race track block where he was born and has many a tale to tell about his family history but readers that will wait until another time.

I wanted to discover how he stays so passionate about his job for many years and what inspires him to continue.

Firstly George believes that giving back in life is the best philosophy.

This would explain why he's an active member of Rotary, and has twice participated in the Variety Club Bash.

He's been on the marketing committees of the Fremantle Hospital Research Foundation and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

He also has been an active member of the Fremantle Rugby League for 66 years where he is a life member and was inducted into the Western Australian Players Hall of Fame. He was also instrumental in getting Touch Football off the ground in WA.

Conscripted to the Army in 1958, George served in Vietnam in 1971 as a lieutenant and retired in CMF as a Captain and was awarded six medals and one decoration.

To say George is a doer is an understatement - at 76, I don't think he's aged a day since I first met him, to me he encapsulates the 'have a go' philosophy of healthy ageing through activity.

This also could have something to do with him being an active member of the Cottesloe Pioneers Club who meet three mornings a week at 6.30am and walk four kilometres followed by a 20-minute swim all year round.

There is so much to George Booth apart from his career in travel but I wanted to share a few of his amazing adventures.

He was one of the first Australian tour operators to enter China in 1972, as a participant in the Canton Fair which eventually in him organising tours to China and inviting the first Chinese tour officials to a conference in Perth.

As a result of his Vietnam military experience he designed and escorted eight tours for Vietnam veterans to the country.

George says that one of the special places in the world for him is Bhutan, he started organising tours to this country when they only let 400 tourists enter each year.

I asked George to summarise some of his most memorable travel moments, and as one would imagine the list was numerable.

"In 2002 I sailed aboard *Orion* to Antarctica and visited Mawson's Hut.

"Visiting Israel and Petra in Jordan was amazing"

"Another highlight for

me was taking a running and rafting group to the pre alps of Mt Everest in Nepal"

"In 1985 *The Sunday Times* travel editor John Young and I received an invitation to visit Aurangabad and the heritage sights of Ellora and Ajanta in India.

"John was a great photographer and historian and I loved travelling with him.

"The day we were at Ellora Hindu Temple which is a city carved into a rock face, John remained there for two hours discussing the wonders of such.

"A guide who had noticed that unlike the average tourist we had spent a substantial amount of time at the site said he would like to show us something special and drove us in his old Ambassador car to a huge cave with a statue of a Buddha inside and told us to stand there and wait.

"As the sun moved overhead the shaft of light lit up the Buddha and it appeared to move its arms and smile and the amazing photos John captured were featured on the front cover

of *The Sunday Times* travel section," said George.

George and his wife Jo have lead escorted tours to many destinations and continue to do so.

He says his favourite one is organising tours for vision-impaired people and their companions.

He's taken them to Singapore, Hong Kong, Sabah, China, Thailand and New Zealand.

"I play to their other senses and to me its one of my favourite tours I do each year.

"When I lead a tour I use everything I ever learned from travelling and put it in the tour."

This inspiring man is one whose book we could all take a leaf from and says two of his favourite quotes which I believe are good mantras to follow include, "It's easy to be ordinary and persistence will win where talent will not."

Keep on travelling George you are inspiration to me, and many others.

George can be heard on *Radio 6PR's Remember When* program on Sunday nights with Harvey Deegan.

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Three Night Stay: Madrid

#### Day 2: Madrid (B,D)

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Madrid including the 17th century Austrian quarter, the Sabatini Gardens and the Royal Palace. After an afternoon at leisure, tonight is an included dinner in a local restaurant.

#### Day 3: Madrid (B)

Day at leisure in Madrid.

**Discover More:** Excursion to Toledo (extra expense)

#### Day 4: Madrid - Porto Embarkation (B,D)

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Porto (flight to be booked at own expense) where you will board your Douro river cruise ship and be welcomed by your Captain and crew. Tonight enjoy a welcome reception and dinner on board while cruising past the illuminations of Porto.

#### Day 5: Porto – Pinhao (B,L,D)

Today enjoy a full day sailing the windy turns and twists of the Douro Valley. A UNESCO world heritage site this area is sparsely populated by small quaint villages and typical communities working vineyards and small farms. Your Cruise Director will host a lecture on board showcasing the history and wine culture of the region. Perhaps join a painting class of local mosaic tiles which typically depict traditional motives. Later this afternoon arrive in the village of Pinhao which is situated on a river bend surrounded by terraced hillsides producing some of the world's best Port. Tonight your captain will be delighted to host the welcome dinner and cocktail reception.

#### Day 6: Pinhao - Vega de Teron (B,L,D)

Today visit the marvelous baroque village of Lamego, where history stands still. Visit the remains of a Roman sanctuary and battlements. Return to your ship for lunch and an afternoon sailing to Vega de Teron, your gateway into Spain. You're Invited: Join your barman for a lesson on how to make cocktails using port wine on board.

#### Day 7: Salamanca (B,D)

Founded in Roman times, the city of Salamanca is home to one of the oldest universities in Europe, the seat of the Spanish language, and still a lively student town. With its grand squares and medieval structures, a walking tour here is more like stepping back in time. Tapas bars feature on every street and traditional Spanish music trickles out of buzzing bars and restaurants. You will enjoy a full day in this beautiful golden city with plenty of free time to explore independently. Upon returning to your ship from Salamanca, you will be invited to enjoy a BBQ dinner on the Terrace alongside your fellow guests.

#### Day 8: Pocinho (B,L,D)

This morning arrive in the picturesque village of Pocinho and embark on an excursion to the Coa Valley Museum. This impressive concrete structure details pre-historic stone carvings made by the early inhabitants of the Douro, which were uncovered during the construction of the nearby dam. Later return to your ship for lunch and enjoy your idyllic surroundings as you sail towards Regua. **You're Invited:** This evening dinner will be hosted at a local winery estate.

