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FROM GERALDTON TO KUNUNURRA

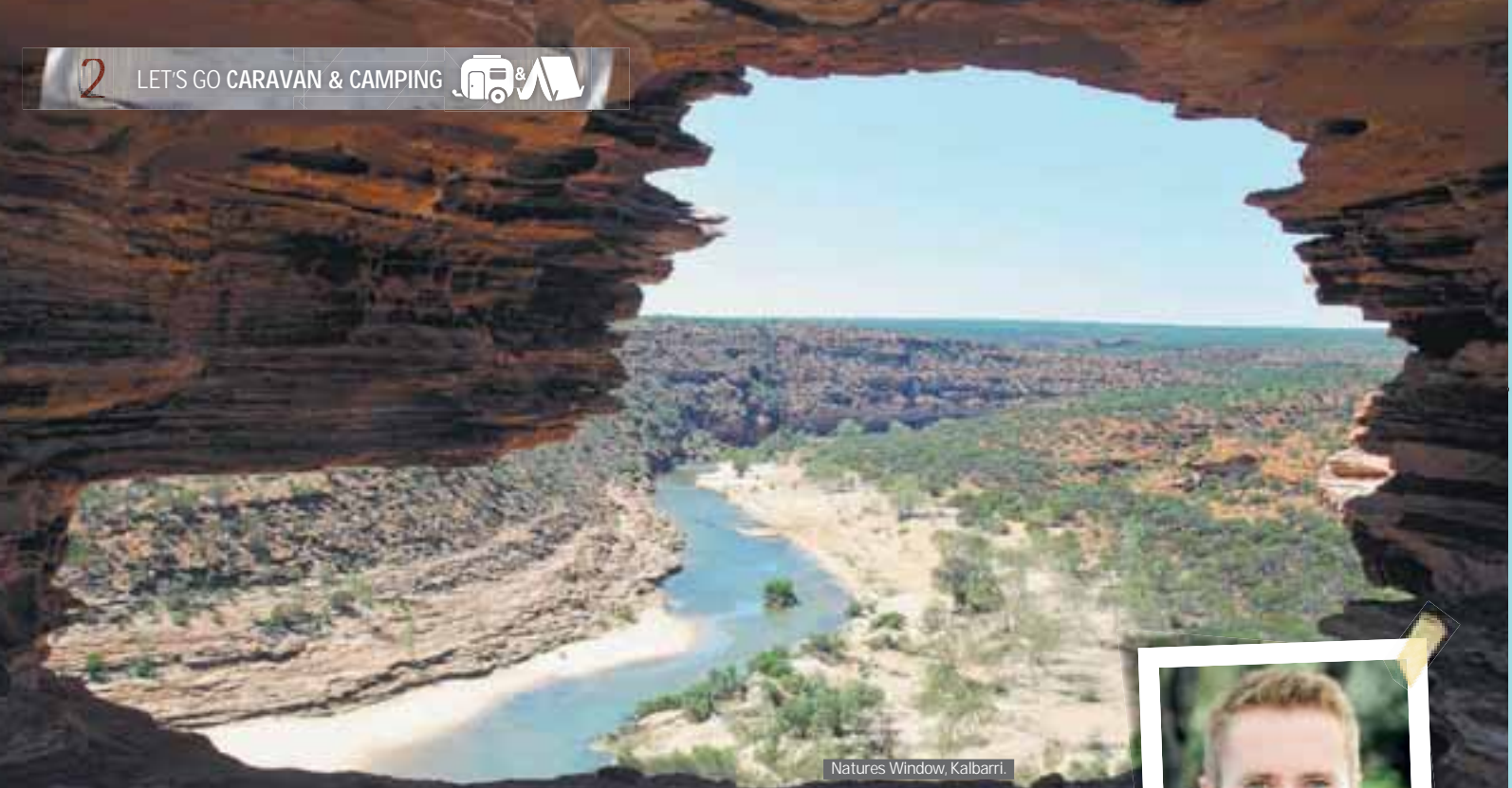
WA's iconic North is waiting

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Natures Window, Kalbarri.

For some great places to escape ... **HEAD NORTH**



Caravan and camping while exploring Western Australia is a great experience for families. With the Parks for People initiative in full-swing across the state, I encourage everyone to escape into the great outdoors to see new places as often as possible.

Camping means different things to different people and that's the beauty of a camping holiday – our parks and reserves welcome all types of visitors, including families, large groups, first-time campers or seasoned campers with their swags.

And you can forget about the clichéd image of the kids being cooped up in a caravan with nothing to do on a family holiday – there are so many low-cost activities at WA's national and marine parks that no one will complain about being bored.

Although the north of WA is a longer journey if you're based in Perth, it is definitely worth a visit. Here are my top places to visit between Geraldton and Kununurra.

➤ **Kalbarri National Park** surrounds the lower reaches of the Murchison River, which has cut a magnificent 80km gorge through the red and white banded sandstone to create formations such as Nature's Window. In 2013-

14, the \$7.7 million upgrade of Kalbarri National Park, mainly funded under the Royalties for Regions infrastructure and roads initiative, was completed. The upgrade included sealing 12km of Loop-Z Bend Road and the construction of new visitor facilities at the Loop and West Loop at the Murchison Gorge.

➤ **Monkey Mia** in the **Shark Bay World Heritage** area attracts people from all over the world to stand within metres of wild bottlenose dolphins that visit the shores each morning. You can also explore Shell Beach, which is made of trillions of tiny cockle shells piled up to 10m deep.

➤ **Ningaloo Reef** in the **Ningaloo Coast World Heritage** area is one of the few places on the planet where people can swim with the world's largest fish, the whale shark. Here visitors can also camp beachside along the crystal clear waters of Ningaloo Reef in **Cape Range National Park**. In 2012-13, the redevelopment of **Kurrajong Campground** in **Cape Range National Park**, was completed, and includes 22 new camp sites, a new gravel road, lookout points, a shelter and toilets. An additional 19 camp sites were developed in other areas of the park.

➤ **Karijini National Park** is home to some of the oldest rock formations in the world, dating back two and a half billion years. The park features a labyrinth of gorges. Emerald pools stand in stark contrast to the rust-red and deep purple of the rocks and the landscape. In 2013-14, the \$1.82 million redevelopment of Hamersley Gorge day-use area in the park was completed with contributions from Rio Tinto. The upgrades included improved road access, new signage, and construction of a shade shelter and toilet.

➤ **The Bungle Bungle Ranges** in the World Heritage-listed **Purnululu National Park** was 350 million years in the making and is the most outstanding example of beehive-shaped karst sandstone in the world. The plunging gorges change colour as the sun moves across the sky, from brown to red, orange to gold.

Visit www.parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au and check availability and book accommodation up to six months in advance at a number of camp sites around WA.

ALBERT JACOB
Minister for Environment

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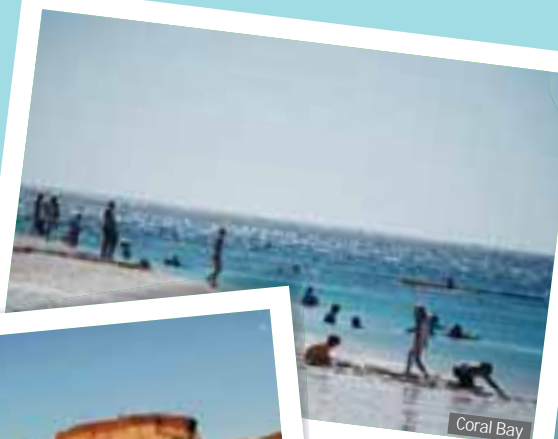
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Coral Bay



The beach at Goombaragin on the Dampier Peninsula. Picture: Tourism Western Australia



Fern Pool in Dales Gorge, Karijini National Park. Picture: Tourism Western Australia

'Head north' they say!

WHAT BETTER TIME TO DO SO THAN NOW

For those that haven't ventured north in our great state yet because it seems so far away and too big to cover, use this guide to start planning. Bite off small chunks and spend a few holidays seeing it.

We are pleased to once again bring you a comprehensive guide to Caravanning and Camping in the North-West and as many ideas and tips as we could cram in to help you get the most out of your trip.

In this magazine we are bringing the North-West a little closer to those in Perth, starting at Geraldton. And by "we" that means a partnership with the creator of this publication, The Sunday Times, the not-for-profit industry organisation responsible for promoting caravan and camping in Western Australia, Caravan Industry Association WA and funding from the State Government's Royalties for Regions program via the Department of Regional Development and Tourism WA.

Inside this edition of Let's Go Caravan & Camping, there are stories on destinations in the North-West, what National Parks have had improvements carried out on them and where to camp in caravan parks or National Parks.

There are helpful hints on what to carry with you, what to do if you are bogged, first aid tips and just some general travel safe information.

The top end of Australia's Coral Coast calls out to visitors at this time of year, with warm sunny days and hours of sunlight. There are places to go snorkelling from the beach, like Turquoise Bay or Coral Bay, great fishing spots like Exmouth and Carnarvon and plenty of non-water activities as well.

Heading into the more remote North-West, the Pilbara and Karijini National Park is a highlight, as is the Dampier Peninsula, Gibb River Road and Purnululu National Park.

Check out page 41 for your chance to win a superb PMX Camper Trailer & Camping Package valued at over \$11,000.

So please enjoy this magazine. We hope that it motivates you to take that trip to one of the world's last great wilderness experiences, which is right here in your own back yard.

SIMON GLOSSOP

CEO CARAVAN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION WA

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SHARK BAY
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GERALDTON
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Nothing like a sky full of stars

KIM HAMES Minister for Tourism

A self-drive holiday is one of the best ways to experience the extraordinary beauty that Western Australia has to offer, whether you're behind the wheel of an RV, towing a caravan or pitching a tent.

Camping literally lets you learn about your state from the ground up.

You can't beat the relaxation of being away from the traffic, noise and bustle, and the thrill of looking up at an inky, big night sky with the stars almost on top of you.

And let's face it, camping and caravanning is part of the experience, though close friends and some members of my family beg to differ.

A group of us – family and friends – went on a self-drive trip to Leonora prospecting.

I borrowed a camper trailer and we set ourselves up for a long weekend.

We invited some indigenous friends who were familiar with the location and opportunities for gold prospecting.

We didn't find a lot, but between my daughter and I, we dug up a dozen nuggets each, worth about \$20 apiece. The big one always eluded us, but collectively we found an array of other artefacts, including old-fashioned nails, rusted metal fragments, studs from shirts or jeans, and quite a few lead bullets and shotgun pellets.

Back at the campsite, we each picked a dish to make and coal-cooked damper, potatoes wrapped

in foil, and camp-oven jam tart were among the selections.

I cooked my wife's favourite – lamb shank stew – and my friend and colleague Melinda cooked an apple crumble that was fantastic, considering she didn't measure anything.

For me, there's nothing better than coming back to the campsite, relaxing with family and friends, with the smell of food cooking and the canopy of stars overhead.

Food somehow tastes even better when it's prepared on an open fire, plus it keeps away the mosquitos.

There's a certain peace of mind for me every time I go camping and see a stunning sunrise or a sun setting over the places you've just explored.

I encourage everyone to head out and discover our state from the ground up, right up to those stars.



Kim Hames preparing his stew.

Kim's Classic Shank Stew

Feeds: 10

Cooking time: 2 hours

INGREDIENTS

6 trimmed lamb shanks (about 1.8kg)

Salt and pepper to taste

2 tablespoons plain flour

2 tablespoons of olive or vegetable oil

1 large brown onion, roughly chopped

1 clove of garlic, crushed

2 medium carrots, peeled and roughly chopped

2 celery stalks, roughly chopped

¼ cup tomato paste or 1 cup passata/tomato sauce

400g can crushed tomatoes

½ cup red wine

2 cups beef stock

1 teaspoon of dry rosemary or 1 sprig of fresh rosemary

1 teaspoon of sugar or 1 tablespoon of any jam handy (optional)

➤ Combine flour, salt and pepper in a large zip-lock bag and add lamb shanks, one at a time. Shake the bag until the shanks are evenly coated with the seasoned flour. Set aside.

➤ Meanwhile, heat half the oil in the base of a large camp oven and season liberally with salt and pepper. Add seasoned shanks and brown them, in batches if necessary. Transfer to a plate.

➤ Add remaining oil to the camp oven and gently cook onions, carrot and celery until slightly softened, then add garlic and stir for one minute. Stir in tomato paste, tomatoes, wine, stock and sugar if using.

➤ Return lamb shanks to the camp oven and cover with lid. If cooking on a fire, ensure you shovel plenty of coals over the top and edges of the lid. Cook lamb on a gentle, continuous heat for about 2 hours. The meat should be falling off the bone when done. Serve with potatoes, dumplings or something equally good at mopping up the juices.

When to go...

AUSTRALIA'S CORAL COAST

Western Australia's Coral Coast, which includes the 835km of coastline from Geraldton to Exmouth, enjoys a warm climate all year round.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES (C) AND RAINFALL (MM) FOR THE CORAL COAST

	Dec-Feb	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov
Geraldton	32 [22.1]	28 [109.2]	20 [253.2]	25 [60.7]
Kalbarri	33 [16.7]	29 [89.0]	22 [196.5]	26 [45.7]
Denham	31 [25.0]	29 [65.8]	23 [115.6]	26 [16.9]
Carnarvon	31 [32.5]	29 [69.0]	23 [117.6]	26 [10.4]
Exmouth	37 [80.0]	33 [99.6]	25 [75.7]	32 [5.5]

*Stats taken from Learmonth Airport – 37km from Exmouth

AUSTRALIA'S NORTH WEST

The weather and climate in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of Australia's North-West vary dramatically. Temperatures range from under 5C to over 40C and the weather pattern creates two very distinct seasons, each offering vastly different holiday experiences.

SUMMER SEASON: NOVEMBER TO APRIL

There are fewer crowds, the days can be hot and the nights balmy. Known as the wet season, the rain usually falls in heavy, short downpours in the late afternoon and evenings. Expect great lightning shows, spectacular sunsets, thundering waterfalls and plenty of wildlife.

Although many tours operate year-round, some attractions cannot be accessed due to road closures and local flooding.

WINTER SEASON: MAY TO OCTOBER

The winter is the most popular time to visit Australia's North-West. Daytime temperatures range from 20C to 30C. On the coast, nights are cool with fresh breezes, while inland the wind off the desert can see temperatures plummet to near freezing.

AVERAGE MAX-MIN TEMPERATURES (C) AND RAINFALL (MM) FOR AUSTRALIA'S NORTH-WEST

	Dec-Feb	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov
Port Hedland	26-35 [134.4]	22-33 [137.6]	14-27 [49.4]	20-32 [5.7]
Karratha	26-36 [138.6]	22-33 [94.0]	14-27 [53.2]	20-33 [3.3]
Broome	26-33 [377.7]	22-33 [151.4]	15-29 [30.2]	22-33 [15.2]
Kununurra	25-37 [514.9]	21-34 [167.4]	16-32 [5.3]	23-38 [99.2]

WARNINGS

➤ **BLUE ALERT** – A cyclone has formed and may affect the area within 48 hours, precautions should be taken.

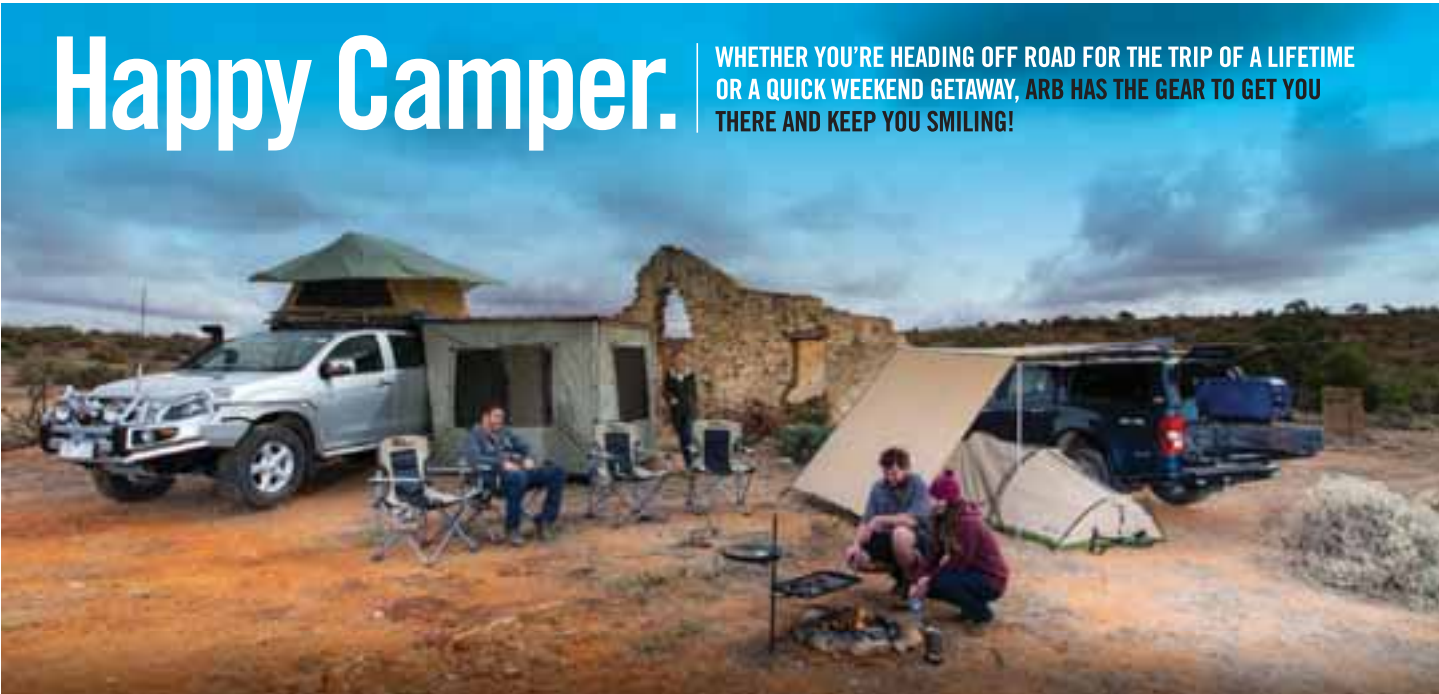
➤ **YELLOW ALERT** – The cyclone is moving closer and is likely to affect the area within 12 hours, residents should take action.


