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NEWSLETTER

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The Australian Cruise Association (ACA)

Has announced that it will hold its
Annual Conference and AGM
in
Broome,
September 12th-14th, 2018.

The Conference and AGM will be held at Cable Beach Resort and Spa.

Participants will include leading national and international cruise executives, as well as representatives from the supply side of the cruise sector.

Tourism WA is continuing to fund Cruise Guide Training at all WA Ports
(Lead Trainer: Cherie Toovey, President, Tour Guides WA)
Albany is the next location – scheduled for 14th, 15th and 22nd October.

Cruising is one of the largest growth industries/tourism products in the world. Passenger numbers continue to increase, with high expectations and demand not only for quality product and service on board, but also quality shore excursions.

Dates for your Diary

Facet Conference

9-11 October

Theme: Celebrating our Parks

Location: Government House

(Programme details and registration forms are available on the FACET website
(facet.asn.au))

PERTH HERITAGE DAYS 2017

14-15 OCTOBER

Margaret River Gourmet Escape

(festival of food, produce and wine)

16-19 November

Pair your Gourmet Escape with a tour of the Southern Forests region
(Valley of the Giants, Dryandra Woodland, climbing trees in Pemberton)

or

whale watching, exploring ancient caves and stunning beaches

Australian Tourism Export Council (ATEC)

Annual Meeting Place

PERTH

20-22 November

Crown Perth and Hyatt Regency

To bring a focus on Western Australia as a new hub
for visitors from Asia and Europe

2017 Global Eco Asia-Pacific Conference

Ecotourism - Transforming Urban and Regional Tourism
Features 35 National and International Speakers

27-29 November

The Sanctuary

Adelaide Zoo Conference Centre

Who's Who in Tourism?

Steve Wood

Director General

Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Saskia Doherty

Executive Director, Events

Tourism WA

Christopher (Chris) Pye

President,

Tourism Council WA

WA Regional Tourism Conference

The first Regional Tourism Conference was held in Albany, 11-13 September with a capacity audience of 200.

Co-hosted by:

Tourism Council WA,
Eco-Tourism,
Australia's South West
Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Council.

FACET,
Caravan Industry Association WA,
Visitor Centres WA,

The Conference was opened by the WA Tourism Minister, Hon Paul Papalia MLA

Presentations included a wide range of topics, eg engaging locals, regional air fares, access to the China market (including direct flights to WA), new markets (eg India), liquor licensing reforms and Aboriginal tourism opportunities

(see the cover of the WAITOC brochure on P4 for more information.)

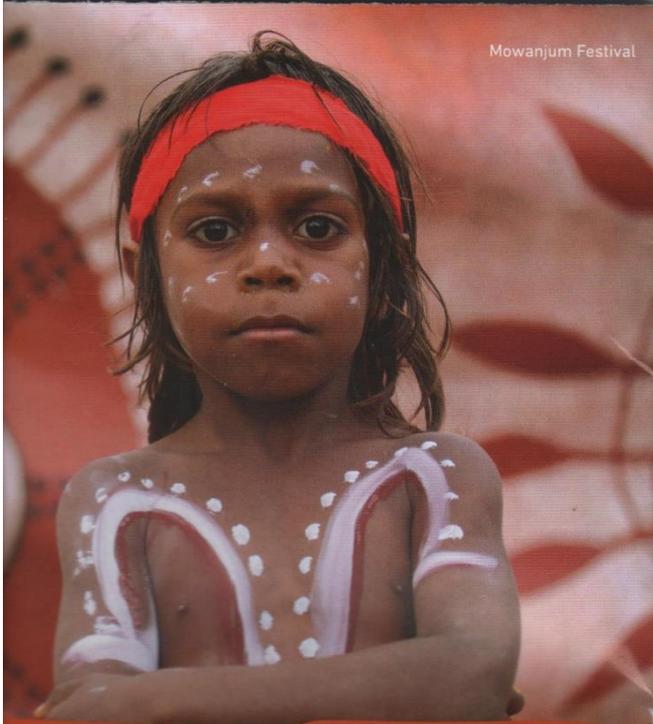
Secretary (Ellen Bradley) represented TGWA at the Conference and also participated in the "Tour and Learn" opportunity on Day 3 - which included Whale World, Anzac Memorial and Busy Blue Bus company.