#### Day 9: Regua (B,L,D)

Wake up this morning in the former roman settlement of Regua. Visit the Douro Museum for a look at wine making in the region. **Discover More:** Guided excursion to the Mateus Palace (extra expense).

#### Day 10: Porto (B,L,D)

Located at the mouth of the Douro River, Porto is a fascinating eclectic mix of modern and ancient architecture. Its most famous export is of course fortified wine, and the hillside across from the city centre features numerous wine caves and tasting boutiques in the area of Vila Nova de Gaia. Sample the local fair in one of these specially adapted wine cellars and learn about the long adapted craft of creating port. **Discover More:** Excursion to the Palacio da Bolsa (extra expense) or Excursion to Guimaraes (extra expense)

#### Day 11: Porto Disembarkation - Lisbon (B,D)

After breakfast disembark your river cruise ship and transfer to Lisbon to continue your journey. Spread across steep hillsides that overlook the Rio Tejo, Lisbon has captivated visitors for centuries, with amazing vistas that reveal the city in all its beauty. Three Night Stay: Lisbon

#### Day 12: Lisbon (B)

Today you will have an exciting walking tour of the city centre and view some of the famous points, as well as experience the sights of the yellow trams clattering through tree-lined streets.

#### Day 13: Lisbon (B)

Day at leisure in Lisbon.

**Discover More:** Excursion to Sintra (extra expense)

#### Day 14: Lisbon – Farewell (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your onward or homebound flight.



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8 DAYS, FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 2016

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### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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**The barracuda is a pussycat to fish...**

Barry Wiseman with a sizeable Mackerel Island's barracuda

by Mike Roennfeldt

ally tough customers of northern waters. A Spanish mackerel, for example, has an exceptionally businesslike array of teeth. They are razor sharp and powerful, and as I found out to my cost earlier this year at the Abrolhos, capable of slicing through flesh far more efficiently than their more feared cousins.

Mind you, 'cudas are prone to snapping at anything nearby when landed and a friend of mine is convinced they look right at you and deliberately have a go. He's an experienced fisho and definitely a little unhappy when he hooks one.

'Cuda are reputed to grow in excess of 50kg and one I saw off the north Kimberley coast would have been bigger than that, but in the main they are caught in the 2-10kg range. The fight from one of these fish is a little disappointing alongside a mackerel, queenfish or trevally of similar size and they can feel decidedly slimy when you have to handle one to remove hooks. As if all that wasn't enough, they are also regarded as only mediocre table fare.

So on a good day fishing up north, the hooking of a 'cuda isn't always greeted with wild enthusiasm by anglers, who would much rather be spending the time catching more sporting or better eating species. But on a slow day, when nothing seems to be interested in the lures, a 'cuda can be a welcome diversion.

The most common way to catch them is with lures, either cast or trolled, and they don't seem particularly fussy as to colour or size. Look for them in relatively shallow water, especially around reefs. Most northern estuaries are good places to start looking, but they can range well out to offshore reefs. They commonly turn up in tidal creeks, but the one place along the whole WA coast where you are most likely to strike a really big one is in the shallows along the western side of North West Cape.

On quite a few occasions I have been wandering and casting in thigh deep water in that part of the world and spotted what looks like a small log drifting along just under the surface. You can get surprisingly close to these logs, only to find they are big 'cudas, often in the 1.2-1.4m range. Why they choose to just drift about aimlessly is a mystery. I also struck a couple of similar sized 'cuda doing the same thing in just 40cm of water at Cocos Islands late last year.

Because they have those teeth, a short length of wire trace in front of the lure or bait is good insurance when fishing for what I believe is one of the most overrated predators in the sea.

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IN SOME quarters the word barracuda conjures up images of fearsome predators, aggressive monsters that threaten the life and limb of anyone who is sharing the ocean with them. Yet most of the more experienced fishermen I know that have had much to do with 'cudas, hold these fish in far less awe.

They do get big and have an absolutely scary set of dentures, but in reality, the 'cuda is just a pussycat alongside some of the re-

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From left to right; Couple on Cable Beach, Broome - Group tour at the Willie Creek Pearl Farm, located just north of Broome - Alfresco luncheon at the Mangrove Hotel, overlooking Broome's Roebuck Bay. Images © Tourism WA

by Anthony von Leonhardi

AS PERTH'S days and nights get chillier and winter sets in, many people's thoughts – especially this writer's – turn towards warmer climes and there's none more popular than our own far north west.

As a getaway destination or base for touring the Kimberley, historical Broome has something for everyone.

There's a plethora of world-class resorts, hotels and caravan parks to choose from, but if it's prime beach location with a five star touch you're after then a stay at the Cable Beach Club is a must.

Located right opposite the pristine white sands of Cable Beach, Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa was built more than 28 years ago by the late Lord Alistair McAlpine with the deal for the land signed on the back of a beer coaster at the Roebuck Bay Hotel.

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The on-site restaurants with cuisine reflecting Broome's multicultural heritage are popular with both locals and tourists alike and a drink at its Sunset Bar is the perfect location from which to watch Broome's world renowned sunsets and get that postcard shot.

With its rich cultural heritage there's plenty to do around town if you're not inclined to go on long tours of the Kimberley.

A visit to Broome's tiny museum is incredibly informative and a great way to get an insight into the origins of township. Include a stroll around the Japanese and Chinese cemeteries and a trip to Gantheaume Point where red cliffs meet the blue ocean to check out the ancient dinosaur prints.

In Broome town there are many quaint little shops to pick up souvenirs of your trip. There are also the world-class big brand named jewellery stores specialising in local pearl jewellery – you'll feel just like a kid in a candy shop with the variety.

If it's learning more about the pearling industry you desire then a tour to the working Willie Creek Pearl farm is a must.