➤ **RED ALERT** – A cyclone is imminent. Destructive winds are likely to occur soon, go immediately to adequate shelter.

📻 **Cyclone warnings are broadcast on local radio stations, or telephone 1300 659 210.**

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Camping at the Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort.

WHEN YOU TRAVEL NORTH, ADD THESE CARAVAN PARKS TO YOUR MUST VISIT ITINERARY.

1 SUNSET BEACH CARAVAN PARK (GERALDTON)

Located on the beachfront, which makes it popular with anglers and windsurfers. Features of this Big4 Holiday Park include enclosed camp kitchen, wireless internet, games and TV room and a kiosk. There is also a shopping centre 400m down the road.

[Acc: powered sites, standard cabins, motel units, ensuite chalets, one-bed chalet, two-bed chalet]
www.sunsetbeachpark.com.au

2 HORROCKS BEACH CARAVAN PARK (HORROCKS, 73KM NORTH OF GERALDTON)

Between Geraldton and Kalbarri with everything you need within walking distance. Perfect for fishing and swimming and getting away from everyday life. There is plenty to do, including golf (nine holes), tennis and lawn bowls.

[Acc: caravan and camping sites, onsite vans, park cabins]
www.horrocksbeachcaravanpark.com.au

3 MONKEY MIA DOLPHIN RESORT (MONKEY MIA)

In the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. The dolphin experience is a big attraction, but there is much more on offer. Part of the Aspen Group, the park features a camp kitchen, Wi-Fi, the Monkey Bar, Boughshed Restaurant, a swimming pool (and hot tub), tennis court and chess board.

[Acc: caravan and camping bays, dorms, shared ensuite rooms and the Dolphin Resort, including family studio rooms, beach/garden view rooms, family garden view rooms and superior beach view rooms] www.monkeymia.com.au and www.aspenparks.com.au/parks/monkey-mia-dolphin-resort

4 WINTERSUN CARAVAN PARK (CARNARVON)

A big drawcard for this park is that it can cater for those traveling with pets. The family owned and run park has a bowling green, swimming pool, wireless internet, a camp kitchen and playground. The recreation room allows for a schedule of bingo, bootscooting, craft classes, sausage sizzles, dancing, concerts and cards.

[Acc: caravan and camping sites, non-ensuite accommodation, ensuite chalets – studio, family and two-bedroom]
www.wintersuncaravanpark.com.au/

5 PEOPLES PARK (CORAL BAY)

Directly opposite the beautiful Coral Bay and the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef. The ocean-front sites book out early. The park has plenty of barbecue options, a large camp kitchen (with fridge and microwave) and a shop and restaurant onsite.

[Acc: caravan and camping sites, one and two-bed cabins, villas and a luxury penthouse apartment] <http://peoplesparkcoralbay.com.au>

6 KARIJINI ECO RETREAT (KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK)

In pristine bushland at Joffre Gorge, this park provides eco-friendly glamping and has an



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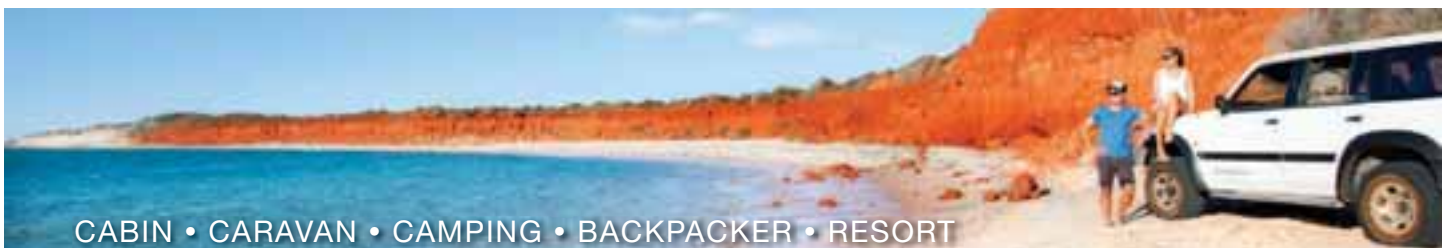


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outback-style alfresco licensed restaurant and kiosk. Owned by the local Gumala Aboriginal Corporation.

(Acc: unpowered campsites, deluxe eco tents with ensuite, unpowered dorm style eco tents and a dorm eco cabin) www.karjiniecoretreat.com.au

7 COOKE POINT HOLIDAY PARK (PORT HEDLAND)

Located in a peninsula where the Indian Ocean meets Pretty Pool Inlet. There is a swimming pool, campers' kitchen, playground and airconditioned recreation room, with TV, pool table and table tennis.

(Acc: camping site and powered sites, bunk-house, studio cabin, motel unit, four and six-bed holiday units, deluxe studio and bungalows)
www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/wa/north-west/cooke-point-holiday-park

8 EIGHTY MILE BEACH CARAVAN PARK (PORT HEDLAND)

Perfect stopover enroute from Port Hedland to Broome. Has two campers' kitchens and is 50m from the beach. Excellent high-tide fishing with threadfin salmon, blue nose salmon and mullet often running. No fuel or alcohol available, but the mini mart is well stocked between April and October.

(Acc: caravan sites, two-bed self-contained cabins) www.eightymilebeach.com.au

9 FITZROY RIVER LODGE CARAVAN PARK (FITZROY CROSSING)

Located 400km east of Broome, this little gem features a swimming pool, tennis court, camp kitchen, caravan storage and a conference room. The lounge bar has a 65-inch TV screen and the Riverside Restaurant prides itself on a unique dining experience.

(Acc: powered and unpowered camping and van areas, safari tent, motel rooms, riverview studio room and 2 x 2 family unit. Fitzroy River Lodge doesn't take bookings for the camp ground)
www.fitzroyriverlodge.com.au

10 KIMBERLEYLAND HOLIDAY PARK (KUNUNURRA)

Located on Lake Kununurra, with views of the Sleeping Buddha (or Elephant Rock, or Carlton Ridge). Has two camp kitchens, complete with TV and microwave, a saltwater pool and playground, and canoes for hire.

(Acc: powered and unpowered camp sites and waterfront cabin accommodation)
www.kimberleyland.com.au



The guest kitchen at the Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort.



Campsites at Cooke Point Holiday Park.

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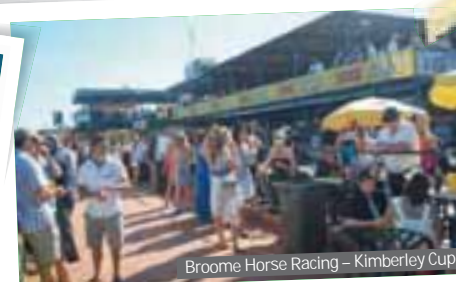
If the amazing scenery and breathtaking landscapes aren't enough to get you into the state's north, then one of these quality events might.



Cable Beach Polo



Ningaloo whaleshark festival



Broome Horse Racing – Kimberley Cup

ARGYLE DIAMONDS ORD VALLEY MUSTER

📅 15–26 May, Kununurra

www.ordvalleymuster.com.au

Events include (but not limited to): Argyle Diamond Mine Tour; Muster Rodeo; Moon Fair – inc. Diamond Dig & Kimberley Kids in the Kitchen; Gibb River Challenge; Melbourne International Comedy Festival; Muster Idol; Durack Homestead Dinner; Waringarri Corroboree; Kimberley Moon Experience (The Living End, Dan Sultan, The Whitlams, Megan Washington); Picnic in the Park – Fireworks.

ROCKIN THE BRIDGE

📅 16–17 May, Willare (150km east of Broome)

www.willarebridgeroadhouse.com.au

Free camping, full bar; no BYO; no high heels. Line-up includes 42 Decibel, Abandon, Pinstripe, Mondamo, Wingman.

GIBB RIVER MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE

📅 17–21 May, Derby to Kununurra

www.thegibbchallenge.com.au

Form a team of 2-6 riders and raise at least \$1000 each then join the celebration of fat tyre fellowship along the Kimberley super-highway of the Gibb River Road. Overnight camping at Imintji Community, Mount Elizabeth Station, Ellenbrae Station, Home Valley Station before two nights of rest and exploration at El Questro.

NINGALOO WHALESHARK FESTIVAL

📅 21–24 May, Exmouth

www.ningaloowhalesharkfestival.com

The final event in the Gascoyne in May series of festivals. The festival celebrates the annual migration of the whale shark, its conservation and the tourism industry it supports.

CABLE BEACH POLO

📅 30–31 May, Cable Beach, Broome

www.cablebeachpolo.com.au

Australia's only beach polo tournament happens once a year. It is a sporting spectacular which attracts leading polo players, tourists, media and celebrities.

EXPERIENCE THE ESSENCE OF ARDI

📅 30–30 May, Lombadina Community,

Cape Leveque Road

www.lombadina.com

Live music, local cuisine and cultural events. A showcase of the culture and communities of the Dampier Peninsula – northeast of Broome. Sample the best of coast, country and culture.

ADVX RIDE

📅 31 May–13 Jun, Denham

www.advridermag.com.au

Australia's biggest adventure bike ride from Steep Point to Byron Bay in NSW.

ORD RIVER MARATHON

📅 06–07 Jun, Kununurra

<http://ordriverpaddle.com.au>

The 2015 program will include a registration dinner, transport to Lake Argyle; breakfast at Lake Argyle; finisher's dinner and transport back to Kununurra

KUNUNURRA AGRICULTURAL SHOW

📅 10–11 Jul, Kununurra

www.kas.org.au

BROOME HORSE RACING – WOODSIDE CUP

📅 24–24 Jul, Broome

www.broometurfclub.com.au/racing-calendar

BROOME HORSE RACING – KIMBERLEY CUP

📅 01–01 Aug, Broome

www.broometurfclub.com.au/

Join in the excitement of watching horses tear up the dust in the \$40,000 Kimberley Cup.

BROOME MARATHON FESTIVAL

📅 09 Aug, Cable Beach, Broome

www.broomemarathon.com.au

Attempt the 42.2km marathon course, from Cable Beach to Coconut Wells; 19.6km soul run, or the 11.3km Matso's Dash.

BROOME HORSE RACING – LADIES DAY

📅 11 Aug, Broome

www.broometurfclub.com.au

Be a part of one of the highlights of Broome's social calendar and join the sea of colourful dresses on Ladies Day. The Broome Turf Club comes alive with exciting racing and a bevy of entertainment.

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL 2015

📅 28 Aug–06 Sep, Broome

www.shinjumatsuri.com.au

LAKE ARGYLE ADVENTURE RACE

📅 04–06 Sep, Lake Argyle, East Kimberley

www.lakeargyleadventure.com.au

Swim, run, mountain bike and paddle adventure in the Remote East Kimberley. Set in the awe inspiring Carr Boyd Range on the banks of Lake Argyle in the remote East Kimberley, the race incorporates a 3km swim, 29km paddle, 40km mountain bike and 10km run.

ORD RIVER DAM TO DAM DINGHY DASH & RIVER RALLY

📅 12 Sep, Kununurra

www.kimberleyexposure.com.au/ord-river-adrenalin-rush/

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People travel thousands of kilometres to visit Australia's North-West and experience traditional **Aboriginal culture** through a variety of tourism offerings.



With a history spanning tens of thousands of years, Aboriginal people are one of the most ancient living cultures in the world and now travellers are making the most of the chance to experience that culture up close and personal.

As a growing sector of the tourism industry, Aboriginal tourism is recognised on a State and National level as one of the key experiences that overseas visitors, as well as the domestic market, want to learn about.

The West Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Council (WAITOC) describes Aboriginal tourism as a unique industry, encouraging Aboriginal people to participate at a real and meaningful level while still maintaining and valuing their cultural heritage.

WAITOC represents more than 80 Aboriginal tourism operators and in excess of 125 experiences, ranging from traditional dance and dreamtime stories to contemporary history, bush tours and art.

The following list includes a number of tourism operators in WA's north that can cater for the Aboriginal tourism demand.

Kooljaman at Cape Leveque
www.kooljaman.com.au

Shark Bay Coastal Tours
www.sharkbaycoastaltours.com.au

Uptuyu Aboriginal Adventures
www.uptuyu.com.au

Wula Guda Nyinda Aboriginal Eco Adventures
www.wulaguda.com.au

Barraddict Sportfishing Charters
www.barraddictsportfishing.com.au

Bundy's Cultural Tours
www.bundysculturaltours.com.au

Brian Lee Hunter's Creek Tagalong Tour
www.brianleetagalong.com.au

APT Kimberley Wilderness Adventure
www.kimberleywilderness.com.au

Kimberley Dreamtime Adventure Tours www.kimberleydreamtimeadventures.com.au

Darngku Heritage Cruises
www.darngku.com.au

Eco Beach Broome
www.ecobeach.com.au

Fitzroy River Lodge
www.fitzroyriverlodge.com.au

Goombaragin Eco Retreat
www.goombaragin.com.au

Home Valley Station
www.hvstation.com.au

Karijini Eco Retreat
www.karijiniecoretreat.com.au

Lombadina Aboriginal Corporation www.lombadina.com

Wundargoodie Aboriginal Safaris www.wundargoodie.com.au

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN BOOKING ON TO AN ABORIGINAL TOUR:

1 English is often the second, third or fourth language spoken and it is sometimes advisable to use an interpreter. Otherwise older people may feel uncomfortable or perceived as unintelligent and inarticulate.

2 In some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures there were once strict rules about eye contact, so you may find some

people still follow this practice. Not making eye contact or lowering the eyes is often used to show respect to older people or persons in authority.

3 Using the hand to point can sometimes be seen as being disrespectful.

4 Body contact including friendly touching, jostling or touching the upper torso and arm when greeting people is sometimes used when people become familiar with each other. Often an introductory greeting can be non-verbal, with a nod of the head. After several meetings a handshake will extend to include a thumb and wrist grasp.

5 If you are going to record any part of your interaction by photograph, recording or taking notes, ask first if this is appropriate. Advise the purpose of the recordings and what it will be used for. Be specific. If you later decide to use the photos, notes or recordings for any other purpose, contact the person concerned to secure their permission.

6 It is not appropriate to reproduce stories or traditional knowledge without permission, be it verbally or otherwise. Establish with the business and community whether photography and/or exposing sacred images and objects is appropriate. The reproduction of secret/sacred images may be a transgression of indigenous laws. Secret/sacred refers to information that, under customary laws, is made available only to the initiated or information that can only be seen by either men or women or particular people within the culture.

On Page 46, Darren 'Capes' Capewell explains more about Aboriginal tourism and his own offering – Wula Guda Nyinda.



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EXPLORE THE CORAL COAST

GERALDTON **TO** EXMOUTH

Eight days is the fastest that you would want to complete this journey. Any quicker and you're sure to miss out on something spectacular.

DAY 1

➤ GERALDTON TO KALBARRI – 152KM

Head off early, so you have the whole day to begin exploring Kalbarri. Spend the morning exploring the spectacular Kalbarri National Park by hiking, canoeing, abseiling, quad biking or just enjoying the spectacular views from lookout points. Sites such as Z Bend and The Loop (Nature's Window) are particularly breathtaking. In town, enjoy a refreshing swim at Chinaman's Beach, indulge in some retail and spa therapy, or join an exhilarating jet boat, quad biking or sandboarding tour. Keen anglers can join a fishing charter in search of the big five, or drop a line in off the rocks.

DAY 2

➤ KALBARRI TO SHARK BAY – 380KM

Head to the foreshore at 8.45am to watch local rangers feed a fishy breakfast to the pelicans. Then travel north to the Shark Bay World Heritage Area – home of the Monkey Mia dolphins. Follow the interpretive signage along the Shark Bay World Heritage Drive to discover the remarkable Hamelin Pool stromatolites – the oldest living fossils in the world – and the calm and crystal waters of Shell Beach – a 120km stretch of beach made entirely of millions of tiny shells. Stop at Eagle Bluff for spectacular ocean views along a 100m walkway, where reef sharks, dugongs and rays are regularly spotted.

DAY 3

➤ SHARK BAY AND SURROUNDS

For some rugged adventure, join a day tour to nearby Dirk Hartog Island or François Peron National Park. Keen fisherman can try their hand at catching a prized fish off the surrounding beaches or join a fishing charter. Drive out to Peron Homestead, to explore the remarkable history of Shark Bay and Australia's Coral Coast and take a revitalising dip in the hot tub, fed with natural artesian water. In the afternoon, head across to Monkey Mia and enjoy a relaxing catamaran cruise. After dinner, join an astronomy or Indigenous cultural tour.

DAY 4

➤ SHARK BAY TO CARNARVON – 334KM

Continue north to Carnarvon, a popular holiday spot for those chasing the sun in winter. Explore and sample the abundant fresh produce along the Gascoyne Food Trail. Take an evening stroll along The Fascine (Carnarvon's central waterway), taking in the magnificent sunset views.

DAY 5

➤ CARNARVON TO CORAL BAY – 240KM

As you head north out of Carnarvon, be sure to stop at the Blowholes, where the sea water sprays up to 20m into the air. Travel north to Coral Bay. Here, the main beach is a snorkeller's para-

dise with calm, protected waters and hundreds of fish and coral species just metres from the shore. To explore further out, take a glass-bottom boat trip or join a snorkelling tour.