Perth Stadium

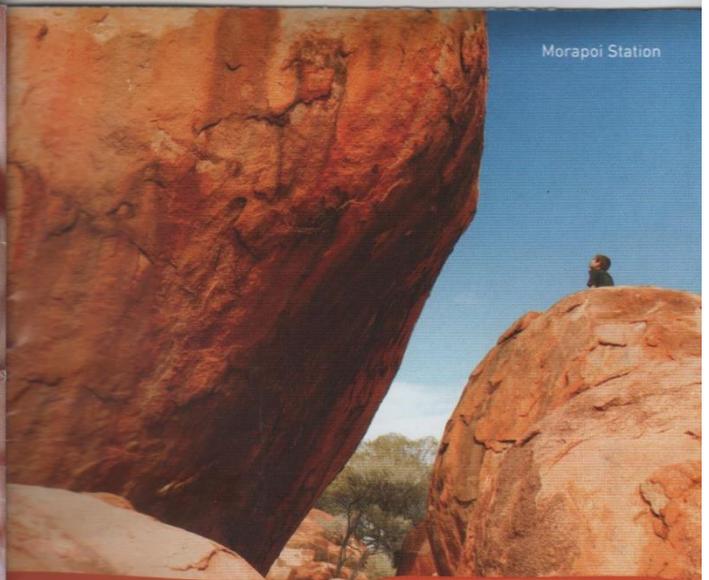
Opening 1 January 2018 – 60,000 seats

New Museum

Opening 2020



Mowanjum Festival



Morapoi Station

TOURING MAP OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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AQUA
Aquarium of Western Australia
Wale Watching

Did you know that Western Australia has its own unique population of humpback whales?.

There are an estimated 30,000 to 45,000 humpbacks in WA waters.

Every year they migrate to our northern most waters to breed and nurse, then migrate back to Antarctica to feed.

They are the 5th largest whale in the world and can reach 15 metres in length and weigh around 40 tonnes.

AQWA offers Ocean Guide hosted whale watching tours which operate out of Hillarys Boat Harbour, through Marmion Marine Park, in search of dolphins and seals - as well as whales.

GLOBAL GYPSIES

are offering

Tour Guide Training

1^s to 3rd December 2017

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Australian Tourism Export Council
(ATEC)

Major new Chinese Tour Guide Training Project

Aimed at increasing the number of bilingual tour guides and improving the quality of service for Chinese visitors to Australia.

ATEC has partnered with TAFE NSW to develop the course that will form part of the Certificate IV in Guiding - including core and industry-defined content - with graduates receiving a Statement of Attainment.

Tour Guides WA have already made contact with the ATEC Representative in WA, (Margaret Wilson) and with North Metropolitan TAFE - drawing attention to similar training provided by NMTAFE several years ago (trainer Cherie Toovey, President TGWA).

The pilot programme will be reviewed by the ATEC Steering Committee after it has been delivered in NSW.

TGWA hope to make contact with appropriate ATEC representatives in Perth at their Annual Meeting Place, 20-22 November - (the first time held in WA).

EXPLORE WA

HISTORIC COUNTRY TOWNS

MERREDIN

the largest regional town in the Central Eastern Wheatbelt
(half-way to Kalgoorlie)

3 hrs drive, or train journey (Prospector), from Perth,
(if you are over a certain age, and a resident of WA, you may be eligible for a free
trip voucher on the Prospector!)

Merredin was established in 1888 as a result of the gold rush, and **became a major rail centre after construction of the Perth to Kalgoorlie railway.**

There is a **Railway Museum** a short walk across the railway line.

As well as producing over 40% of the wheat grown in Western Australian, the community has embraced technology with the establishment of **one of the biggest windfarms in Australia** (111 turbines) which is **soon to be partnered by a \$160 million solar farm.**

The Visitor Centre is easily accessible. It is located just off the highway in the centre of town with plenty of parking space, and a short walk from the train station if you arrive by train.

There are attractive and easy to read **information panels outside the Visitor Centre** as well as knowledgeable and helpful staff who can provide information about what there is to see and do in Merredin - including the **Sunday Markets**, a **variety of accommodation and dining options** and an **Aboriginal tour** (bookings essential).

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the natural environment of wildflowers and granite rocks by following the well signed **Nature Walk.**

The **Military Museum** (near the train station) displays machinery, weapons and uniforms from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Two WW2 hangars house WA's largest collection of restored military vehicles and equipment.

The **nearby small town of Nungarin** was a depot for army personnel from 1944 to 1960, and also **has an Army Museum, and Heritage Machinery museum.**

CUMMINS THEATRE

Beautifully restored and Classified by the National Trust

One of the oldest buildings in Merredin – construction began in the late 1920s.

James Hurtle Cummins was a prominent builder of many hotels and owner of breweries. He purchased the Tivoli Theatre in Coolgardie, dismantled it (all timber) and sent it by train to Merredin.

The Department of Public Works would not allow the use of timber, so Cummins demolished the brick buildings he had bought in Coolgardie, transported the bricks to Merredin, and constructed the new theatre, which continues to offer a variety of entertainment for locals and visitors.

Features of the theatre include the pressed tin metal ceiling, proscenium arch of the stage, red tiered seating and the fly tower (made from imported Oregon wood).

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