Guests can either be

picked up from their hotel or make their own way to the farm where well informed guides impart their knowledge about the cultivation of these organic south sea gems.

A highlight is a boat ride through the creek – with a bit of croc spotting – and a morning or afternoon tea with delicious home made damper with jam and

cream. I can also highly recommend the chopper ride along Cable Beach to and from the farm for the views.

If it's up close and personal with the local wildlife you want, then visit the Malcolm Douglas Crocodile Park and Animal Refuge. It's about a 15-minute drive from Broome and houses

some of the biggest crocs in Australia. Feeding time is an eye-opener and if you're brave enough you can even hold a baby croc.

For a few nights each month between March and October there's an almost surreal occurrence on the tidal flats of Roebuck Bay where at low tide the moon appears

to be accessible by stairs as it rises over the horizon.

Watching this natural phenomenon from the gardens of the newly refurbished Mangrove Hotel there was a hush over the crowd on the evening this writer attended as the substantial crowd watched stairs magically appear over the mudflats from under a blood red moon.

In the background the haunting sounds of a didgeridoo added to this once in a lifetime experience. One can only imagine what significance this held for the local indigenous community watching it for thousands of years before white settlement.

Another vantage point is at Town Beach with its vibrant night markets offering a variety of local

craft stalls, international food caravans and entertainment. The pearl meat Laksa is to die for and uniquely Broome.

Watching a movie under the stars is something we all love to do and Broome has the oldest outdoor picture theatre in the world.

There's something surreal about sitting in a deck chair at Sun Pictures on a balmy night with popcorn and choc top in hand watching a film when suddenly a plane flies over low to land at Broome airport.

Broome becomes party central in mid August for the annual Racing carnival – although official racing starts in May. All the colours of the Kimberley are seen at the racetrack during race week which is full of glamorous lunches, cocktail parties and plen-

ty of socialising culminating in the Broome Cup.

This writer has been many times and is always impressed with the fashion and glamour seen on and off course.

And the fun doesn't stop there with The Shinju Matsuri Festival or Festival of the Pearl in September celebrates Broome's diverse cultural heritage.

Highlights include the colourful street parade to wake up festival mascot Sammy the Dragon and the magical long table dinner under the stars on Cable Beach.

This is just a small snapshot into what the gateway to the Kimberley has to offer.

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## Terrific scenery, delightful markets, good walking trails and great food – all in a day's visit to the Perth Hills



Left to right; Masonmill Gardens - Kalamunda Farmers Markets - Lesmurdie Falls

by Brad Elborough

A DAY that started out as a simple search for a Perth Hills breakfast venue, vis-

ited several years ago, recently became so much more.

Terrific scenery, a leisurely stroll, amazing views

and delightful markets all became unexpected highlights for a full day.

I was searching for a rose-themed café that I'd

been to once before. The only vague memory remaining though was of a very decent breakfast and beautifully manicured gardens.

A wrong turn on my search found me on Lesmurdie Road though, with signs pointing to Lesmurdie Falls. It had been a couple of decades since I'd be there too and again memories of the place were fond, although well and truly faded.

I was not on a schedule, so there was time for a detour.

Even if I'd had vivid recollections, they would still not have been as good as what I found. There has been an effort made recently to entice visitors to the area to explore, safely and comfortably.

There are two car parks – the first of which is at Upper Lesmurdie Falls. As I'd done no homework, I didn't know there was another at

the end of the 'No Through Road', so I pulled in. I'm glad I did.

The sun was only just peeking through the trees and it was hitting the trickle of water that was passing through the area.

I was only 30 minutes from Perth, but already I was relaxed and felt much further away. But that's one of the great things about Perth Hills.

There were several cars in the car park, but no people around. A quick exploration of the area led to some paths that clearly trailed off to the bigger falls.

The walk to Lesmurdie Falls wasn't difficult, nor slippery or dangerous.

Those not interested in the walking part of the experience can continue by car to the end of the road, where there is a larger car park, toilets, information posts and areas to sit and rest, or enjoy a picnic.

This area is located just a couple of hundred metres from the first car park and only about 320m to the main Falls.

The first section of the trail ends at a viewing platform that juts out from the hill. It provides a terrific view of the Lesmurdie Falls that drop spectacularly 50m down the hill.

(Tip: visit between June and November when there is plenty of water).

The views also open up west over Perth and the suburbs. Some visitors claim to be able to see out to Rottnest Island on a clear day, but I wasn't that lucky. Perth, however, was easily identified.

The paths were pretty busy, with locals who clearly use the trek as a part of their regular exercise regime. Others were like me, checking it out for the first time, while some even appeared to be visitors from even further away.

Some of them continued the whole way to the foot of the falls, while others, like me, settled for the platform. One adventurous guy even decided to trek up the north side of the falls, from the foot, through the shrubbery. For the record, I wouldn't recommend it.

Less than 10 minutes from the car park (driving) are the Kalamunda Farmer Markets.

They run every Sunday, from 8am-12noon. These are just like regional markets, with baked goods (the croissant was fab), cheeses, fruit and veg, a chorizo and bacon specialist, some terrific chilli and feta cheese, some innovate dog treats and a newcomer specialising in goat cheese. There was even a solo guitarist playing some old country classics, to help add to the atmosphere.

They're not big markets, so you don't need a lot of

time to explore all of the stalls.

So, it works out that the rose themed café, previously the Rose Heritage Gardens, has changed its name to Masonmill Gardens. It's located just 10 minutes further south, down Canning Road.

The name had changed, but the gardens are still spectacular. It'll take you a while to get from the car park to the restaurant. The koi pond is full and its tenants will give you a close look at their colour and size; and there are several gardens still very well manicured, offering relaxing spots to stroll around, or just sit, relax and take in the surroundings.