DAY 6

➤ CORAL BAY

Stay another day in Coral Bay for more swimming and snorkelling or throw in a line for some beach fishing. Join a fishing charter, scuba diving trip, manta ray swim or a whale shark tour (between March and July annually). When it's time to dry off hire a quad bike for some rugged adventure or just relax on the beach.

DAY 7

➤ CORAL BAY TO EXMOUTH – 152KM

Travel north to Exmouth where the pristine Ningaloo Reef is located just metres from the shore in some places. Take a swim in the afternoon, or join a glass bottom boat tour to see the amazing coral gardens beneath the water. Marine enthusiasts may choose to join a night dive or explore the amazing underwater gardens of the Navy Pier.

DAY 8

➤ EXMOUTH

Take a boat cruise or spend the day snorkelling on the reef. From mid-March to mid-July you



FAMILY FUN

10 FAMILY-FRIENDLY THINGS TO DO BETWEEN GERALDTON AND EXMOUTH.

- 1** The Water Playground on the Geraldton Foreshore.
- 2** Feed the Pelicans on the Kalbarri foreshore – daily at 8.45am.
- 3** Sandboarding Kalbarri – Visit www.sandboardingaustralia.com.au.
- 4** Interacting with the Monkey Mia Dolphins.
- 5** Riding the Coffee Pot Train along Carnarvon's One Mile Jetty.
- 6** Picnic in the bush alongside Rocky Pool, a fresh water pool in one of few places along the Gascoyne River which holds water long after the river ceases to flow.
- 7** Check out the blowholes, located 75km north of Carnarvon all by bitumen road.
- 8** Exploring the Coral Reef at Coral Bay on a semi-submersible boat.
- 9** Drift snorkelling at Turquoise Bay, Ningaloo Reef Exmouth.
- 10** Either swim with the whale sharks (seasonal) or get a close look in the Ningaloo Ecology Cruises Exmouth Glass Bottom Boat.

Kalbarri National Park

Coral fish – come right to shore at Coral Bay for a daily feed.

Stromatolites at Hamelin Pool.
Picture: Tourism Western Australia

Blowholes, north of Carnarvon.
Picture: Tourism Western Australia

can swim with the world's largest fish, the whale shark. Surfers can catch a wave at Dunes Beach and also at 'The Bomb'. Nearby, the ruggedly beautiful Cape Range National Park features deep canyons, limestone ranges and spectacular gorges. Before heading back to Exmouth, pick up some fresh prawns from the factory (in season), and watch an unforgettable sunset from Vlamingh Head Lighthouse on the west side of the cape.

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CAMPSITES IN NATIONAL PARKS

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With more than 250 campgrounds in national parks and reserves across Western Australia, The Department of Parks and Wildlife is one of the largest providers of camping in the State.

These parks cater for all types of travelers, including those with caravans, motorhomes, campervans and camper trailers. More than 60 per cent of those campgrounds cater for caravans and camper trailers.

There are no fees attached to half of the campgrounds that are located in national parks.

Where campground fees do apply, the cost can be as little as \$11.00 – \$13.20 per night for two adults for those who hold a valid concession card.

When visiting national parks, look out for campgrounds hosts, who volunteer their time assisting visitors and carrying out a variety of park and visitor management roles.

To find out more about becoming a campground host: <http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/get-involved/volunteering-opportunities/100-campground-hosting>

Detailed information about campgrounds, including bookings (where available) and facilities is available on the ParkStay WA website <http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au/>. And visit the ExploreParks WA website <http://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/> for information about WA national parks and activities available.

Parks for People initiative

THE Department of Parks and Wildlife has been allocated \$21.05 million over four years through Royalties for Regions to implement the Parks for People Caravan and Camping initiative.

This forms part of the State Government's Western Australian Caravan and Camping Action Plan 2013-18, which represents a total investment of \$40.72 million over four years to implement key tourism recommendations of the Caravan and Camping Inquiry.

The initiative aims to get people outdoors to enjoy the State's spectacular national parks and reserves and will provide Western Australians and tourists with more affordable and high-quality holiday options.

It will deliver around 450 new camp and caravan sites in national parks, State forest and former pastoral lease areas across the State. A number of new and expanded campgrounds are being delivered in the State's north under the Parks for People Caravan and Camping initiative.

OSPREY CAMPGROUND CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK

➤ Osprey Bay campground is on the State's Coral Coast. It has camp sites suitable for campervans, caravans, camper trailers and tents and provides an excellent base for exploring the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage area. Four-wheel-drive vehicles and trailers can also access the beach just north of the site to launch small boats.

➤ A major redevelopment and redesign of Osprey campground to create two separate campground loops has recently been completed. It includes the development of a separate day use area and small boat/kayak launching area, pedestrian and bike path to Sandy Bay, new toilet facilities as



well as some formal sunset viewing platforms and shade shelters – including picnic tables. The redeveloped campground has a total of 45 camp sites to select from.

Visit <http://parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au/>

MILIYANHA CAMPGROUND MILLSTREAM CHICHESTER NATIONAL PARK

➤ Miliyanha campground is an oasis in the desert nestled within chocolate brown rocks, dotted with spinifex and snappy gums. The existing campground contains 15 camp sites in a bush setting adjacent to the Fortescue River with pit toilets and a camp kitchen with gas barbecue and hot water.

➤ The expansion of the campground will create a new camping loop with about 10 additional camp sites, including new toilets. Construction is expected to start next financial year.

BIG LAGOON CAMPGROUND FRANCOIS PERON NATIONAL PARK

➤ Big Lagoon is in a perfect location to access sites and activities in the park. Francois Peron National Park is known for its contrasting red cliffs, white beaches and blue waters, has a fascinating pastoral history, and offers a wilderness experience to four-wheel-drivers.

➤ A new campground will provide up to 20 camp sites, as well as upgraded road access, new toilets, and camp kitchen. The adjacent picnic area will also be upgraded with new access, a carpark and visitor information. Construction is expected to start in 2015-16.



Francois Peron National Park.
Picture: Greg Snell



Mitchell Plateau campsite,
Mitchell River National Park.
Picture: Tourism Western Australia

NEW KIMBERLEY NATIONAL PARK

MANY West Australians celebrated the State Government's announcement in March of the creation of the Kimberley National Park.

The reserve that stretches for 20,000sqkm north of Derby will feature both the Mitchell Plateau and the Mitchell Falls.

It took the termination of an agreement between Colin Barnett's Government, plus Rio Tinto and Alcoa for it to happen, but the gain for WA's tourism industry is much greater than any royalties from the sales of minerals may have been.

The termination of the Alumina Refinery (Mitchell Plateau) Agreement 1971 will allow for more than 175,000ha of land on the Mitchell Plateau to be included in the proposed Kimberley National Park, which would extend over more than two million hectares and be surrounded on its coastal boundary by new marine parks.

Kimberley National Park will become the largest national park in the country.

The State Government said that it will also continue to work with the traditional owners in the area, the Dambimangari, Wunambal-Gaambera and Wilinggin, to create and jointly manage the proposed Kimberley National Park.

Camping facilities already exist at Mitchell Falls. It's a large campground, with separate generator and non-generator areas.

You will have access to water (which you should treat before drinking) and a fire pit, but it is advisable to take your own portable gas or fuel stove. There are no showers, but you can swim (without soap please).

You do need a 4WD to get there and some caravans/campervans are permitted. A ranger is based at the campgrounds from May to October. (Fees apply for camping)

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EXMOUTH TO BROOME

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Spectacular views at Millstream, Chichester National Park. Picture: Barrie Russell

DAY 1

➤ EXMOUTH TO TOM PRICE – 633KM

Hopefully you have spent some quality time in Exmouth, the gateway to the world-class Ningaloo Marine Park. Now, head for Tom Price on your way to Karijini National Park. For panoramic views of Tom Price township and the Hamersley Ranges, take a four-wheel-drive or walk to the top of Jurn-damurneh (Mt Nameless).

DAY 2

➤ TOM PRICE TO KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK – 67KM

Stop at the National Park Visitor Centre before exploring the park's beautiful natural features, including Dales Gorge, Fern Pool, Circular Pool, Fortescue Falls, Kalamina Gorge, Joffre Falls, Hancock Gorge, Oxer Lookout and Hamersley Gorge.

DAY 3

➤ KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK

You won't get all of the places listed above into one day, but you will regret it if you take off

without seeing them. Not for nothing is it ranked in the top five visitor experiences in WA.

DAY 4

➤ KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK TO MILLSTREAM CHICHESTER NATIONAL PARK – 220KM

Take the unsealed road to remote Millstream Chichester National Park. Pay fees and pick up information at the National Park Visitor Centre, walk to Jirndawurrunha Pool and watch the sunset from the Cliff Lookout.

DAY 5

➤ MILLSTREAM CHICHESTER NATIONAL PARK TO DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO AND BURRUP PENINSULA – 110KM

Follow the sealed Millstream Link road to Karratha. Join a boat cruise around the Dampier Archipelago, visit Deep Gorge to view petroglyphs (indigenous rock art) on the Burrup Peninsula or take an Iron Ore Port tour of the Cape Lambert or Dampier facilities. Call in at the North West Shelf Venture Visitor Centre. The more adventurous can parachute from Wickham over the Dampier Archipelago.

DAY 6

➤ DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO AND BURRUP PENINSULA TO POINT SAMSON – 76KM

Drive to the historic coastal towns of Roebourne, Cossack and Point Samson. See the indigenous art groups at work in Roebourne. Explore the historic settlement of Cossack, take a boat cruise to Jarman Island lighthouse and enjoy fresh seafood at Point Samson.

DAY 7

➤ POINT SAMSON TO PORT HEDLAND – 220KM

Along the way, stop for lunch at Whim Creek. On arrival in Port Hedland, enjoy a refreshing swim at Pretty Pool. Join a Port Hedland Town Tour and view the huge facilities at BHP Billiton Nelson Point port.

DAY 8

➤ PORT HEDLAND TO EIGHTY MILE BEACH – 250KM

Stop on the way to take a look at beautiful Cape Keraudren. Relax and enjoy sunset drinks on the amazing Eighty Mile Beach and perhaps, if the season is right, see the turtles nesting.

DAY 9

➤ EIGHTY MILE BEACH TO BROOME – 360KM

Your final stop is the cosmopolitan coastal resort of Broome. Relax on the world-famous white sands of Cable Beach. Take a sunset camel ride, explore the glittering diamond and pearl showrooms of Chinatown and soak up Broome's great atmosphere in one of its many restaurants and bars, to celebrate the end of your Warlu Way adventure.

Fern Fern Pool waterfall, in Karijini National Park. Picture: Tourism Western Australia



Why settle for five stars when you can book a **WHOLE GALAXY**

In a natural bush setting at Joffre Gorge, in the heart of the Karijini National Park, the multi-award-winning Karijini Eco Retreat offers a choice of camping or 'glamping' – a glorious fusion of camping and comfort.

The Savannah Campground's 82 campsites are available for tents, campervans and caravans.

There are shared bathroom amenities, with flushing toilets and solar hot water showers, and four covered bush kitchens with gas barbecues, sinks, preparation areas and seating.

Guests can also opt for deluxe eco tents, complete with hotel-quality bedding and en-suite bathrooms. Tucked up in your king-size bed with luxurious linen, you'll be lulled by the chirping of frogs, crickets and 'sounds of the outback' through canvas.

Each tent has a timber deck where you can sit and take in the sunset. The retreat also has dorm-style eco tents and cabins.

DINING UNDER THE STARS

All guests are welcome at the fully-licensed bar and outback-style restaurant, which offers outdoor dining and a uniquely Australian menu, with local ingredients and genuine outback hospitality.

Continental and cooked break-

fasts are available daily, along with lunches and packed picnics to take to the gorges.

Coffee, tea, snacks, drinks and ice for food coolers are available at the kiosk.

JOFFRE GORGE

The walk trail into the gorge starts at the Retreat. The red cliff faces of Joffre Gorge are home to the grand Joffre Falls, where white water cascades over a steep stairway of ledges (3 hours return).

The neighbouring gorges: Dales, Hancock, Kalamina, Red and Weano and the gorgeous bathing spots at Fortesque Falls, Fern Pool and Circular Pool are all within easy driving distance of the Karijini Eco Retreat which is owned by the Gumala Aboriginal Corporation. The area is important to its traditional owners, the Banyjima, Innawonga and Nyiyaparli people. Evidence of their occupation dates back more than 30,000 years.

Traditionally, the people conducted fire-stick farming practices, which have helped shape the unique nature of the flora and fauna found in the park.

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Joffre Falls lookout, in Karijini National Park. Picture: Tourism Western Australia



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DAY 1

➤ BROOME TO FITZROY CROSSING - 396KM

The best time to tackle this journey is between May and October.

Take the Great North Eastern Hwy (Route 1) east of Broome, for the 4 1/2-hour journey across the Roeback Plains to Fitzroy Crossing.

Here, in one of the oldest occupied locations in Australia, you'll discover a major centre of indigenous art and culture, as well as world-class river fishing on one of the largest rivers on Earth (when in flood).

DAY 2

➤ FITZROY CROSSING TO GEIKIE GORGE - 40KM (RETURN)

Just 20km north-east of Fitzroy Crossing lies Geikie Gorge National Park.

Join the local Bunuba people for an insightful river cruise and cultural tour, exploring the 30m deep gorge, fossilised ancient lifeforms and native wildlife, including freshwater crocodiles.

DAY 3

➤ FITZROY CROSSING TO MIMBI CAVES AND HALLS CREEK - 289KM

There are as many as 20 significant cultural sites surrounding the historic town of Fitzroy Crossing, including the Gooniyandi rock art of Mimbi Caves.

Pre-book an indigenous tour and take the 90-minute drive east to this labyrinth of caves, where the guide will reveal its cultural significance and stories.

DAY 4

➤ HALLS CREEK TO WOLFE CREEK CRATER - 302KM (RETURN)

From Halls Creek, you can opt to take the unsealed road south to Wolfe Creek Crater National Park.

Measuring 880m across, it's the second largest meteorite crater in the world.

You'll need a full day for this detour and a 4WD is recommended.

DAY 5

➤ HALLS CREEK TO PURNULULU - 212KM (ONE WAY) OR TAKE A SCENIC FLIGHT

Aboard the scenic flight to Wolfe Creek Crater, you'll also be whisked north to get an eagle's eye view of one of the most curious ranges on Earth – the Bungle Bungle Range in World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park.

If you prefer to stay at ground level, there are a number of day and extended 4WD tours from Halls Creek that will show you the cavernous Cathedral Gorge and other highlights of this 350 million-year-old marvel.

For self-drivers, the park entrance is a 160km drive from Halls Creek,

with the remaining 52km on unsealed road so a 4WD is recommended.

Camping facilities are available inside and outside of the park, as well as glamping options.

DAY 6

➤ PURNULULU TO KUNUNURRA - 252KM OR HALLS CREEK TO KUNUNURRA - 360KM

Break the last stretch of your journey with a visit to the Gija Visitor Centre in Warmun, which displays the traditional and contemporary art and craft of local Aboriginal artists.

On arriving in the east Kimberley hub of Kununurra, meaning "big water", you'll soon figure out how it earned its indigenous name when you take a cruise on the Ord River and Lake Argyle – the largest man-made lake in the southern hemisphere.

Stay a night or two in Kununurra to discover the region's abundant wildlife and some of the best river fishing in the North-West.

For a bigger outback adventure, make your way back to Broome via the legendary Gibb River Rd 4WD track.

Above: Spectacular Geikie Gorge and Fitzroy River. Picture: Tourism Western Australia

Important Travel Information

- Check road conditions before you depart each destination, as roads can be closed during the wet season (November to April).
- This route takes you through some isolated outback areas.
- Make sure you carry plenty of water, food and fuel supplies.
- Also note that LPG auto gas is not available in all regional areas.
- In the event of a breakdown, stay with your vehicle – it's easier to find than an individual.
- Wildlife and cattle can create road hazards, particularly around dawn and dusk.
- Take extra care when overtaking road trains (large trucks towing up to three trailers), they can be more than 50m long and 2.5m wide.

To find out more, or to see more self-drive itineraries visit www.westernaustralia.com



BROOME TO KUNUNURRA

The Gibb River Road

The **Gibb River Road** is one of Australia's classic outback drives – a **660km track** accessible only between **April to November**.

DAY 1**BROOME TO DERBY**

Derby is located on an ancient sand dune and is a popular stopover for visitors heading into the gorge country of the vast North-West. Ten kilometres from Derby on the Gibb River Road, call into Mowanjum Aboriginal Community to visit their amazing art centre built in the shape of the spirit of Wandjina.

DAY 2**DERBY TO WINDJANA GORGE NATIONAL PARK**

After departing Derby, the Kimberley's first town, spend the night at the Windjana Gorge campsite, within the stunning Windjana Gorge National Park. There should be time to take a trip out to explore the spectacular Tunnel Creek.

DAY 3**WINDJANA GORGE NATIONAL PARK TO MOUNT HART WILDERNESS LODGE**

Follow the road further into the Kimberley, stopping at Lennard Gorge for a swim on your way to Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge. Nestled within the King Leopold Conservation Park, learn the unique history of this property and enjoy accommodation at the homestead or in the campground on the river's edge.

DAY 4**MOUNT HART WILDERNESS LODGE TO BELL GORGE**

Spend a night camping at one of the campsites maintained by the Department of Conservation on the edge of Bell Creek. Enjoy a day

swimming and exploring one of the most spectacular waterfalls along the length of the Gibb River Road.