If you have kids with you and you can pry them away from the koi pond, there is a terrific nature-play playground for them to enjoy too. Some older kids... alright adults... were enjoying it as well.

Masonmill Gardens is fully licensed, but very family friendly. It has inside and outside dining options (some undercover, some not) and can cater for a lot of people. There was a bit of a wait for our breakfast, but it was worth it.

Our table enjoyed the full cooked \$20.80 (bacon, sausages, tomato, mushrooms, hash brown, eggs, toast and house chutney), and a bacon and egg roll \$16.90.

After our walk at the falls and through the markets, needless to say there wasn't a scrap of food left on our plates. We'll have to come back one afternoon for the wood fired pizzas.

Lesmurdie Falls are in the Lesmurdie Falls National Park, inside Mundy Regional Park. The Falls are one of a few that can be found along the Darling Range Escarpment.

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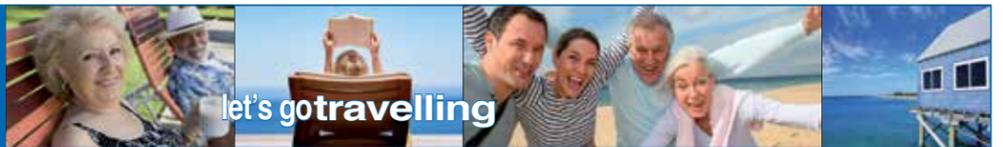


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## Wildflower season is 'Djilba' season



Foraging for wildflower bush tucker in Australia's south west

FOR THE Noongar people in Australia's southwest region, August marks the beginning of the Djilba season. Characterised by the blooming of wildflowers, this is the time when, traditionally, the Noongar people would journey to the coast. The blistery winds are starting to slow down - making way for the warmer weather period. It's the season of new life in the country - Djilba is the Noongar season of conception.

Local birds are starting to nest, preparing for their new chicks to arrive and wildflowers are starting to open - painting the country in beautiful vivid

hues. It's time for the male emus to 'take a seat' on their eggs - traditionally, emu eggs were gathered and sometimes the emus were hunted.

This year, the Makuru season (June, July) has fuelled the country with lots of rain, triggering an early burst of plant life such as golden wattles and kangaroo paw. Local native plants and flowers were used by the Aboriginal people long before European settlement and each new season delivers a wide variety of 'produce' - more than just food or medicine, many plants were a resource material, used to make

hunting, foraging and other tools.

Towards the end of Djilba, when the baby swans are out on the water, there will be other plants like Boronia in flower. It's all part of nature's cycle - everything is connected and carefully balanced.

The Noongar people of Western Australia have six seasons - Birak (December, January), Bunuru (February, March), Djeran (April, May), Makuru (June, July), Djilba (August, September) and Kambarang (October, November). The Noongar people spent the summer months along the coast and the winter months inland using plants that were in season along the way.

Throughout Western Australia, there are local Aboriginal guides taking visitors on tours which venture deep into the ancient roots and traditional uses of wildflowers - tours that are coloured with spectacular landscapes and panoramas of vivid, colourful carpets. For more information, visit [www.waitoc.com](http://www.waitoc.com).

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**KALBARRI** Wildflower season, 2016, is set to be the best in a long time. Excellent May – July rainfall has paved the way for

the National Park to be a blaze of colour. There are more than 800 species of wildflowers in and around the park and even into

town on the golf course, as well as along the scenic coastal walking trails. Locals are saying this season is best in more than 20 years.

August onwards is the very best time to visit Kalbarri with a very mild winter (a lot warmer than Perth and down south) and the time when you see some of the best wildflowers. Fields of everlasting, native orchids, Banksias, kangaroo paws, Thryptomene, cats paws, starflowers, featherflowers and 12 O'Clocks are just a few of the many flowers people are likely to experience. It really promises to be a wonderful wildflower season and a must to at least get away from Perth and down south's wet and cold weather.

Later in the season people will see many

wattles, Hakeas, Grevilleas, Verticordias and Leschenaultias. The coastal areas of the National Park boast plants such as the Murchison Rose which can only be found in Kalbarri.

Another feature of the holiday is watching the annual migration of approximately 22,000 humpback whales as they pass the Kalbarri coastline (June to November) heading north to better feeding grounds and then August onwards after a good feed in warmer waters they begin to make the return journey back to Antarctica. The average adult humpback is 14 – 18 metres in length, weighs up to 50 tonnes and swims at about 7km per hour. So they are not hard to spot and to watch for a while from the many scenic

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Kalbarri Edge Resort is the perfect place to base your holiday in the centre of the seaside township. Choose a room upstairs with a view or downstairs for easy access. Treat yourself to a king bed (or twin king singles). The spa suite has a separate lounge area and also a private balcony with outdoor dining area and barbecue. Kalbarri is great for outdoor dining on warm, mild evenings. The resort is rated four stars and people will be pleasantly surprised with all the resort features and quality room amenities. If you decide not to cook there is a restaurant open for breakfast and dinner and also plenty of other choices of eateries around town. Visitors must try of course

some local seafood while in Kalbarri as this was the original industry in town and is still a thriving part of the local economy. Local lobster, snapper, dhu fish and emperor are often available fresh from the boats at the fisherman's jetty.

There is of course heaps more to do in Kalbarri, so if possible visitors should stay at least five nights. Enjoy walking on the beach and the scenic trails down towards the coastal gorges. Treat yourself to a scenic flight to Monkey Mia or out to the incredible Abrolhos islands. Meander through the shops with a difference around town. Take a boat ride on the Reef Walker boat or the River Queen up the river. Spring, which begins early in Kalbarri, is the very best weather with average

daytime temperatures up around 26 degrees and mild nights. Such a great time to get your body and soul defrosted after the colder weather in Perth and further south.