DAYS 5 & 6**BELL GORGE TO MORN-INGTON WILDERNESS CAMP**

Spend some time exploring Dimond Gorge and Sir John Gorge on the upper reaches of the Fitzroy River at Mornington Wilderness Camp. Stay in cabins or camp at the campground. Get up early for a walk with one of the staff from the Australian Wildlife Conservancy and see if you can spot the rare Gouldian finch.

DAY 7**MORNINGTON WILDERNESS CAMP TO MOUNT ELIZABETH STATION**

Stop for a dip at Galvan's Gorge, Manning Gorge or one of the many other stopping points on the way to Mount Elizabeth Station. Enjoy the hospitality of a pioneering family-owned station and explore the magnificent waterholes on the property. Look out for Aboriginal artworks on the rock walls surrounding the waterholes.

DAY 8**MOUNT ELIZABETH STATION TO DRYSDALE RIVER STATION**

Head for Drysdale River Station – the gateway to the Mitchell River National Park, Mitchell and Merten Falls, Surveyors Pool and the Mitchell and King Edward rivers, as well as many historical indigenous sites. Stay for two nights camping in the station grounds.

DAY 9**DRYSDALE RIVER STATION**

Take a morning charter flight over the coastal canyons of the Prince Regent River, circle the Mitchell Falls and fly along the dramatic Kimberley coastline. In the afternoon, explore the rainforests and open woodlands surrounding Drysdale River Station.

TRAVEL TIPS

- You need a 4WD to complete this itinerary
- Tell someone where you are going before you head off
- Make sure your car is well prepared for the trip
- Ensure you have plenty of water (recommended 9L per adult, per day) and food
- Take supplies to last you at least three days longer than you expect to be out for
- Do you have at least one spare tyre?
- Practise on unsealed roads before taking this journey

DAY 10**DRYSDALE RIVER STATION TO HOME VALLEY STATION**

Head towards Home Valley Station. An outback oasis nestled at the foot of the spectacular Cockburn Range, the station offers a wide range of guided tours, activities and accommodation options.

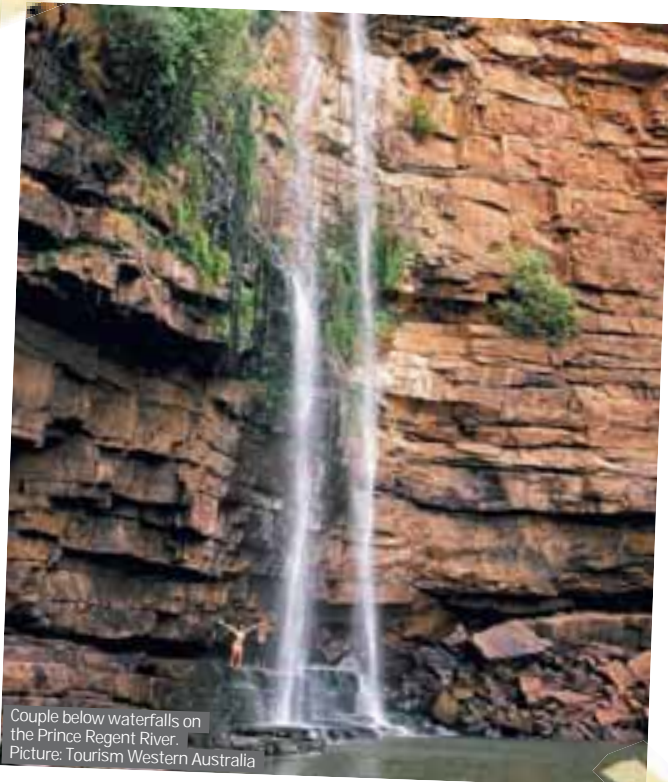
DAY 11-13**HOME VALLEY STATION TO EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK**

The journey to El Questro Wilderness Park takes you past the popular swimming spot at Durack River crossing, the Cockburn Ranges and the stunning Pentecost River.

Spend a few days exploring the park, visit the thermal ponds at Zebedee Springs or take a boat down the Chamberlain Gorge and try your luck at barramundi fishing.

DAY 14**EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK TO KUNUNURRA**

Arrive in Kununurra and enjoy the sites of this town, built in the 1960s on the banks of the Ord River to service the needs of the growing agriculture industry. Kununurra is the northern gateway to the Kimberley region. While in town, stay in one of the many caravan parks.



Couple below waterfalls on the Prince Regent River.
Picture: Tourism Western Australia

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Remote places to visit and stay **in the Kimberley**

If you really want to get away from it all, consider these locations:

MITCHELL RIVER NATIONAL PARK

The park contains amazing waterfalls, Aboriginal rock art and sites of cultural significance to the Wunambal people. No Kimberley adventure would be complete without a visit to the spectacular Mitchell Plateau, including a sightseeing adventure to Mitchell and Mertens falls and Surveyors Pool.

The park is only open in the dry season, usually April to mid-October and is accessible by 4WD vehicles only.

Caravans are not permitted due to road conditions, but off-road camper trailers are allowed.

MITCHELL FALLS CAMPGROUND

The campground has campsites with fire rings and wood provided for cooking. There are sealed vault pit toilets and water available from Mertens Creek.

Water (collected at a point upstream) should be boiled before use.

PRO TIP: Walk to the falls and arrange to take a chopper ride back to the campground to experience a stunning view of the falls.

LAWLEY RIVER NATIONAL PARK

The park is east of Mitchell River National Park and accessible via foot only, usually from the Mitchell Plateau Airstrip.

Anyone entering the park requires permission from the Wunambal Gaambera Aboriginal Corporation and the Department of Parks and Wildlife. The park has no facilities and no trails with the trip truly a Kimberley bush experience, recommended for experienced bush walkers.

DRYSDALE RIVER NATIONAL PARK

The large park, split down the middle by the Drysdale River, is east of the Kulumburu Gibb River Road.

There are no roads going into the

park and no facilities or trails in the park. Access to the park is via the Carson River Station and then by foot.

All people entering the park require permission from the Department of Parks and Wildlife, and the station owners to access Carson River Station.

PRINCE REGENT NATIONAL PARK

Found in one of the most pristine

areas of the Kimberley, this park has not had many visitors due to restricted access up until 2009.

It is only accessible via helicopter and requires permission from the Department of Parks and Wildlife to enter.

📌 All visitors planning to hike overnight in parks in the Kimberley must fill in a Remote Recreational Activities in the Kimberley Form. Call the Department of Parks and Wildlife's Kununurra office on 9168 4200 or Broome office on 9195 5500 for further information.



View of Mitchell River National Park. Picture: Tourism Western Australia

FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS

Charles Kingsford Smith **Mail Run**



Mt Augustus. Picture: Tourism Western Australia

The 800km Kingsford Smith Mail Run trail provides a real feel for WA's outback, with a smattering of history to make things more interesting.

In 1924, Charles Kingsford Smith once trundled along this very route on his mail run. It can be a lonely road, but the highlights are worth the trip. Here's a chance to follow one of his smaller trails.

DAY 1

➤ CARNARVON TO MT AUGUSTUS – 451KM

Leaving the port town of Carnarvon, start your Kingsford Smith Mail Run adventure by heading east through pastoral land to Gascoyne Junction, where huge sheep stations dot the landscape. Travel on to Mt Augustus, a massive monolith twice the size of Uluru. Arrive in time to watch the sun sink over the 1750 million-year-old Mt Augustus.

DAY 2

➤ MT AUGUSTUS TO MT GOULD – 100KM

Spend some time exploring the rock formations, caves and indigenous art scattered throughout the Mt Augustus area. As well as spring wildflowers and native wildlife viewing, this is also a popular spot for swimming, fishing and picnics. From here, head south to the Gascoyne River and Landor, famous for its races. Follow the current mail route via Mt Gould and the Mt Gould Lock Up.

DAY 3

➤ MT GOULD TO MEEKATHARRA – 160KM

Journey south through the vast, timeless outback to the gold mining town of Meekatharra. Take the Meeka Rangelands Discovery Walk Trail and explore rocky outcrops, view native wildlife and marvel at the displays of spring wildflowers.

NOTE: Parts of the track are only suitable for high clearance four-wheel-drive vehicles and should only be attempted by confident drivers. Supplies and services are limited and road conditions can vary, so plan ahead, stock up on food, water and fuel and contact the local visitor centre for up-to-date track information.

Before heading off into the remote desert areas of Australia, you will need to obtain permits, enabling you to travel through private and Aboriginal lands. Get more information about permits for Aboriginal lands or visit the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council. And to ensure you enjoy a safe and well-planned journey, be sure to take a look at road safety and important travel tips.



A diamond in the 'not so' rough



Birdseye view of the Lake Argyle Caravan Park

pebbly beach into the crystal clear water. Your hosts will prepare a sumptuous buffet, including the freshly caught local catch silver cobbler, straight from the barbecue.

ABOUT THE AREA

The closest town to Lake Argyle is Kununurra, the service centre for the East Kimberley.

Take the Victoria Highway east, then turn into the sealed Lake Argyle Road. The Resort and Caravan Park is located at the end of this road, just 1km from the Lake Argyle Dam.

www.lakeargyle.com

LAKE ARGYLE ADVENTURE RACE

Adventure seekers should look to visit Lake Argyle in September when the adventure race takes place.

SEPTEMBER 5-7

Swim [2km], run [9km], mountain bike [32km] and paddle [7km] in the remote East Kimberley in teams of two, three or four.

Friday: Mountain bike shoot out – a time trial format on the new Rotary Lake Argyle Trail.

Saturday: Team adventure race starting at Bamboo Cove, down from the Lake Argyle Resort and Caravan Park pool.

Saturday night: Dinner and the team presentation at the Lake Argyle Resort

Sunday: Solo adventure challenge [2km swim, 13km kayak, 6km off-trail run, 21km mountain bike ride].

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Covering more than 900sq km and surrounded by the rugged landscape of the mighty Carr Boyd Ranges, Lake Argyle is home to more than 270 bird species and an array of wildlife in a thriving ecosystem.

It's Australia's largest freshwater expanse with Lake Argyle Resort and Caravan Park nestled on a cliff top overlooking it.

The park is open all year-round and features various accommodation types and activity options. Accommodation ranges from shady powered and unpowered campsites, eco safari tents and standard studios to the stunning lake view villas.

The resort also boasts the famous infinity pool, a wet-edge pool and spa looking out over Bamboo Cove, with one of Australia's most stunning views.

Hopping on board the "Kimberley Durack" catamaran for a boat cruise on the Lake is considered a bucket list experience. You'll enjoy the informative commentary about the construction of the dam wall and the pioneering Durack family.

You'll also feed the fish and marvel at the wildlife, which includes many freshwater crocodiles.

The Kimberley Durack lunch cruise includes an island stopover, where you have a chance to walk around the island in search of the elusive wallaroo or rock wallaby or swim out from the

Infinity pool at the Lake Argyle Resort

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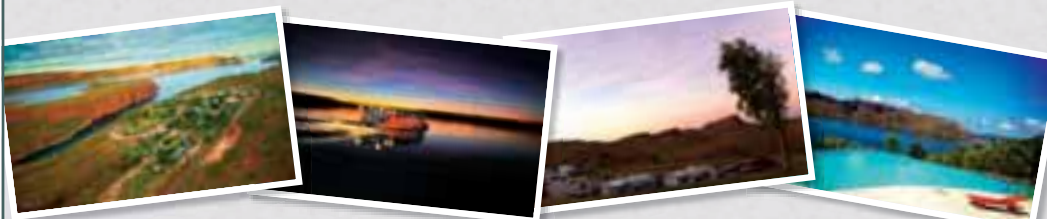
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Towing is **NO LONGER** secret men's business

Have you ever asked a female caravanner how she feels about towing and reversing?

If so, you might get a response like, "that's secret men's business", or "reversing means divorcing", or "we tried to learn together, but ended up with tyre levers at 20 paces".

Although there are thousands of highly skilled female caravanners out there who can handle their vans better than the men, many still shy away from learning towing skills.

They might want to learn how to handle their caravan or camper trailer, but either don't have the confidence, or don't know anyone who can give them objective, unemotional tuition that doesn't end in tears.

Fortunately, there's a happy solution.

With several professional and affordable towing training courses now available in Perth, women are lining up to learn.

One of WA's best towing and 4WD trainers, Jeremy Perks, of Global Gypsies, believes one of the reasons his company's courses are so popular with women is that instructors listen.

But our training isn't just designed for women," he says. "It's ideal for anyone who's a towing novice and wants to embark on the caravanning lifestyle.

"Our courses are personalised, one-on-one sessions. There are no big groups and no pressure to compete.

"We'll even go to the client's home if they're a bit nervous. We start the caravanning story at the beginning and then ratchet up the content if the

student's knowledge is more advanced. We talk about real-life situations they can relate to. We eliminate jargon and clearly explain the necessary terminology.

"There's no patronising attitude, no such thing as a silly question and plenty of time for explanation, discussion and hands-on practice."

Learning how to tow safely and correctly from an expert makes good sense. If there are two of you caravanning, both partners should have the necessary skills.

What happens if one of you gets sick or injured?

What happens if you are involved in an emergency and the other driver has to take over?

Novice caravanners can spend a fortune on a new rig, yet some are reluctant to spend a fraction of that on learning how to tow their investment properly. Smart 'newbies' take a towing course.

TOWING TALES

Statistics are hard to come by, but Jeremy believes that the factor responsible for most caravanning accidents is inexperience on the open road, particularly when hit by a strong cross-wind or when passing, being passed, or being approached by big trucks.

In these situations, inexperienced caravanners tend to over-react, which means the rig may start to sway or ends up on the shoulder of the road with its wheels on loose gravel.

Panic sets in and the driver overcorrects. The vehicle and rig go out of control and the caravan 'jack-knifes', or swings around 180-degrees until it is almost parallel with the vehicle and still moving.

This is a recipe for disaster, particularly at high speed, and it can happen in seconds.

Seeing such an incident a decade ago was the catalyst for Global Gypsies to introduce their towing training program.

Over the years, Jeremy has acquired a trailer-load of towing tales – some amusing, some troubling and others downright scary.

During one training session, a chatty, well-meaning husband kept interrupting the instructor and giving his wife his own instructions.

Jeremy kindly suggested that he cut the commentary, but when this proved impossible, the hubby good-naturedly agreed to put duct tape over his mouth until the session was over. It worked a treat and the couple now happily tow and reverse as a team, using hand signals.

Another student, with a van barely off the showroom floor, was so pleased with the results of his training that on the way home he was busy telling a friend about it on his hands-free phone. As he approached a corner, his attention wavered for a split second and he didn't allow a wide enough clearance for the rear of his van to take the bend. He promptly cleaned up a road sign and put a big gash along the side of his new caravan.

But the scariest incident was when a novice caravanner arrived for training with the caravan hitched incorrectly to the vehicle. The safety chains were not attached correctly and the 'cup' which is supposed to be locked in place over the towball had not been secured. This meant that the 'floating' tow ball was carrying the entire weight of the caravan by sheer balance and good luck. Had the driver hit a bump or stopped suddenly, the tow ball would have bounced out of the cup and the van would have either

smashed onto the road, continued travelling forward uncontrollably, veered onto the shoulder or swerved into oncoming traffic. At best, vehicle and caravan would have been severely damaged; at worst, this 'unconscious uncoupling' could have caused a serious crash, injury or death.

Towing is about knowing and novice caravanners owe it to themselves, their family and others on the road to learn how to tow safely and correctly.



One chatty husband good naturedly agreed to have his mouth taped over so he couldn't interrupt his wife's towing training session.

INFORMATION

The private, half-day Global Gypsies towing course costs \$385 a van/vehicle (one or two people) and can be arranged at times and venues to suit. For clients living near the CBD who are a little nervous about taking their new 'baby' out for the first time, the trainer will come to them. The company has also created a package combining a professionally-produced 90-minute towing training DVD called "Caravanning with Confidence" with a "Towing Checklists" booklet which costs \$34.95 including GST, postage and handling.

Contact Global Gypsies on 9341 6727, admin@globalgypsies.com.au or visit www.globalgypsies.com.au



A couple use only hand signals to reverse their caravan.

REVERSING IS A COMMON CONCERN

Jeremy says the most common concern for novices is reversing. There are a number of different techniques – the non-verbal, hand-signals-only version, which he teaches; the older-style 'left hand/right hand down' method, plus a range of individual systems travellers have created for themselves.

For some couples, there is also the "War of the Roses" technique, in which they have no particular system for reversing and always end up in an argument.



DON'T LET 'EM GET AWAY

PLENTY OF FISH IN **THE SEA**

AUSTRALIA'S North-West is an anglers' paradise. There really is something for everyone. For those who are serious about their fishing and want to try for that fish of a lifetime, then consider one of these options.

TAKE A CHARTER

Charters are a terrific option for those who don't get to head out deep-sea fishing very often. For starters, you get the use of a well-maintained boat, that is usually purpose-built.

And you get to use good-quality fishing gear that has been chosen because it's what you need to catch your target fish.

Good charter operators know what they are doing and know where and how to find quality fish.

If you do have your own boat and you want to head out and do some deep-sea fishing, then try around Exmouth and the stunning Ningaloo Reef.

You don't need to have a big boat to head out from here and you can target Spanish mackerel, spangled emperor and billfish, to name a few.

Most popular holiday destinations also have charter companies that are well worth contacting.

If you're in Kalbarri, look up Seasport Charters and in Coral Bay try Mahi Mahi III.

➤ **ABROLHOS ISLANDS:** One of the favourite destinations for WA anglers lies off the coast of Geraldton – 60km west of the Mid-West town – the Abrolhos Islands.

They consist of 122 islands clustered into three main groups – the Wallabi Group, Easter Group and Pelsaert Group. They extend from north to south across 100km of ocean.

The Abrolhos are the heart of WA's rock lobster industry and are also used by several other groups, including recreational fishers and divers.