There is at present a great seniors special offering free room upgrade to spa suite with king bed, free restaurant breakfast daily, a welcome drink upon arrival, courtesy bus transfers for those who arrive on Trans WA and a discount voucher for dinner in the restaurant. The best special is \$66.50 per person per night which offers all of those features mentioned. The spa suites have a full kitchen if people want to cater for their own meals and they also have their own private balcony with outdoor setting and barbecue. Even better idea, try catching a fish such as whiting, bream, tailor or mulloway (which are plentiful all year round) and barbecue it fresh that evening.

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# WA WILDFLOWERS

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by Brad Elborough

FIRST, the disclaimer. If you are wowed only by the biggest and fiercest creatures in the animal kingdom, then the Peel Zoo isn't for you.

You won't find any lions, elephants, rhinos, or crocodiles here. There are no polar bears, or pandas. And the only tiger you'll come across is the spotted tailed tiger quoll. It's a carnivore (meat eater), like its namesake, but it's generally the size of a domestic cat, not something you'll see in a Katy Perry film clip eating a human whole (reference to the video for her song 'Roar').

What you will find at Peel Zoo though are a couple of hundred animals that appear just as keen to see you, as you are them.

The young emus, for example, pretty much mirrored me as I walked along the outside of their enclosure. I even tried to trick them by doubling back in the opposite direction, but they were on to me.

As a keen viewer of the Netflix series Zoo, where the animal kingdom is starting to fight back against the human race and take over the planet, I must admit there were a few nervous moments. These guys seemed organised.

But what could these cute little emus do? Plus it's only a television show, not a documentary (I kept reminding myself).

Some of the tenants at Peel Zoo share the walkways with you. I'd swear a few of the ducks followed me during my entire stay. It was almost like I had a private escort.

And when I was looking for the toilets, the peacocks were more than happy to help me find my way. In fact, a few of them were perched above the entry of the WC, which I could easily locate while walking around the zoo. I almost expected them to offer me a hand towel on my way out.

Rest assured though, that although this is a wildlife sanctuary, you don't spend your visit walking among the animals while they scatter around freely among you. The majority of them are in enclosures.

Not that there isn't a chance to interact. There are a couple of walk-through areas (there's a kangaroo petting area and a walk-in aviary) and if you're in the right place at the right time, one of the keepers may offer a chance to touch, pet, or even hold one of the animals.

I had no such luck the day I visited though, as the bad weather meant many of the animals were doing their best to stay out of the rain.

Surprisingly though, I did still see most of the animals, including one of my favourites at any zoo, the Tasmanian Devil.

The enclosures are such that those calling them home can still protect themselves while we get a good view of them.

If you follow the news and saw the story recently where one of the dingoes bit one of the keepers, there is no need for alarm; the animals provide no danger to guests (providing you keep your fingers and hands where they are supposed to be).

Peel Zoo claims to be a boutique zoo and wildlife sanctuary.

It's a family owned and run and couple Narelle MacPherson and David Cobbold were both up to their eyeballs in work the day I was on site. They are not alone though, with keepers and volunteers helping out. And if you have some spare time, there are opportunities (information is on their website) where you can assist.

They have developed a terrific tourist destination and (as someone who has been involved in travel and tourism in WA for nearly two decades) I am embarrassed to declare I had not visited before.

The stroll around Peel Zoo is very relaxing.

It's nowhere near the size of its equivalent found in the city, and it provides the ability to walk around it without feeling as though you are in a rush to avoid the risk of not seeing everything.

In fact, I found myself spending more time in front of enclosures check-

ing out the owls, parrots, quokkas and kangaroos, that I would any of the exhibitions in Perth.

And if you have youngsters, or those technologically savvy with you, at Peel Zoo they don't need to leave their electronic device in the car (locked up, of course).

Each of the enclosures at Peel Zoo features a QR (quick response) code. You need to download the reader (on iPhone or Android device) before you get to the zoo.

You can then just scan the boxed code with your device and you will be diverted to a website that provides you with a heap of information about the animals that are inside, as well as some information on its importance to the Noongar culture.

It's like having your very own keeper or docent follow you around during your visit.

Or you can just take your time and pretend that the animals are talking to you, like I do!

Peel Zoo is located 10 minutes from Mandurah, behind Pinjarra Golf Course (on Pinjarra Road).

It is open daily 10am-4pm on weekdays, 9am-5pm on weekends, public holidays and during school holidays.

There is limited food and drink available for sale and there is a barbecue and picnic area.

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The Bibbulmun Track in Western Australia stretches over 1000kms from Kalamunda in the Perth Hills to Albany on the

south coast. From giant boulders, to magnificent ancient forests of jarrah, karri and tingle, coastal heathlands and spectacular views, the track passes through some of the most diverse and unique areas of Australia's south west.

As people step onto the Bibbulmun Track at the Northern Terminus in Kalamunda and begin their journey into the botanical region of the jarrah forest.

The jarrah forest is found on the Darling Plateau and during the months of July to October comes alive with a stunning and colourful variety of native flowers.

The soil on the slopes is very shallow so most of the plants are low growing and form a dense, co-

lourful, heath-like carpet, except where outcrops of ancient granite poke through giving a strong contrast to wildflowers.

The first vibrant colours of the flowering season are the purples of hovea and the golden yellows of wattles. Donkey Orchids can start flowering as early as July and bloom in clumps of yellow and brown heads that appear to have large donkey-like ears.

Further east, the track will take you through typical spindly jarrah forest that has been harvested within the last 20 years. When you move from the typical red, pea gravel plateau of the jarrah forest along the edge of the Helena Valley, you descend through a small valley of deep, loamy soils that is wooded with wandoo and yari (WA blackbutt).

The wandoo are a very white barked tree, which stand out beautifully from the darker tree.