There are important historical shipwrecks in Abrolhos waters dating back to the doomed Batavia in 1629, with the remnants of survivors' camps on the islands. There are several charter companies that operate in the area, such as Mills Charters and Shack Attack Charters. But, you need to get in early, as they fill up quickly each year.

➤ **MONTEBELLO ISLANDS:** The Montebellos consist of 265 islands and islets that are fringed by coral reefs. Once the location for nuclear testing, they are home to a rich array of marine life and this makes the Montes a dream destination for many anglers, as well as those who enjoy snorkeling and diving.

You can camp on some islands, but for no more than five nights and not during turtle-nesting season (October to April).

This requires a high level of self-sufficiency, but there are several charters that operate live-board trips to the Montebellos for most of the year.

There are a number of sanctuary zones at the Montes, and anglers need to be aware of their locations.

And don't forget to check other important information before you go, including bag limits and sizes.

TEACHING THE KIDS

The Exmouth Marina is a great place to introduce a novice junior angler to the sport.

There are usually plenty of fish about – including queenfish, bream, mangrove jack, cod and trevally.



Kim Hughes with a Pink Snapper

And don't be scared to go into one of the two local tackle shops, Bluewater Exmouth and Exmouth Tackle and Camping, and ask the staff behind the counter what set-up you should be using and what's biting.

These guys are locals and make it their business to know these things.

WHAT TO PACK

Not sure what to take with you? Start with these.

➤ 2.1-2.4m rod

➤ 7kg line

➤ 2500 size reel

➤ A handful of lures and hooks – varying sizes, depends on what you're chasing

➤ Bait – prawn and squid and mulies

NOTE: When you go into the local tackle shop, they'll be able to assist you with information on what size hooks and type of bait to use based on what has been biting.

SOME FAVOURITE SPOTS WITH THE ANGLERS

If you want to head out with the big boys and do some serious fishing from the shore, then Quobba and Steep Point – two very famous land-based fishing destinations – are the places to go.

Steep Point is at Shark Bay, while Quobba is north of Carnarvon.

You require specialist fishing tackle if you want to venture out to these two areas, but with the effort comes a rare opportunity to catch some prized game fish off the rocks.

Steep Point is the western most point of WA. If you are going here, you pretty much need to be self-sufficient.

Take your own accommodation – yep a tent – and make sure you carry plenty of fuel and water to get you through your intended stay – and a little bit longer to be on the safe side. You will need a 4WD as well.

There are accommodation options at Quobba Station and some popular spots are accessible with 2WD. From both destinations you are likely to encounter spanish mackerel, tuna, cobia and trevally.

You will need to call ahead and book at both venues.

SCOTT COGHLAN
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EDITOR WESTERN ANGLER



Steve Hart with an Exmouth Golden Trevally



Catching the iconic barramundi

Co catch a barra, you need to head north – anywhere from Onslow and up.

They like to hide out in rivers and creeks.

Wait until the bottom of the tide, when creeks empty out and bait fish are pushed into smaller areas.

You'll get barramundi in fresh and salt water.

If you're in the Kimberley, fish fresh water (away from the crocs).

Barra fishing in the Pilbara has improved significantly in the past decade and the rules on netting have changed, as have bag limits.

For bait, live mullet is best, but if you prefer to use a lure, then I'd recommend a Halco RMG Scorpion, on a 125 (length of the lure), or a Halco Hamma.

Barramundi like to put up a bit of a fight and they jump around a bit.

It really is one of our iconic fish.

They look good, taste good and they're a bit of fun to catch.

There is a state-wide maximum length of 80cm that must be strictly adhered to when catching barramundi. Anything bigger than that needs to go back.

If everyone sticks to that guideline, then barra fishing should get better and better.

When you're looking for the barra, you may also get a few cod, mangrove jack and queen fish as by-catch.

(Recreational fishing for barramundi is concentrated around key population centres in the Pilbara and Kimberley. Restocking of barramundi in areas where they've become severely depleted will provide more opportunities for recreational fishers. For example, there is a \$700,000 project to reintroduce barramundi into Lake Kununurra.)

Feeds: 🍴🍴🍴🍴🍴🍴

Prep time: ⌚ 5min

Cooking time: 🍳 15-20min

INGREDIENTS

1 largish portion of fish per person

4 tablespoons of melted Butter

Lemon Myrtle sprinkle

Cracked black pepper

Ground salt

1 30cm square sheet of foil per portion



➤ Place one portion of fish on each sheet of foil, spoon over melted butter, sprinkle on a little lemon myrtle and add a grinding each of salt and pepper.

➤ Fold foil to encase the fish and so no juices will escape, place parcels in an oven, on a hotplate or even a shallow sided fry pan on medium heat for 15 -20 minutes or until cooked through.

➤ Serve with salad and jacket potatoes for a delicious light meal perfect for a lovely summer evening.

➤ You can add a sprig of dill, a couple of thin slices of lemon or tomato, or other herbs of your choice to make this recipe your own. Enjoy

See Page 28 for another mouth-watering recipe by Jo Clews.

The minimum size when taking barramundi is 55cm. The maximum is 80cm and there is a bag limit of two for each fisher.)

Source: www.fish.wa.gov.au

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QUICK FACTS

The name barramundi is Aboriginal for "large, scaled silver fish".

Barramundi have been recorded up to 1.3m long and weighing nearly 40kg.

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Putting a damper on your holiday

Here's a simple damper recipe that will have everyone in your campsite drooling from the aroma and you family and friends wanting more. Damper is a dish closely associated with camp oven cooking and has been a staple for many outback travellers as an alternative to bread.

With few ingredients and no preparation time, it is possible to have a piping hot loaf of damper ready to have with your dinner – to soak up the gravy or to be smothered in butter and golden syrup for a simple, yet filling dessert.

The basic ingredients have not changed too much through the generations; it's just the other things that can be added that have changed the flavour and what was a very plain dish.

Some perfect partners for savoury damper are sundried tomatoes, chopped black olives, cheeses, salami, lightly cooked bacon and dried or fresh herbs.

This basic recipe is all you need to get you started on your own damper adventure.



JO CLEWS AUTHOR OF AUSTRALIAN CAMP OVEN COOKING

Feeds: 🍴🍴🍴🍴🍴🍴

Prep time: ⌚ **5min**

Cooking time: 🕒 **25-35min**

INGREDIENTS

2 cups self-raising flour,

2 tablespoons oil,

1 good pinch of salt,

Enough water to combine ingredients to form a soft, but not sticky dough

- Place flour and salt in a bowl, mix to combine.
- Make a well in the middle of the flour and pour in oil and a small amount of water.
- With a butter knife cut the ingredients together, add a little more water if needed until the dough has a firm consistency.
- Work the dough until ingredients are combined. Do not knead as it will become tough.
- Place the disc of dough on a baking tray that will comfortably fit inside a camp oven, caravan oven or home oven at a temperature of about 190C. Cook for 25-35 minutes or until the loaf sounds hollow when it's tapped and golden brown and crunchy on the outside.

From here it is up to you to decide what other ingredients you add to make the humble damper recipe your own family's favourite.

Check out Jo's Barramundi parcels with lemon myrtle sprinkle recipe on [Page 27](#).



It's child's play

JUNIOR RANGERS AT EL QUESTRO

Led by one of our El Questro Rangers, these fun, interactive sessions cover a range of topics the kids will love.

THERE is no reason why the kids can't enjoy the North-West as much as the adults, especially if you're heading to El Questro Wilderness Park in the Kimberley.

The park's new Junior Ranger program is a great way to introduce the kids to the outback.

Led by one of El Questro's experienced rangers, Junior Rangers offers interactive sessions covering a range of topics, including fishing, bird watching, bush tucker and bush survival, crocodile and snake safety, and learning about the region's flora, including the famous boab trees.

About 110km from Kununurra, El Questro is a remote and rugged destination that promises the seclu-

sion to explore this iconic part of Australia and the amazing wildlife that exists there.

Kids interested in bugs, birds and little critters will be in their element at El Questro, which is a naturalist's delight and home to nearly half of Australia's 780 bird species, and more than 60 mammals.

Brolgas, jabirus and red-tailed black cockatoos are common during the day and by night kids will enjoy listening for the dog-like call of the aptly named barking owl.

The less audible mammal species are largely nocturnal, preferring to avoid the heat of the day and include rock wallabies, dingoes, fruit bats and flying foxes.

Reptiles also have a home at El



Senior Rangers leading a session at Emma Gorge.

Questro, from turtles to frill-necked lizards, and the relatively harmless freshwater crocodiles found in billabongs.

While the kids are having fun, parents can take part in numerous tours at El Questro, from 4WD trips, scenic flights, horseriding and walking tours to various gorges.

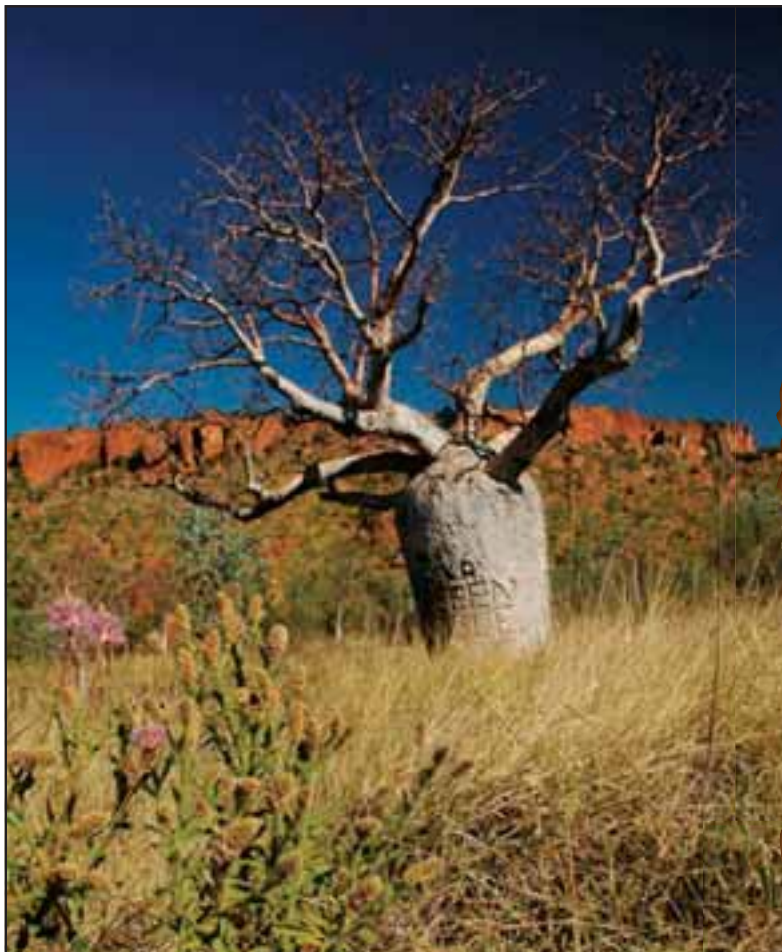
Full-day fishing tours for the elusive local barramundi are also available.

"El Questro is the ultimate kids' playground," El Questro general manager Lori Litwack said.

"They can get their hands dirty in our dusty red-brown earth learning about lizards and ants, and learn all about our famous boabs, bush tucker and graceful eagles soaring overhead."

Costing \$30 a child, there will be two, two-hour Junior Rangers sessions a day from June to late August. They can be booked at El Questro Station on the day.

For more information about the Junior Rangers program and the many other activities at El Questro visit www.elquestro.com.au.



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Golden rules for staying safe in a bad situation

Before you take off on any great adventure, you should always make sure your vehicle and anything you are towing, such as a caravan or camper trailer, is in excellent condition.

We know the drill, you've been working too hard for too long and now as you hook up the van or trailer, your preparations come to an abrupt end when something goes wrong because of a lack of maintenance and the old "she'll be right" attitude.

Let's face it, if something was to break and you're only 100km from home or close to a town, it probably won't be impossible to get the vehicle fixed or towed.

It becomes a whole different kettle of fish when something breaks and you are in a remote area without a car, town or another person in sight.

Having travelled to some pretty remote areas in my 4WD, I never have the old "she'll be right mate" attitude when it comes to the hundreds of moving parts on a vehicle and whatever it may be towing.

So before my trip I do a "shake down" on every vehicle.

I do what we at Eureka call a POWER check.

P = PETROL: Check petrol/diesel/gas/gas bottles for the caravan/vehicle

O = OILS: Check the oils/fluids

W = WATERS: Check the radiator coolant/washer bottles/battery acids

E = ELECTRICS: Check the battery terminals/fuses

R = RUBBER: Look at the hoses/tyres and don't forget the bottom radiator hose.

It's a good idea to take a few extra parts with you as well.

I like to replace as many hoses and belts as I can with new ones, but I also keep the old ones so if any break, I know that the old ones will fit.

There's nothing more frustrating than having a hose or belt break and the one you purchased from the accessories store 5000km away doesn't fit.

Even though you have completed all the checks you can, even the best plans can come undone.

If you find yourself broken down in a remote area and stranded, the first thing to remember is not to panic.

If the vehicle is in an unsafe position, make sure everyone is out of danger.

And there is one golden rule you should always

abide by – never leave your vehicle. It doesn't matter how desperate you are.

Your vehicle provides shade, shelter, your supplies, your clothing, water and food, and if the emergency services are looking for you, your vehicle is a much bigger target to find than you walking along a bush track.

Too often we hear of unfortunate adventurers found dead because they left their vehicle after becoming stranded.

If you find yourself bogged, make sure you are fully familiar with the operation of your recovery equipment and are fully trained in using it all.

People have been killed while using recovery equipment. There is a number of training providers that can take you out for the day and facilitate the training.

Whatever you do, whatever you tow and wherever you are going, I hope you have an adventure of a lifetime.

Above all, drive safe. As we like to say at Eureka 4WD Training, don't drive fast, don't drive past.

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Water crossings

Watch out for the flow

Surprisingly and contra to popular belief, 4WD vehicles are not boats and are not designed to go through water. We have found that water can be very dangerous to cross, and would advise to avoid it where possible. But when there's no way of avoiding getting yours a little wet, preparations and precautions need to be taken before you do.

Always walk the crossing first and never cross if the water is fast flowing.

If it is difficult to walk through the water flow, then you wouldn't want to drive it as the vehicle would almost certainly be washed away by the current.

In most cases, it's the water flow that will cause you most concern rather than the depth.

If the water has crocodiles in it, either wait for someone with local knowledge to arrive or find another route.

Imagine getting stuck halfway across a water crossing full of crocodiles; it's not the best position to find yourself in.

If the water depth is going to be above axle deep, you will probably be operating outside of the manufacturer's specifications and will need to prepare your vehicle for the crossing.

Other than personal injury, there is also a big risk of getting water into the compression cylinders of the engine. The water is likely to find its way in through the air intake unless, you have a snorkel fitted, and it is possible for the water to be sucked back through the exhaust system.



If you stall the vehicle mid-stream and the tail pipe of the exhaust is below water level, it is best to be towed to dry land.

If you try to restart the vehicle under these conditions, you risk having water sucked back up the exhaust and into the engine, damage that can cost thousands of dollars to fix.

Eureka 4WD Training advises that you attach recovery gear to the vehicle's front (if there are vehicles on the other side) so you won't have to rummage around the back of the car to get the recovery gear and try to attach it while the car is filling up with water if you do get bogged or stall.

If you are the first vehicle crossing, attach the recovery gear to the rear of your vehicle.

Most modern vehicles have some sort of computer control system so if you get stranded

mid-stream or suffer water ingress into the vehicle, it is likely the computer system will get wet.

Computer systems cost a lot to fix but you might get lucky and find that it has dried out after a few hours.

It is also possible to get water into the differentials and transfer case, all of which have short breather tubes on top of them. Eureka 4WD Training recommends extending breather pipes up to a high point under the bonnet to avoid water ingress.

When you are safety ready to enter the water, the entry should be made as smooth as possible and not too fast.

You are trying to keep a smooth forward progress and to make a small bow wave at the front. Don't change gear mid-stream as you will wet the clutch and cause slippage.

Once you have reached the other side of the crossing, your brakes will be a bit wet and will need to dry out. Applying a little pressure while driving will help to achieve this.

Remove the tarp to prevent the engine overheating once the crossing has been completed.

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YOU PREPARATION CHECKLIST FOR A WATER CROSSING:

- Allow a hot vehicle to cool down first, especially if turbo charged
- Walk the crossing in both directions where the wheels will be travelling
- Mark holes or obstacles with a stick
- Select low range (L4) first or second gear
- Turn the airconditioner off
- If required, tie a tarp across front of vehicle to help avoid water ingress
- If needed, attach an exhaust extension pipe
- Have a recovery strap attached to rear if you are the first vehicle
- Have a recovery strap attached to front if you are the second vehicle
- Check entry and exit points





MOBILE ASSISTANCE

Your phone may **save your life** in the remote outback

A mobile phone would be the last thing you might think would save you in a time of need when in trouble in remote areas of rugged terrain in the state's north.

But it's the one piece of equipment that could get you out of many jams.

A new Eureka 4WD Training app features 39 pages that are packed with 4WD training information and photographs, plus 20 short training videos. These videos are professionally filmed with Eureka 4WD Trainers, who have been 4WD training in Perth for more than 23 years.

And once the app has been downloaded, you don't need internet access to view what could be potentially life-saving footage.

It's a world-first from the team at Eureka 4WD Training, with versions available for iPhone, iPad, iPod and Android devices.

"Every day, millions of people

worldwide use a 4WD vehicle, for either work or for play and this app will be a great resource to improve their safety and driving skills across a number of varying terrains," development team member Mark Haffenden said.

"It will also help address some of the environmental issues associated with four-wheel-driving, and it doesn't need phone coverage to use once downloaded.

"We wanted to remain true to the KISS principal when designing this app – keep it simple stupid.

"Through careful design, we think we've been able to achieve this without diluting the app's content. It's truly like having a 4WD instructor in your pocket 24/7.

"It was critical that once the app had been downloaded, no phone coverage would be required. This was because many thousands of off-roaders will be using the app in remote locations."



Although the app's content is aligned to the national 4WD standard, it is not designed to replace a training course from qualified instructors. The content is designed to give support pre and post-training and for all four-wheel-drivers who venture off-road.

This inexpensive training app's information will help you get the most out of your 4WD vehicle.

It can be downloaded from the Apple iTunes App Store, the Google Play Store and Amazon App Store for just \$2.49.

Specific topics in the app include sand driving, bush driving, water crossings, mud driving, rock driving, gravel road driving, using a snatch strap, key start recovery and recovery equipment.

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You can call it what you like, a loss of forward momentum or temporary loss of traction, but if the wheels are spinning and you're not moving anywhere, you're probably bogged.

But there is no reason for you to be stuck for hours just because the sand is covering your wheels.

There is recovery gear made for these moments. What you carry depends on where you're going and what you're planning on doing. But if you're not carrying any recovery gear, then extracting your vehicle can be very difficult, if not impossible.

Here's what is available to assist you in your moment of need:

➤ **RECOVERY POINTS**

A tow ball is not a recovery point and should never be used as such. A number of vehicles come with metal loops under the front and rear bumpers which look like recovery points but most are only tie down points used while shipping the vehicle to stop it bouncing around.

These are not suitable for use in recovery situations either.

Your 4WD should be fitted with

approved and rated recovery points in both the front and rear. I would recommend that you let your local 4WD accessory shop fit them for you.

➤ **SHACKLES**

You can't have too many shackles but make sure they are rated.

Look for a SWL (safe working load) or WLL (working load limit) stamp and ensure they are sized to be suitable for use with your vehicle's weight or that of the vehicle being recovered.

Eureka 4WD Training prefers a bow shackle (rather than the D shackle).

➤ **THE SHOVEL**

The simple things in life are sometimes the best.

Any self-respecting 4WD driver wouldn't leave home without a shovel as nine times out of 10, a shovel will get you out of trouble, especially in mud or sand.

My favourite is the long handled variety with a large blade which moves plenty of sand quickly, for those in a hurry. They're probably the cheapest and least dangerous piece of recovery equipment you're going to get.

➤ **SNATCH STRAPS**

The first thing most 4WD drivers dash out to buy is a snatch strap.

Yes, it's worth having one on board but they are not the be-all of recovery equipment.

For a start they're not much good if you're on your own, with no other vehicle around to help pull you out and they are also potentially one of the most dangerous bits of recovery equipment when not used correctly.

The snatch strap can build up to 12-tonne of kinetic energy when being used to free a vehicle and, dependent upon the brand, will stretch up to 30 per cent of its own length.

These extreme loads are what make the snatch strap so effective, but dangerous if something gives way or breaks.

The snatch strap should always have two dampening weights placed about 1m from each end so that if something breaks during recovery, which normally is the stitching, the strap will be forced to the ground and hopefully not do any damage.

At Eureka 4WD Training, we use professional winch dampeners but if you don't have those you will need

to improvise by using blankets, wet towels, rolled up car mats tied to the strap or something similar.

➤ **HI-LIFT JACK**

The Hi-Lift jack is very handy to have on board when things go wrong as they can be used for jacking, winching, hoisting and clamping and also as a bead breaker. There are also plenty of accessories available from your 4WD accessory shop to compliment the Hi-Lift jack.

➤ **RECOVERY BOARDS**

A set of recovery boards is as essential as a shovel.

We have tested them all, but we believe that the best ones are the versatile Max Trax which are also a great self-recovery device if you're on your own.

Just dig out some of the vehicle with your shovel or the Trax, and place one on each opposing wheel (front and rear or both rear or both front wheels) and simply drive the vehicle out using first gear, low range.

Do not spin the wheels as this will void your warranty and will not get you out of the bog.

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Exploring Broome's history

The rise of the pearl

Until late into the 1900s, the pearling industry in Broome was based primarily on the collection of oysters for their shell value and not for the occasional pearls they would yield.

WA's pearling industry began to flourish in the mid-1860s as the world-wide demand for mother of pearl shell used to make buttons, cutlery, hair combs and jewellery items, continued to rise.

Prior to World War I, the price of shell was at an all-time high. With the announcement of the war in 1914, the demand for mother of pearl dropped dramatically overnight. Most of the industry's labour pool immediately joined the war effort and the industry was left without sufficient labour or resources to maintain its fleets.

The pearling industry limped along until the end of the war and by the 1920s had recovered to the point where the price of shell was higher than ever.

Then disaster struck with the bombing of Pearl Harbour in 1941.

The United States entered World War II and once again, almost overnight, the pearling industry was out of business.

The internment of the Japanese, who were considered to be the best pearl divers, into prisoner-of-war camps, coupled with the fact that most of the industry's labour was once again enlisted in the war effort, ceased the industry to cease operations.

But the war actually saved Australian pearling.

The army, preparing for a Japanese invasion that never came, burned precious luggers on the beach as part of a 'scorched earth' policy. The Japanese, their economy and most surface craft destroyed, were unable to resume their own oceanic pearling after the war. By the 1950s the Broome fleet had been rebuilt with a world-record price of 600 pounds a ton of pearl shell being achieved.

When at last a rosy future seemed assured for Broome and pearlery a new disaster struck.

In 1958, the plastic button was marketed in



America. By 1959 mother of pearl had become unsaleable.

But salvation was close at hand.

The Japanese had been culturing pearls in their own oysters for many years. In 1946 after the war, Kockichi Mikimoto, the "father" of the industry, expressed his belief that the bigger Australian shell could produce the biggest and best pearls yet seen.

After the patriarch's death, Tokuchi Kuribayashi took over and with Sam Male, owner of Broome's biggest fleet, Brown and Dureau MOP exporters of Melbourne, and Otto Gerdau MOP importer of New York, established an experimental pearl farm in the Kimberley.

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF THE PEARL

Taka a tour at Pearl Luggers in Broome, in the heart of Chinatown, to get an understanding of the industry in its early days.

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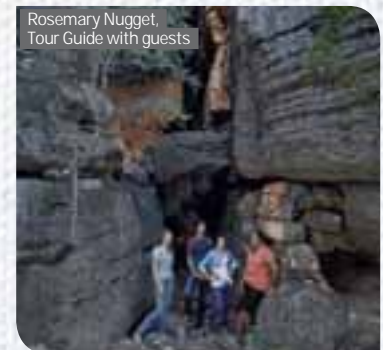
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Being so isolated, WA has some of the darkest night skies on earth. Plus the Square Kilometre Array mega-science project is being built in our Mid-West which will help solve some of the deepest mysteries of the universe.

Scientists and stargazers are coming from around the world to enjoy the amazing natural asset over our heads. We have some of the best night skies in the world and some of the most

remarkable places to view them from. All you have to do is turn out the lights.

HERE ARE 10 ASTRONOMICAL TRAVEL STOPS WHEN YOU'RE TOURING THE NORTHERN REGIONS OF WA:

1 Roebuck Bay near Broome. The Staircase to the Moon appears each month from March to October. As the moon rises, the reflection of its light on the tidal flats makes for a spectacular sight and a real stargazing treat.

2 Bungle Bungle, Purnululu National Park in WA's Kimberley. If you're a budding astrophotographer, you'll take some interesting images.

Under the moonlight, the shapes of the Bungle Bungle can be seen almost as if they are in daylight.

3 Ilgarijiri, in Geraldton. Meaning "things belonging to the sky" the Ilgarijiri is a hub of activity around the Square Kilometre Array project. Don't miss the beautiful sculpture on the foreshore plus the Iris Sundial opposite the St Francis Xavier's Cathedral and in front of the Queens Park Theatre.

4 Wooleen Station in the Murchison. An awe-inspiring place with views of the Milky Way galaxy so close you feel like you could touch it. On a full moon, it's so light you can almost read a book.



The Staircase to the Moon phenomenon, across Roebuck Bay, Broome.
Picture: Tourism Western Australia



Mount Magnet Astrofest Fun

View of the Milky Way Galaxy.

5 Wolfe Creek Meteorite Crater. When you're off the beaten track, you'll have a big sky from horizon to horizon. The night sky here is filled with thousands of stars.

6 Karijini National Park. The park will get you closer to the stars than you can imagine with some great camp and cabin sites that make ideal spots for seeing meteor showers or shooting stars. The Geminid Meteor Shower each mid-December is best seen in the early hours of the morning.

7 Shark Bay beaches along the Ningaloo Marine Park. On a dark night you'll gaze in awe at how many stars you can see. All you need is a comfortable chair to sit back in.

8 Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum. You'll discover just how important this tracking station was when man first landed on the moon.

9 Sandstone in the Mid West. A beautiful place to stargaze, natural rock formations make an inspirational backdrop to the night sky visitors. Nearby, Mount Magnet hosts an Astrofest every second year with the next one on May 23, 2015.

10 Nature's Window at the The Loop in the Kalbarri National Park. The Loop is a great place to go stargazing and is one of the most photographed places in WA.

GALAXY GIRL'S TOP 10 TIPS FOR NAKED EYE STARGAZING

- 1** Find the darkest place you can.
- 2** Travel away from the city lights.
- 3** Find the biggest piece of sky you can.
- 4** Let your eyes adjust to the darkness for 5-10 minutes.
- 5** Find a comfy place where you can lie back.
- 6** Watch for moving things in the night sky.
- 7** See if you can make pictures out of the stars.
- 8** See if you can see different coloured stars.
- 9** Use a pair of binoculars to take a closer look.
- 10** Cool drinks in summer and hot chocolate in winter are a must.



Where Angels dare

Former Australian and WA fast bowler **JO ANGEL** has been based in the Pilbara for his work with Rio Tinto for the past decade. It's been the perfect spot for him and his family to explore the state's North-West. Jo answers a few questions about why the region has captivated him.

For Jo Angel, there could be nothing better than sitting next to his wife, Randi, amid stunning scenery in Karijini National Park.

With his own pasta sauce boiling away in the camp kitchen, heaven would be listening to his sons splashing around in a nearby lake, while reading a few chapters of a book by South African author Wilbur Smith.

Q. JO, WHERE ARE YOUR FAVOURITE CAMPING PLACES?

A. Exmouth never fails to deliver as a good spot to take the family, so we have been back a couple of times.

And I have taken the kids out to Millstream a few times as well. They like the spring. It's like a pool – permanent water in the middle of red rocks and dirt. Plus, there is an old homestead that is like 100-plus years old. It's now set up as a museum. The local rangers look after the old homestead, with the Roebourne prisoners doing day trips out to do maintenance work on the building and surrounds. The bitumen road out of Karratha almost

makes it all the way there. Karijini is another spot we have enjoyed getting around. April or September are our favourite times, when the weather is a bit better.

It's warm enough to go for a swim, but cool enough at night to sleep comfortably. It's not always like that. You can get some pretty hot nights at other times of the year. Sleeping without air-conditioning can be difficult.

We've stayed at the caravan park at Tom Price a couple of times also, which was good.

(NOTE: Millstream-Chichester National Park is a two-hour drive south of Karratha and offering

amazing nature-based camping opportunities.)

Q. DO YOU HAVE A 4WD?

A. Yes. I enjoy having the 4WD, even just for something like going down to the beach. We're lucky that we can still do that here, as you aren't able to at many places now.

Some of the pools out here, you need a 4WD to get to. It's been handy. Some of the towns we have had to travel to for the kids sport, like the tee-ball championships, are played in different places, so it has been handy. We go there and camp in the town or the local caravan park, but then head out exploring in the 4WD.

Q. WHY NOT HOTELS OR EXPENSIVE RESORTS?

A. I like things a bit more basic than that. It's nice to be able to visit some of the places that we do. Often, we're the only ones there. Even Karijini, where there are a few people about... if we go in April to September, there aren't as many.

The same goes for Millstream. That's when the temperature is nice enough for sleeping at night. It can get pretty cold though in the middle, when the temperatures plummet at night.

And I don't mind cooking when we're away. It's not the same as being in a kitchen with everything there. I enjoy preparing food when I can keep it simple.

Q. SO YOU'RE NOT BAD ON A CAMP OVEN?

A. I reckon it tastes alright, although it might not always look good.

I do enjoy cooking. I like using a barbecue, or throwing together a bit of pasta and sauce... nothing too extravagant... bacon and eggs always go down well.

I'll also use a camp kitchen if there is one. We try to find out if there is one before we head off. It's handy to know, as you don't have to carry as much stuff. There is a really good camp kitchen at Tom Price, so I'm happy to use it when we go there. At Millstream, there is a barbecue and in Exmouth, the camp kitchen was pretty well resourced as well.

Q. DO YOU HEAD AWAY WITH THE BOYS ON FISHING TRIPS?

A. I'm not a mad-keen angler, but I don't mind throwing in a line if they are biting.

I'm not really good on the water; better off fishing from land... but I do like eating them.

Up here, there are more boats in driveways than anywhere else, I





reckon, so I do head out occasionally. I get looked after by a few guys up here when it comes to seafood.

[Jo has three boys – Shasa, 15, Zama, 13, and Bakela, 11 – all given African tribal names that appeared in Wilbur Smith novels.]

Q. ARE YOU A GLAMPER?

A. Nope, we keep it pretty simple. We don't have solar panels, or that sort of stuff, although I am noticing it all a bit more regularly now. To be honest, I am continually amazed at what I am seeing in some of the set-ups, whether camping or caravanning. A few of those caravans and trailers are very much a home away from home. We had a camper trailer, but we got rid of it recently and are in the middle of working out what to do. We still have our swags, so I'm thinking that new tents will probably be the go. A lot of the caravan parks have chalets now, in case we need a bit of variety.

Q. DOES YOUR WIFE RANDI ENJOY CAMPING?

A. Yeah, she's pretty much the same

as me. She grew up in mining towns and spent a lot of time getting away. So, she's more than happy to head out camping and getting her hands dirty. Not all the time, though.

Q. DO THE KIDS ENJOY ALL OF THE NEW ACTIVITIES THAT CARAVAN PARKS OFFER THESE DAYS?

A. We are seeing a lot more pools and games rooms popping up in parks. But a lot of the ones we visit have access to the beach and they like that. They look for other kids to kick a footy around with, or they'll throw a fishing line in and we always head out to see the sights. At Karijini, we based ourselves in the caravan park, but spent the whole time looking through the gorges, hiking up and down and swimming.

Q. WHERE TO NEXT?

A. I don't have any one place. When you sit back and look what's available, you realise that there is so much to see. I guess we'll just start ticking them off.

JO ANGEL

Played four **Tests for Australia**, taking **10 wickets**. **Three ODIs** for **4 wickets** and **121 First Class** appearances for **485 wickets**.

With **419 Sheffield Shield wickets** for the **Warriors** between **1991** and **2004**, he leads all-comers for WA and sits behind only Queensland pair, Andy Bichel (430) and Michael Kasprowicz (441), and South Australian Clarrie Grimmett (513).



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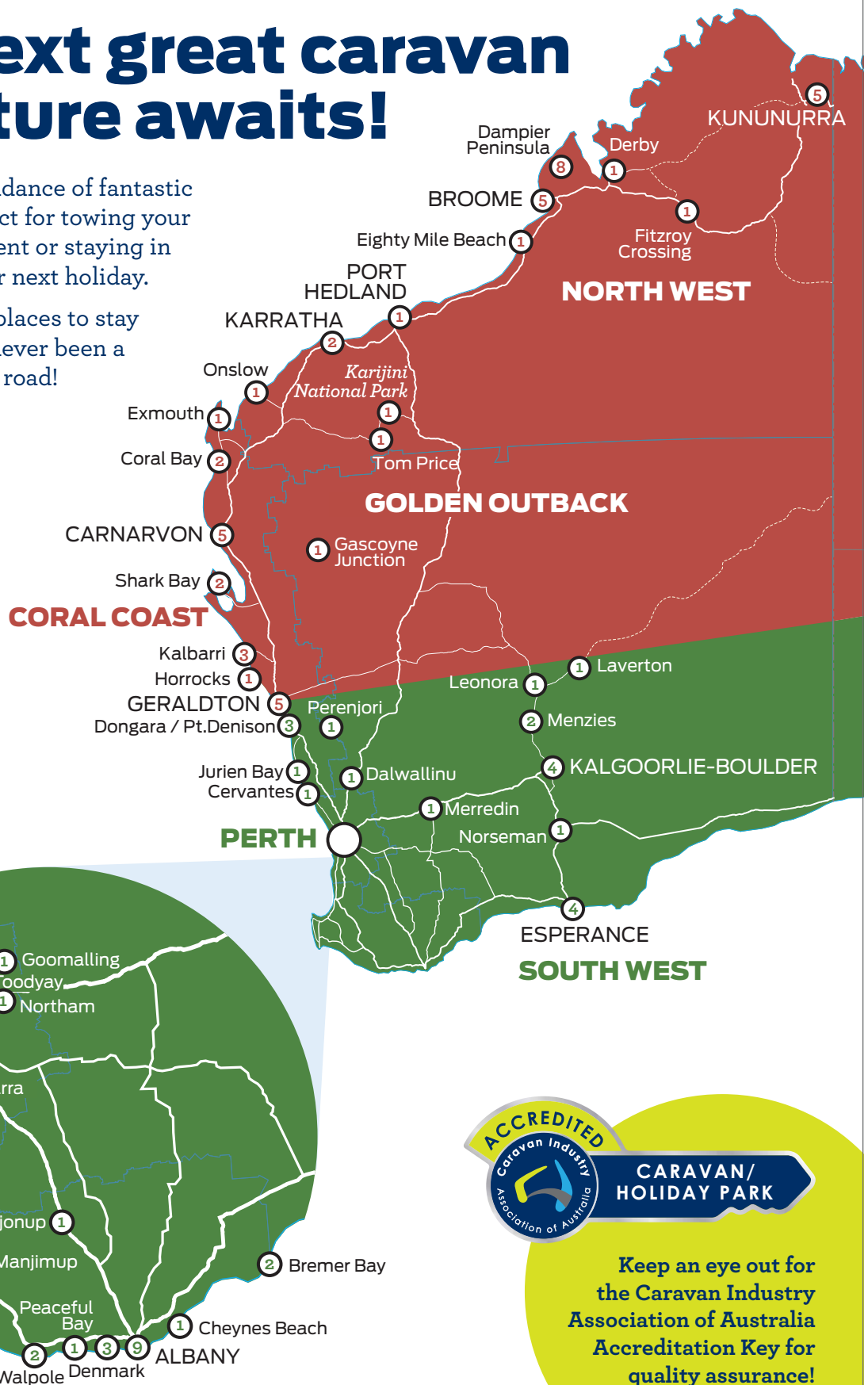


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THE 'MUST SEE' LIST

Do you need some help deciding where to go for your next caravan or camping holiday? **Here are some suggestions.**



Kalbarri National Park, The Loop
Picture: Parks and Wildlife

THE CORAL COAST

➤ KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK - 150KM NORTH OF GERALDTON

The Kalbarri National Park surrounds the lower reaches of the Murchison River, which has cut a magnificent 80km gorge through the red and white banded sandstone to create formations such as Nature's Window.