The yari have deeply furrowed grey bark, graceful weepy leaves and can grow to an enormous 45m high. Below them the understory

plants usually grow lush and thick, with soapbush, and yellow wattles and brightly coloured peas such as chorizemas and kennedias being very common.

Heading further south, the Bibbulmun Track parallels the Albany Highway and crosses over and passes granite outcrops. These areas are like rocky islands within the surrounding forests or bush-land and, like islands, they usually have a unique range of plants and animals that are quite different from their surrounds. The granite has long spikes of fluffy pink and grey flowers.

From the Collie Valley southwards the jarrah forest receives more rain so the understory shrubs can be denser and lush and some types are also found in karri forests.

The richer soils support water bush, named for its abundance of fine toothed leaves that have the ability to hold droplets of water that will soak a passing walker to the skin.

At Karri Gully, on the Brockman Highway be-

tween Bridgetown and Nannup, jarrah forest gives way to karri and introduces a range of new understory flowering shrubs to walkers.

The tall karri hazel with soft oak shaped leaves and karri wattle with fern-like leaves and pale lemnor wattle flowers.

For the plant lover it is a joy to walk the Bibbulmun Track along the south coast from September until the summer sets in.

The vegetation is generally thick and low so views into the hinterland and across the ocean are mostly uninterrupted and the foreground of brightly coloured flowering shrubs sets the scene off to a tee.

The colours that contribute to this cheerful scene are the yellows and golds of coastal or shark's tooth wattle, cut leaf hibbertia and the common but very graceful Bossiaea Linophylla, a pea flower that has no common name.

Adding splashes of blue and mauve are shining feather flowers and the native wisteria.

The wildflower season starts in the north around late July and gradually blossoms from then on heading south.

September and October tend to be the peak times but this can be earlier or later depending on the season in any particular year.

The flowers vary along the track in terms of variety, abundance and season.

Walking the Bibbulmun Track is a perfect way to immerse yourself in a dazzling display of plants and wildflowers.

It is easy to access and easy to navigate.

People who wish to venture out; the Bibbulmun Track Foundation sells essential maps and guidebooks, and provides a wealth of information and advice.

Also available is a handy guide, *Wildflowers of the Northern Bibbulmun Track and Jarrah Forests* which detail more than 300 of the most common wildflowers found along the northern half of the Track.

Or for those people unsure where to start, the foundation includes guided wildflower walks in its seasonal calendar of events.

The foundation also organises walking and accommodation mini breaks in various locations along the Track.

There are town-to-town tours, where people can complete sections of the track in comfort, as well as the popular all-inclusive eight-day highlights of the Bibbulmun Track tour.

One participant shared his experience on the track, "I have walked in many places around Australia and been on many wildflower tours with other companies, BUT the wildflowers here were insane! The variety, the colour, the abundance – they were everywhere you looked."

"You promised wildflowers, and you delivered."

Their current calendar of events includes wildflower walks and offers a variety of events for all ages and fitness levels.

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## Learning about outback history and culture of the Golden Outback



From left to right; The smallest hotel in Kalgoorlie - Gold panning is a great activity to try at Hannan's Mine

THE WILD outback history of Western Australia played a highly important role in shaping the future of the entire state.

As well as a rich Indigenous history and heritage, the Golden Outback is the birth place of Western Australia's gold rush era, and where the early pastoral pioneers laid the foundations for today's agricultural industry.

Take an incredible journey of discovery through the outback history of Western Australia and experience the unique history and ancient cultures of the Golden Outback's Indigenous communities.

Learn how the lure of gold brought thousands of fortune seekers to the Kalgoorlie and Murchison Goldfields in the late 1800s.

Many of the towns people see today, began life as gold rush settlements and still retain their old-world charm.

Others have long been abandoned and all that remains are eerie ghost towns and ruins.

The region's agricultural history is just as colourful, and people can follow in the footsteps of the hardy pioneers who ventured deep into the outback and developed the untamed land for pastoral farming.

Why not visit some of the Golden Outback's many historical sites, museums and heritage trails that offer amazing insights into the lives of the brave and courageous who shaped the outback history of Western Australia.

### Indigenous history and culture

The Indigenous history and culture of Western Australia's Golden Outback was shaped by the ancient tribes who have inhabited the region for many thousands of years.

These include the Wongi people of the Western Desert and the Goldfields, the Yamatji people of the Gascoyne-Murchison region and the Noongar people from the Wheatbelt and Esperance-South Coast.

Unlike other early civilisations around the world, the Indigenous history and culture of

Western Australia's Golden Outback was not focused on building permanent structures or clearing the earth to cultivate crops. Instead, their spiritual beliefs and way of life were closely bound to the land, sea and sky.

### The Dreaming

The Dreaming is the foundation of Indigenous culture and spiritual beliefs.

The ancestral Dreaming spirits, who could change their form into animals, people or any physical feature, travelled across the country shaping the natural environment and establishing religious and moral systems for Indigenous Australians.

They also created the natural environment, and the humans and animal species that populated the land.

When their work was complete, the spirits transformed themselves into hills and other physical features, leaving evidence of their presence in the natural environment, where they still remain a powerful spiritual force for Indigenous Australians.

The Dreaming is not just an integral part of the Indigenous history and culture of Western Australia's Golden Outback, it's also an important source of information for day-to-day survival.

Dreaming stories map out the location of water, places to gather food, campsites and significant landscape features, while also linking distant

40,000 years old.

### Conservation

Historic Indigenous sites are valuable resources.

Please help preserve these places for future generations. Avoid touching or stepping on the area, leave no rubbish behind and do not mark the site in any way.

### Indigenous art today

Indigenous art galleries and art centres throughout the region showcase the work of local traditional and contemporary Indigenous artists. In some places, you can even watch the artists at work.