In 2014, the \$7.7 million upgrade of Kalbarri National Park, mainly funded under the Royalties for Regions infrastructure and roads initiative, was completed and officially opened. The upgrade included sealing 12km of The Loop/ Z-Bend Rd and the construction of new visitor facilities at The Loop and West Loop at the Murchison Gorge, including shade shelters, lookouts, walking trails, visitor information areas, sealed carparks and toilets.

➤ SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE AREA - FROM 10KM EAST OF DENHAM

Inside the Shark Bay World Heritage area are a number of great sites including the **Francois Peron National Park**. Known for its contrasting red cliffs, white beaches

and blue waters, the park has a fascinating pastoral history and offers a wilderness experience to 4WD drivers.

Inside the national park is the **Big Lagoon Campground**, an attractive turquoise lagoon with a small campground and an excellent spot to explore by canoe or sea kayak. The campground has gas barbecues and toilets and a nearby site for launching boats. You are welcome to fish in the lagoon south of the camping area. Camping fees apply.

Also on offer in the Shark Bay World Heritage area is the **Hamelin Pool**, one of just a handful of places in the world with stromatolites (the oldest living organisms known on earth), and **Monkey Mia** where visitors can stand within metres of wild bottlenose dolphins.

➤ MOUNT AUGUSTUS - 480KM NORTH-EAST OF CARNARVON

Mount Augustus is the largest monoclinal rock in the world and is found in the Mount Augustus National Park. The monoclinal rock is 8km long and 3km wide – about two and half times the size of Uluru. There is no camping allowed within the national park but the nearby Outback Tourist Park offers accommodation, basic supplies and fuel.

THE PILBARA

➤ KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK - 75KM EAST OF TOM PRICE

The Karijini National Park is home to some of the oldest rock formations in the world, dating back two and a half billion years. The park features a labyrinth of gorges – some so narrow you can reach and touch the cool rocks on either side and others so large they appear like massive natural amphitheatres carved into the rock. Emerald pools stand in stark contrast to the rust-red and deep purple of the rocks and the landscape.

A \$1.8m redevelopment of the **Hamersley Gorge** day-use area in Karijini National Park was completed last year, funded through Royalties for Regions program with contributions from the Department of Parks and Wildlife and Rio Tinto.

The redevelopment includes improved road access, new signs and the construction of a shade shelter and toilet.

Dales campground is close to some of Karijini's most popular sites including **Dales Gorge**, **Circular Pool** and **Fortescue Falls**. A new staircase to Dales Gorge was completed in 2014 with improved access for visitors. Further sections of staircase are planned for 2015. There are a range of walk trails from the campground to view and explore lookout points, pools and gorges and 140 campsites in the park accommodating tents, large caravans, camper vans and camper trailers.

The western section of Banjima Dr

was sealed in 2014 by the Shire of Ashburton, which improves access to the western gorge sites of Weano, Hancock and Oxer.

➤ NINGALOO MARINE PARK - 50KM WEST OF EXMOUTH

Escape the southern winter and dive into the Ningaloo Marine Park, staying at one of the many campgrounds nestled on the coast in **Cape Range National Park**. Snorkel with turtles, dolphins, dugongs, manta rays, colourful fish and corals or take a land-based adventure looking for black footed rock wallabies, birds, reptiles and much more. In season (April to July) whale sharks, the world's biggest fish, congregate along the Ningaloo Reef.

The chance to snorkel with these gentle giants is the opportunity of a lifetime and visitors from all over the world head to the Ningaloo Reef during whale shark season.

Kurrajong campground in Cape Range National Park, has 26 new campsites, a new gravel road, lookout points, a barbecue shelter and toilets plus an additional 19 new campsites in other areas of the park.

Demand for campsites is extremely high with advance booking required. Booking is only available through the ParkStay WA website parkstay.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Most of the campsites in Cape Range National Park are easy to get to by conventional vehicle, but if you're after something a little more remote then **One K campground** is the site to go to. Once you cross Yardie Creek, on soft, shifting sand so high clearance campers and 4WDs only, you can access the campground.

➤ MILLSTREAM CHICHESTER NATIONAL PARK - 150KM SOUTH-EAST OF KARRATHA

The Millstream Chichester National Park is an oasis in the desert, nestled within the chocolate brown



Ningaloo coast. Picture: Jen Hollis

rocks of the Chichester Range, dotted with spinifex and snappy gums. Permanent pools are fed by springs that draw water from the underground aquifer within porous dolomite rock. **Miliyanha** and **Stargazers campgrounds** are both located in the park with barbecue facilities and use of personal gas cooking appliances welcome. Campground hosts are stationed in both campgrounds for the majority of the tourist season, typically between mid-April and early October.

THE KIMBERLEY

WINDJANA GORGE NATIONAL PARK

- 140KM EAST OF DERBY

The Windjana Gorge National Park is one of the Kimberley's most stunning gorges with water-streaked walls which rise majestically to heights of approximately 100m. The 3.5km long gorge cuts through the Napier Range, part of the ancient Devonian limestone reef dating back 350 million years. Freshwater crocodiles bask in the pools, while fruit bats and corellas roost in the waterside trees.

Windjana Gorge Campground has good facilities but no powered sites. It is a great base from which to explore Windjana Gorge. Entrance and camping fees apply.

KING LEOPOLD RANGES CONSERVATION PARK - 250KM NORTH-EAST OF DERBY

The King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park is known for its spectacular **Bell Creek** and **Lennard** gorges. The ridges of the King Leopold Ranges rise 300m above the surrounding plains (and 950m above sea level) while open savannah woodlands cover the sunburnt landscapes. Groves of river gum, stately paperbark trees and dense thickets of screw pine shade watercourses as water lilies and other aquatic plants fill permanent pools in the creeks and rivers, providing cool relief from the starkness of the harsh escarpments.

Following wet season rains, great volumes of water cascade from the ranges. In the dry, tourists are attracted to the spectacular cascading waterfalls at Bell Creek Gorge which is a relaxing place to swim. Visitors also marvel at the spectacular Lennard River Gorge

and the incredibly folded and faulted scenic rock formations of the ranges along the Gibb River Rd, shaped by tremendous geological forces. The range is a haven for bird life and offers spectacular scenery for photographers.

Camping is provided at **Silent Grove Campground**, a riverside ground with shower and toilet facilities available. Camping fees apply.

Once the nerve centre of a former cattle station, the **Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge** is a virtual oasis on the banks of the Barker River and is surrounded by lush gardens. The lodge has stylish and comfortable accommodation in heritage homesteads, three-course dinners and breakfast, a restaurant and libraries. Mt Hart also has shady riverside camping facilities.

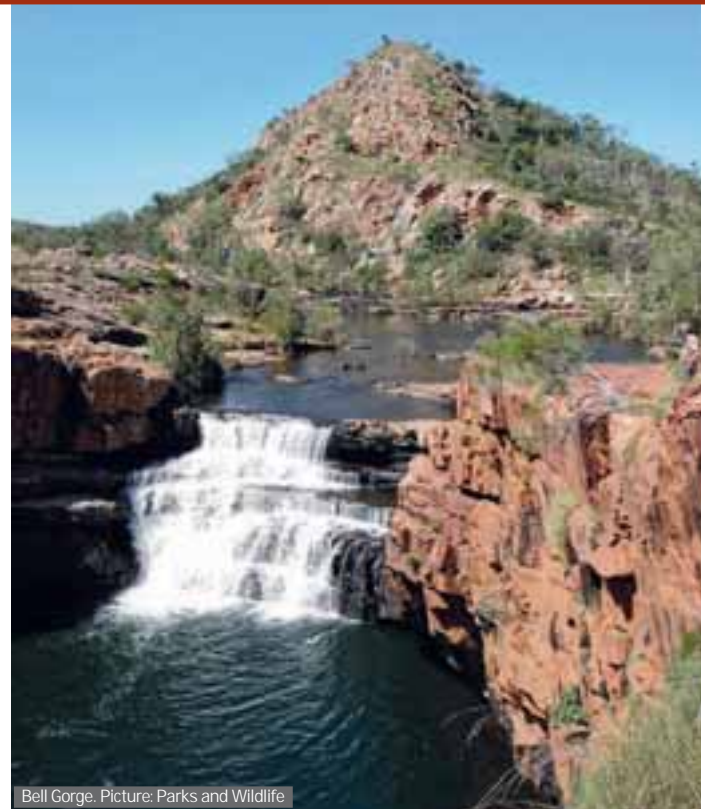
PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK - 250KM SOUTH OF KUNUNURRA

The **Bungle Bungle Range** in the Purnululu National Park is one of the most fascinating geological landmarks in the world with its beehive domes, deep chasms, gorges and pools. Getting there is not easy, but is well worth the adventure. There are short trails suitable for most ages and fitness levels, or longer trails for more experienced bushwalkers with specialised navigation and outback survival skills and equipment. In addition to the excellent national park camping facilities, safari camp-style accommodation is also available in the park.

The park however, is only open in the dry season (usually April to November). **Walardi** and **Kurrujong campgrounds** are also in the Purnululu National Park. The Walardi Campground has toilets and can cater for up to 40 vehicles while the Kurrujong Campground has toilets and can cater for up to 100 vehicles (no generators). Camping fees apply. Booking online is essential at parkstay.wa.gov.au. **PRO TIP: Take a helicopter or plane flight over the Bungle Bungle Range to get a sense of the scale and majesty of this geological wonder. Flights run daily from an airstrip in the park.**

TUNNEL CREEK NATIONAL PARK - 100KM NORTH OF FITZROY CROSSING

The Tunnel Creek National Park flows



Bell Gorge. Picture: Parks and Wildlife

through a water-worn tunnel in the limestone of the **Napier Range**, part of the 350 million year old Devonian reef system.

You can walk through the tunnel to the other side of the Napier Range with the trek running underground for 750m through several permanent pools.

At least five species of bats live in the cave, including ghost bats and fruit bats, and stalactites descend from the roof in many places. The roof has collapsed through to the top of the range near the centre of the tunnel. Take a torch, wear sneakers and be prepared to get wet and possibly cold.

GEIKIE GORGE NATIONAL PARK - 20KM NORTH-EAST OF FITZROY CROSSING

The Geikie Gorge is a spectacular wonder famed for its sheer white and grey walls, abundant wildlife and awesome boat tours. Geikie Gorge has been carved by the Fitzroy River through part of an ancient limestone barrier reef which snakes across the west Kimberley. It was laid down in an ancient sea which covered a large part of the Kimberley in Devonian times, some 350 million years ago. Geikie Gorge boat tours take place from May to October and give an insight into the

wildlife and geology of the gorge. You might see birds such as sea eagles and rare purple-crowned fairy-wrens, or acrobatic crocodiles snapping at stray flying-foxes.

WOLFE CREEK CRATER NATIONAL PARK - 160KM SOUTH OF HALLS CREEK

The Wolfe Creek Crater National Park is a perfect place to experience real outback adventure. For a camping holiday with a difference, you can visit spectacular **Kandimalal-Wolfe Creek Crater**, the second largest meteorite crater in the world.

Most come to marvel at the crater itself, but wildlife abounds including major mitchell cockatoos, reptiles such as the brown ringtail dragon, and red kangaroos.

The best time to visit is between May and October.

There is one campground in the Wolfe Creek Crater National Park with basic toilet facilities, but no water available. The campground can be accessed by all vehicles in the dry season, however, in the wet season it is 4WD access only. No camping fees apply at this campground.

PRO TIP: Bring a star watching guide and binoculars or telescope for an unrivalled view of the night sky.



FIRST AID

Being prepared can save lives



St John officers, practising CPR. Picture: St John Ambulance

Off-roading and camping carries a degree of risk. St John Ambulance WA is acutely aware of this and often respond to incidents like people being burned after gas bottle explosions or off-road vehicle incidents that can lead to severe traumas and other accidents such as people being bitten by snakes and spiders.

We had more than 70 ambulance call outs for bites and stings during the 2013/14 summer and the majority of these were life-threatening.

Having a well-stocked first aid kit is a must for anyone travelling long distances as help may not always be close at hand.

A good first aid kit should include lots of bandages, gauze and alcohol swabs, dressing pads, safety pins, a thermal blanket and disposable gloves. For camping, you might want to think about adding heavy crepe bandages, instant cold packs, a disposable poncho, plastic bags, a whistle, a compass, a torch and a glow stick.

A specially designed Off Road/4WD kit is available through St John who also offer a kit restocking service for

those going away and needing a few extra kit items.

First aid training, especially CPR, can be the difference between life and death.

We believe first aid should be a part of everybody's life and offer a wide selection of first aid courses from \$49 (Family Resuscitation Awareness) right through to a Cert IV in Healthcare for people working in the industry.

Early CPR is vital to a person's prognosis as research shows when an unconscious person is not breathing, permanent brain damage begins after only four minutes and death can occur as soon as four to six minutes later.

All too often, St John paramedics arrive at situations where the first responder doesn't know first aid and patients have died or sustained a life-long injury that could have been prevented if the bystanders had known their DRSABCD.

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For more info about training or to purchase a first aid kit, visit www.stjohnambulance.com.au or call 1300 ST JOHN.

WATER

the most important thing you can pack

It can take a lot of time to decide what to pack before heading out on a caravan or camping outback adventure. But the first thing that should be placed on the "must have" list is water.

You can last three weeks without food, but only three days without water – and that doesn't take into account a hot climate like Western Australia's North-West.

Your body needs water to survive and it can be starved of it very quickly in extreme conditions.

Always consider how much water you are carrying in your car when you hit the road.

Remember that some of that H₂O will probably be rationed for something other than consumption – such as bathing, cleaning etc.

You also need to make sure that you have enough water to cover the needs of every person in the car – and for more than just one day.

Individuals require varying amounts of water to remain hydrated.

Things can and do go wrong in the North-West and there is no guarantee that when it does, you will be close to a reliable water source so having ample supplies can save someone's life.

SIGNS OF DEHYDRATION

Thirst, loss of appetite, dark-coloured urine, light-headedness, tiredness, dry mouth, lips and eyes; dry skin, passing small amounts of urine infrequently (less than three or four times a

day) and loss of strength and stamina.

If you are dehydrated and don't receive any water, it can lead to heat exhaustion.

SYMPTOMS OF EXHAUSTION

Headache, dizziness, nausea, decreased sweating, decreased urination, increased heart rate, weakened pulse, increased respiration, tingling in the hands or feet, loss of coordination, impaired judgement, increased body temperature (rising above 100 degrees) and muscle cramps (heat cramps).

SYMPTOMS OF HEAT STROKE

In the most dangerous stage of dehydration there is vomiting, painful urination, breathing difficulty, a rapid pulse, confused behaviour, decreased vision, muscle spasms, chest pain, a body temperature of 105 degrees or more, seizures, faintness and unconsciousness.

HOW TO STAY HYDRATED

- Find shade
- Drink 500ml of water in the morning and at night
- Drink when you're thirsty – you're already dehydrated
- Place something between you and the hot ground
- Limit your movement
- Protect your skin from wind and the sun with clothing
- Do not eat if water is scarce; water is required for digestion





VISITOR CENTRE LOCATIONS

Find out from the experts

The visitor centre should be your first point of contact when you arrive at any region in Western Australia.

Staffed by experts with impeccable local knowledge, the centres offer a one-stop shop for accommodation options, tours and restaurants, not to mention maps (sometimes free), and calendars of local events. Here are the centres available to you in WA's North-West.