### Authentic Indigenous tours

You can explore the Indigenous history and culture of Western Australia's Golden Outback by joining one of the many authentic Indigenous experiences or visit [www.waitoc.com](http://www.waitoc.com) for more details.

### Gold rush history

The Western Australian gold rush began with the first discovery of gold in the late 1890s.

News of the gold spread as fast as the region's wildfires and soon gold prospectors were arriving to seek their fortune and set up gold rush towns in the dusty landscapes of the Kalgoorlie, Goldfields and Murchison regions.

They came slowly at first, but as the finds grew so too did the population. Lonely clusters of tents and rough

bough sheds were soon transformed into booming Western Australian gold rush towns.

Grand hotels lined the main streets and bustling town centres soon boasted butchers, bakers, schools and churches.

And with the completion of the Golden Pipeline, this arid region was given a constant supply of fresh water.

Many of the original townships remain and though the populations are not as huge, the character buildings and museums provide a fascinating glimpse into the wild and colourful spirit of the gold rush era.

Take a journey of discovery, starting at Hannans North Tourist Mine in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and visiting some of the region's many museums.

Try your luck at gold prospecting and fossicking in the Goldfields. Or follow the Golden Quest Discovery Trail, leading you through the gold rush towns of Coolgardie, Laverton and Gwalia.

### Agricultural history

The agricultural history of the region begins

in the late 1800s with fascinating stories of colourful characters who ventured bravely into the remote plains.

It was these hardy folk who laid the foundations for the agricultural and pastoral industries that still remain strong today.

These early pioneers drove mobs of cattle and sheep through the vast and often waterless countryside.

Along the way, they carved out the original outback highways which now form the region's roads, tracks and trails.

And as more people arrived in the region, settlements transformed into small townships,

with donkeys, camels, bullocks and horses adding to the hustle and bustle of these early regional hubs.

You can experience the harsh rural life these early pastoralists endured by visiting the historical sites, heritage trails and museums throughout the region. The Wheatbelt is particularly rich in historical towns and artefacts, with rusting ploughs, old tractors and traditional farming equipment standing as testimony to the early agricultural history.

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## Discover the Golden Outback's flora and fauna



Lizard on East Mount Barren, Golden Outback © Tourism WA

THE ANIMAL and plant life of Western Australia's Golden Outback is incredibly diverse.

In the national parks, reserves and woodlands people can encounter everything from the iconic kangaroo to tiny, endangered marsupials.

Crossing the vast outback plains there are birds and lizards thriving in harsh desert conditions.

Throughout the region, spectacular wildflowers bloom from July to November.

Meet the friendly resident kangaroos of Lucky Bay, near Esperance, or watch the sea lions and dolphins at play in the waters around the Recherche Archipelago.

Discover the fish species of the southern reefs, and in late winter and spring, see humpback whales on their annual migration along the coast.

On the sweeping red plains in the north of the region, you'll find small, versatile marsupials that have adapted perfectly to the dry outback environment.

It's not unusual to see emus, kangaroos, wallabies, possums, dingoes and galahs roaming the wide-open spaces of the outback.

And people who are passing through the Wheatbelt region, pay a visit to Barna Mia Animal Sanctuary near Narogin, where they'll find some of the rare and unusual native marsupials, including the bilby, boodie and woylie.

Explore the depths of the Dryandra Woodland in the Wheatbelt region – a tranquil sanctuary for some of the most endangered and unique wild animals of the outback.

In contrast, the farm stays of the Wheatbelt region offer a very different animal experience. Here, people can pet and cuddle cute farmyard animals and learn about rural life on a working farm.

The Goldfields and Gascoyne-Murchison regions are famous for their profusion of birds and unique species of reptile.

Be sure to look to the skies while travelling through the Northern Goldfields for a glimpse of the majestic wedge-tailed eagle.

Tiny zebra finches flock in clouds of colour.

At dawn and dusk, the bush is alive with the chitter-chatter of budgerigars, the raucous calls of galahs and the coo of doves.

To help preserve these pristine environments for future generations, follow the principles of Leave no Trace.

For further information about where to spot kangaroos and encounter the wild animals of Western Australia's Golden Outback, visit [www.dryandra-tourism.org.au](http://www.dryandra-tourism.org.au) or [www.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au)

For more information about the region visit [www.australiasthegoldenoutback.com](http://www.australiasthegoldenoutback.com)

## No trip to Kalgoorlie is complete without a visit to Hannans North Tourist Mine



Gold panning demonstration at Hannans North Tourist Mine © Tourism WA

TAKE your time to explore at Hannans North Tourist Mine. Discover the secrets of gold rush history and modern day mining in the Goldfields.

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people can find their fortune panning for gold, and try a hand at the legendary game of two-up. Walk through original buildings relocated from mine sites along the Golden Mile,

including an historical dynamite room and the Parlinga gold room which was in use from 1920. The Daisy Mae engine room is home to beautiful early 1900s engines which are still in working condition. The prospectors campsite lets visitors see how miners of the 1890s lived and worked and gives people an idea of how tough life was in the early Goldfields.

Get up close and personal to four headframes, including the Morty headframe originally erected in 1890. Go inside a replica of the National Australia Bank's 1934 Southern Cross branch to see an original De Grave bullion balance used to weigh gold

in the early 1900s. Hannans North also allows visitors to experience modern day mining as they climb aboard a giant 793C haul truck, stand in the shovel of a 994F loader, and go inside a modern underground refuge chamber where up to twelve people can survive for seventy-two hours.

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## Perth Seniors Travel Club



From left; Ryan Newman, Anne Williams and Geoff Mead

WELL a month has gone by and Perth Travel Club are really thrilled with the response. The facebook page has "likes" reaching more than 500. It is very gratifying and thank you to the people who found the time to let them

know that they are on the "right track".

New schedules are in the planning and they have chosen a fairly wide range of trips so people can have the choice of day trips, extended trips, over east trips and overseas trips. Trips being the ultimate word.

The future schedule is well underway and if people call them they will be happy to arrange to send out a current copy with booking forms to plan well ahead.

Perth Seniors Travel Club is about to undertake visits to seniors clubs to inform people "first hand" of how they operate and offer a caring environment for people to come touring. If any club or group would like a "guest speaker" Anne will visit and give a personal insight and a "Travel Light" presentation so guests can learn how to really pack light.

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## Sailing on the enchanting *Enchantment of the Seas*



Left - The Enchantment of the Seas Right - The beautiful dining room

by Chris Frame

WHEN Royal Caribbean International's (RCI) *Enchantment of the Seas* entered service in 1996 she was, at 74,000 gross tons, one of the largest ships in the fleet. Considered small when compared to RCI's current holder of the largest title – the massive 225,000 gross ton *Allure of the Seas* – the smaller and more intimate *Enchantment* is an ever-popular vessel among travellers planning a cruise as part of a holiday in the United States of America.

The ship underwent a dramatic transformation in 2005 where she was lengthened and fully refurbished. This process saw the ship cut in two, and a new 22m long central section added to the ship. Today she weighs in at over 82,900 gross tons making her bigger than the QE2.

Aside from additional cabins, this new section provided improved facilities for passengers to enjoy. Facilities include an expanded pool deck (which is actually more like a water park), extra bars, lounges and an expanded casino.

The interior of the ship has been decorated in a clean and modern style.

Cabins of all categories are large and spacious. As expected, all include a private and well-appointed ensuite bathroom and there are a wide variety of room types to choose from. Cabin designs start from inside (no window) rooms, through to large suites with private balconies. 24 hour room service is available.

The ship's many public rooms were all upgraded in 2005 and have been refreshed periodically since then. The main dining room, named 'My Fair

Lady', is a dramatic statement of ocean liner dining rooms of days gone by. Double height; the room is accessed via a large grand staircase. Diners on the lower level sit below a giant chandelier, and passengers could be forgiven for thinking they were on the great passenger ships of old. After dinner, the waiters serenade the guests with a selection from the classics, followed by applause and cheering from the guests.

RCI know how to cater, and the Windjammer Café on Deck Nine is a perfect example of this. It's the ship's impressive buffet restaurant. With amazing views over the bow (and sides) of the ship, the restaurant has a seemingly endless supply of food. The design of the buffet makes choosing your meal easy and quick. In a matter of minutes you can – if you

want – have multiple courses on your tray and be at your table to enjoy.

Evening entertainment aboard this ship is impressive.

The Orpheum Theatre is the ship's main show lounge. Spanning multiple decks at the forward end of the vessel, this impressive room has excellent seating, great sight lines and good sound. A specially designed program of production shows allow for excellent entertainment throughout the cruise, while comedy acts, singers and musicians also perform here.

At the opposite end of the ship, the Spotlight Lounge provides a subtler atmosphere. After dinner drinks, dancing and cocktail parties are featured here, while views astern make this an interesting place to visit during daylight hours.

High atop the ship, on

deck eleven, is a hallmark of the RCI fleet, the 'Viking Crown Lounge'. Named for the company logo, the lounge is featured aboard each RCI ship and offers panoramic views over the decks below, as well as the ocean.

Aboard *Enchantment*, the room acts as a quiet lounge by day, and the nightclub by night, and is very popular for people wishing to dance the night away.

There is a range of other activities aboard for you to enjoy.

These vary from rock climbing and bungee trampolines to more subdued pastimes such as art auctions and bingo. However in true RCI style, even the bingo is super-exciting, with the grand prize often being an upgrade to the prestigious 'Royal Suite' for the duration of the cruise! Well worth playing for and on our voyage the winner was a lady travelling in the smallest inside cabin aboard. She was overjoyed.

Age groups aboard *Enchantment of the Seas* vary. On our voyage, the youngest was around two years old while the oldest was an RCI regular, celebrating his 70th cruise aboard RCI ships at age 90.

With something for everyone, this is an enchanting ship, and will appeal to those wishing to experience a fun, active and entertaining voyage.

## Stay a while at Wickepin



© Jane Vlahov

THE SHIRE of Wickepin has wildflowers, big skies, lakes, the home of Albert Facey, great roads and backroads.

The roads are RV friendly and the shire has three caravan parks with dump points.

They also have sheep and gnomes and (just quietly, really cheap fuel).

The picturesque shire includes the historic towns of Wickepin, Yealering, Harrismith and Tincurrin. Lake Toolibin falls within its boundaries.

Wildflowers including orchids, verticordias, grevilleas and banksias are to be found throughout the shire. Orchids include the white spider, red beaked, pink fairy, cowslips, donkey and green spider orchids.

Orchid hotspots can be found in Harrismith, Malyalling, Yealering and Wickepin Cemetery. Harrismith has a defined bush path enabling you to discover the sometimes hidden flora and fauna and boasts a wide range of orchids and verticordias. Early and plentiful rains this year have enthusiasts out walking the trails and paths already.

Albert Facey's homestead is situated along the main road in Wickepin. *A Fortunate Life* his autobiography, is a much-loved and widely read story tracking the once-simple but oh-so-hard farming life in the Wheatbelt in the early 1920s. The homestead is open to visitors with barbecue area and playground alongside.

Yealering nestles against Lake Yealering and has a diverse range of birdlife. Barbecue facilities and playgrounds are situated lakeside with wildflowers around the lake and town.

Wickepin is a small but immaculate town with an impressive collection of historic buildings along well defined walk trails. The WWI War Memorial is worth a visit alone. The biannual art prize on again with a flurry of activities planned for the weekend of the 14 to 16 October.

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