GERALDTON VISITOR CENTRE

90 Chapman Rd, Geraldton.
Ph: 1800 818 881
tourism@geraldtontourist.com.au
www.geraldtontourist.com.au

NORTHAMPTON TOURIST CENTRE

202 Hampton Rd, Northampton
Ph: 08 9934 1488
info@northampton.com.au
www.northampton.com.au

MULLEWA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Jose St, Mullewa
Ph: 08 9961 1500
mullewatc@bbnet.com.au
www.mullewatourism.com.au

KALBARRI VISITOR CENTRE

70 Grey St, Kalbarri
Ph: 1800 639 468
bookings@kalbarri.org.au
www.kalbarri.org.au

SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE DISCOVERY AND VISITOR CENTRE

53 Knight Tce, Denham
Ph: 08 9948 1590
sbdc@sharkbay.wa.gov.au
www.sharkbayvisit.com

CARNARVON VISITOR CENTRE

21 Robinson St, Carnarvon
Ph: 08 9941 1146
info@camarvon.org.au
www.carnarvon.org.au

EXMOUTH VISITOR CENTRE

Murat Rd, Exmouth
Ph: 1800 287 328
reservations@exmouthwa.com.au
www.exmouthwa.com.au

MILYERING VISITOR CENTRE

Cape Range National Park, Exmouth
Ph: 08 9949 2808
milyering@dec.wa.gov.au

BROOME VISITOR CENTRE

1 Hamersley St, Broome
Ph: 08 9195 2200
enquiries@visitbroome.com.au
www.visitbroome.com.au

DERBY VISITOR CENTRE

30 Loch St, Derby
Ph: 08 9191 1426 or 1800 621 426
info@derbytourism.com.au
www.derbytourism.com.au

FITZROY CROSSING VISITOR CENTRE

Flynn Drive, Fitzroy Crossing
Ph: 08 9191 5355
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HALLS CREEK VISITOR CENTRE

Hall St, Halls Creek
Ph: 08 9168 6262
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KUNUNURRA VISITOR CENTRE

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Great Northern Highway, Wyndham
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www.karrathavisitorcentre.com.au

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Central Ave, Tom Price
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www.tomprice.org.au

PILBARA REGIONAL OFFICE

Anderson Rd, Karratha
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karratha@dec.wa.gov.au

WEST KIMBERLEY DISTRICT OFFICE

Herbert St, Broome
Ph: 08 9195 5500

RECENT UPGRADES

News of the completion of the upgrades to the **Monkey Mia jetty** and the re-opening of the **Osprey Bay campground** in Cape Range National Park have been welcome by visitors to the North-West.

The new jetty is already being used for commercial, recreational and tourist boats, including daily dolphin watch tours and a viewing platform for the world-renowned wild dolphin interaction sessions.

The popular Osprey Bay campground, within the Ningaloo World Heritage area, now has 45 camp sites – with facilities including toilets, shade shelters, picnic tables and new walking tracks to the beach, with views of the waters over Ningaloo Marine Park.

A separate area for day users was also built to provide direct access to the offshore kayak mooring, snorkel trail areas and beaches.

This project complements the recently completed upgrades to **Kurrajong** and the recovery works to **Milyering Discovery Centre** as a result of flood damage sustained by ex-tropical cyclone Jack in April 2014.

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New EXPANDA





Wula Guda Nyinda

You come this way

Wula Guda Nyinda Eco Adventures is based in Gutharraguda (Shark Bay) and provides tours that foster an understanding of the nature, land, wildlife, stories and traditions of the region.

Owner, operator Darren 'Capes' Capewell says that the interest in Aboriginal tourism is quickly growing in our interview.

Q. ARE YOU FINDING AN INCREASED INTEREST IN ABORIGINAL TOURISM?

A. Yes, we are finding that there is a growing interest from both domestic and international visitors looking for an authentic Aboriginal tourism experience. There are definitely more families travelling around Australia with parents looking to introduce their children to Aboriginal culture.

There has also been an increase in the number of retirees seeking an authentic Aboriginal cultural experience too.

Q. WHAT ASPECTS OF ABORIGINAL TOURISM ARE IN MOST DEMAND?

A. We find there is a huge interest in tasting traditional foods and



Darren 'Capes' Capewell sharing stories about Aboriginal heritage and culture – and having a bit of fun too.

learning more about the traditional stories and names of significant places.

Q. WHAT DOES WULA GUDA NYINDA MEAN?

A. Wula Guda Nyinda means "you come this way" and refers to taking people on a journey of learning to develop a better understanding of local Aboriginal culture.

Q. WHAT IS BUSH TUCKER?

A. Bush Tucker is a word originally used to describe traditional Aboriginal foods. The available food is dependant on the season and the time of the year.

At this time of the year, our guests

will get the opportunity to experience "Cogglers" or "Bush Bananas" which are found growing in the Red Sand Country. Later in the year, our guests have the opportunity to taste other bush food or seafood.

Q. WHAT TYPE OF ANIMALS DO YOU TRACK?

A. There are a number of types of animal tracks that can be found including kangaroo and emu or even goanna and echidna. It's a bit tricky trying to track an echidna because their feet face backward so you really have to track them backwards.

Q. WHY DO YOU FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT TO OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY

FOR PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE YOUR CULTURE?

A. Our Aboriginal culture in Australia is the oldest living culture on the planet and we, as Aboriginal people, have a very important role to reconnect people to nature.

We, as Aboriginal people, also feel that it is our responsibility to reconnect people to nature and are the best teachers of our culture and country.

Q. WHAT ASPECTS OF TRADITIONAL ABORIGINAL CULTURE DO PEOPLE GET TO EXPERIENCE ON YOUR TOURS?

A. Our guests get to experience local foods, learn about different seasons, enjoy a traditional performance, visit a gallery, listen to traditional and contemporary music or be taken on a guided tour.

Q. IS THERE CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE KAYAK TOURS, OR ARE THEY JUST A BIT OF FUN?

A. All my tours incorporate a cultural significance as I'm sharing my local culture and history with guests. I want my guests to leave with a deeper understanding and a respect of our local Aboriginal culture and heritage.

It is also important to have fun along the way as this is an important aspect of our cultural teaching and learning.

Darren 'Capes' Capewell
Wula Guda Nyinda Eco Adventures
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FRESHEN UP AT A REST STOP



Four people died on Kimberley roads in 2014 with driver fatigue one of the most significant factors in all serious and fatal crashes in WA.

Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan said fatigue, and the resulting inattention, was one of the most dangerous practices on our roads.

"Driver fatigue, and inattention and driver distraction, are among the most difficult factors to police, yet we know they are a significant contributing factor in serious and fatal crashes," he said.

But if you plan your trip and manage your

driving, with a rest stop at least every two hours, there is no reason why you need to put yourselves, or any other motorists, in danger.

Rest areas have been created along major roads throughout the North-West, with varying facilities to assist drivers stay fresh.

A rest area provides a variety of facilities that may not be available at short term parking spots or information bays, however drivers are encouraged to stop and rest at any of the roadside stopping places available when in need.

(NOTE: The 24-hour rest areas are not intended for camping and stopping is not to exceed more than 24 consecutive hours.)

EARLY SIGNS OF FATIGUE INCLUDE:

- Wandering or disconnected thoughts
- Missing a gear, road sign or exit
- Slowing unintentionally
- Braking too late
- Yawning or blinking more than usual
- Have trouble keeping your head up
- Forget driving the last few kilometres
- Notice your sight is fading out of focus

TIPS TO AVOID FATIGUE:

- Plan your trip to include regular rest stops (at least every two hours).
- Take water to drink along the way given dehydration is a common cause of fatigue.
- Avoid driving at night, especially when you would normally be sleeping.
- Get a good night's sleep the night before a long drive.
- Swap drivers regularly where possible.
- Do not consume alcohol before driving or at rest breaks.
- If you feel tired, pull off the road and have a sleep – it's the only cure.



The bottom line

WHY IT COSTS A LITTLE EXTRA FOR A CARAVAN OR CAMPING SITE IN THE NORTH-WEST

Caravan parks are amazing places. They come in all shapes and sizes and provide all sorts of services and experiences for those looking to get away and camp out.

This can be both good and bad. Some people only want a very basic service and can't understand why there is a cost associated with providing that. Others want a high level of service, but also don't expect to pay for what that takes in the North-West (or elsewhere for that matter).

Through working in the industry and meeting plenty of travellers, one of the most common complaints I hear about from people travelling the North-West is the high price of a site in a caravan park.

Having lived in the Kimberley, Pilbara and the Gascoyne regions and worked in tourism for 20 years, you get to know a bit about the cost of living in the North-West and how this knocks on to providing services and facilities.

This happens by way of something as simple as how much it costs to freight something to the north or just the additional cost there is for engaging a service provider in the North-West because of the high overheads they have. Many people in Perth aren't aware that even the most basic service, such as water or power, costs more in the North-West.

It was for this reason that the Caravan Industry Association WA engaged an independent company, Haerberlin, in 2014 to undertake benchmarking into the costs associated with the industry, not just in the North-West but in all parts of Western Australia.

The research, which was published by Haerberlin, shows that the average cost across the state is \$23 a night to provide the fixed costs

THE COSTS OF RUNNING A SITE IN THE NORTH-WEST

\$23 per night

(Shire rates, water rates, electricity service, insurance and permanent staff)

\$23 per night

(Consumption of power, water, gas, sewerage discharge and the casual staff)

\$46 per night

(Total) minimum cost to run a site
(Note: this does not include improvement, borrowing or repairs and maintenance expenses)

associated with a piece of ground used as a powered site, made up of shire rates, water rates, electricity service, insurance and permanent staff.

The research then broke down the costs of providing the services required when the site was occupied, such as the consumption of power, water, gas, sewerage discharge and the casual staff required to service the occupied site. This also totalled an average of \$23 a night.

Combine this with the average occupancy level,

which at the time was 52 per cent (it's down to 37 per cent now) and the cost required to just meet those operational expenses is \$46 a night.

That means that a caravan park has to charge \$46 a night, every night, it is occupied (and more if it has a lower than 50 per cent occupancy level) just to cover its basic cost of providing that square bit of lawn.

This doesn't include any repairs and maintenance costs, repayment of loans, capital improvements, such as a new pool or laundry, and certainly nothing left over for themselves.

There are plenty of costs associated with providing a powered site in a commercial caravan park, a lot of them relate to the regulations and laws that a caravan park has to comply with.

Interestingly, the research showed that one of the highest costs for business is the rates a caravan park pays to its local council.

In good news, these regulations are in place to protect caravanners and campers and many relate to health and safety issues, including fire and electrical safety.

The caravan industry believes it is important that all providers of caravan and camping sites have to provide the safest level of service for visitors and that means no short cuts in providing a site for someone to camp on; and that local councils inspect these sites and ensure they comply with what is legally required.

Commercial caravan parks are inspected every year and licensed, which means that the paying public get what they should have provided to be the safest they can be – which ALL providers of caravan and camping sites should do.

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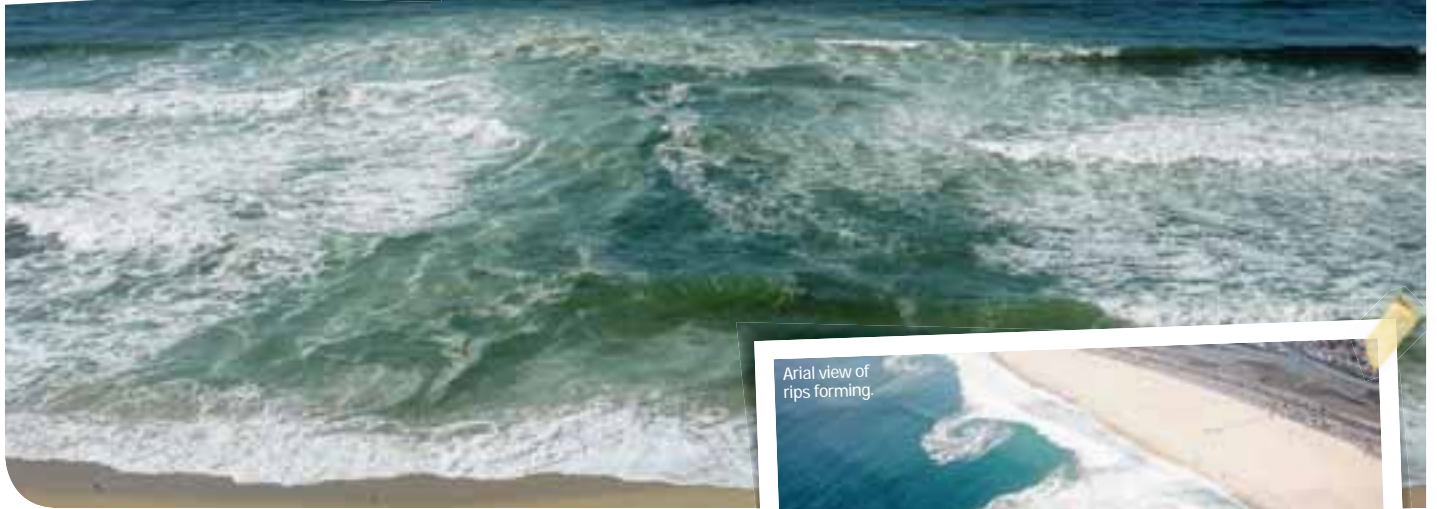


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WATER HAZARDS

WATCH THE RIP

While beaches are one of the big lures of many Western Australian destinations, they don't come without their dangers.



Aerial view of rips forming.

What is a rip current?

When waves break on a beach, they push water towards the shoreline. Once that water reaches the shore, it has to find a way to get back out to sea and does this by flowing downwards into deeper channels in the surf zone.

Once the water is in these deeper areas, it can flow back out to sea away from the shoreline. These deeper channels are called rip currents and are a serious hazard on Australian beaches. During the 2013/14 season, there were 17 coastal drowning deaths in WA. Of those drownings, 29.4 per cent were attributed rip currents [SLSWA 2014 Coastal Safety Report].

When swimmers attempt to fight the current by trying to swim directly back to the shoreline, they can become exhausted and begin to panic which is when the currents turn deadly.

Rip currents can also be hazardous for non-swimmers as anyone standing in waist deep water can be dragged into the deeper waters of the rip current. Those unable to swim can drown if not wearing or holding a flotation device.

HOW TO AVOID RIP CURRENT:

➤ Read The Signs

Safety signs are put up to educate beachgoers about permanent and occasional hazards at that particular beach – including rips. Make sure you read them before hitting the sand and surf. If you need help knowing what the signs mean, you can visit www.beachsafe.org.au

➤ Check beach conditions before entering

You can do this by downloading the Beachsafe app or visiting www.beachsafe.org.au. Watch all the coastal safety information including surf conditions, rips, beach closures and patrol areas.

➤ Learn how to spot rip currents and how to avoid them

WA is a big place with a vast coastline, so it is virtually impossible to have every area supervised by lifesavers all the time. Visit www.beachsafe.org.au to find out all the tips and tricks to staying safe.

➤ If at a patrolled beach always swim between the red and yellow flags on the beach. During the 2013/14 season, all coastal drowning deaths in WA occurred at non-patrolled beaches where there were no lifeguards or lifesavers present. To reduce the chances of being caught in a rip current, try to swim where there are lifeguards or lifesavers present to get you out of a rip if necessary. You can find a list of Surf Life Saving WA patrolled beaches at www.slsa.com.au/our-beaches

➤ Debris or seaweed

➤ Where the waves are breaking consistently in one spot but not breaking consistently on either side – that's a rip current.

HOW TO GET OUT OF A RIP CURRENT:

- 1 Stay calm, float and raise an arm to attract attention.
- 2 While floating, rip currents may flow in a circular pattern and return you to an adjacent sandbar.
- 3 If alone, swim parallel to the beach, towards the breaking waves.
- 4 Do not panic and do not try to swim towards the shore.

➤ Information provided by Surf Living Saving WA.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR:

- Deeper darker water
- Fewer breaking waves
- At times, sandy coloured water extending beyond the surf zone

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Small & seriously nasty

It pays to be aware of who, or rather what you are sharing water with when travelling to the North-West.

Sea snakes, stonefish, cone shells, box jelly fish, saltwater crocodiles and a variety of large sharks inhabit the waters along the Kimberley and Pilbara coast.

But it's the tiny Irukandji jellyfish that often catches swimmers in the ocean unaware, mainly in the warm waters north of Exmouth.

They can be present all year around, but you're most likely to come across them in the wet season (November-May). Swimmers are advised to wear full length lycra swimsuits or wetsuits, covering all parts of the body that will enter the water.

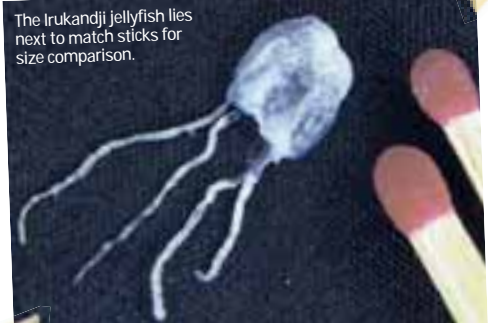
While the little terror is only about 2.5cm in diameter, their sting can cause extreme pain and can in rare cases be life threatening.

What makes these Irukandji so annoying is the stingers on their bell as well as on their tentacles.

They are related to the box jellyfish, which has a sting that results in pain and welts forming right after contact. The problem with the Irukandji is that the sting is not as painful and appears to be nothing more than an irritating rash.

It's better to be safe than sorry if you think you have been stung by an Irukandji. The healing qualities of vinegar still seems to be inconclusive, so the best thing to do is to head straight to the nearest hospital.

The Irukandji jellyfish lies next to match sticks for size comparison.



First specimen of the jellyfish genus *Malo* Irukandji captured by Dr Lisa-Anne Gershwin. Picture: Brian Cassey

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CARAVAN & CAMPING ACCESSORIES

ARB sleeping bag

Ideal for adults of all shapes and sizes, this spacious king single bag offers room to move without getting twisted up, giving users a warm and comfortable night's sleep. Manufactured from quality materials with anti-bacterial and fire-retardant treatments, the ARB sleeping bag is also machine washable. The big rectangular stuff sack allows the sleeping bag to be folded before placing in the sack, as opposed to stuffing, which is often very difficult with traditional stuff sacks. A unique feature of the ARB Sleeping Bag is that there is no need for a left and right-hand model to join two together to make a double. **(FROM ARB)**



120 Watt portable folding solar camping panel

Here's portable power for your caravan or motorhome in remote locations. Want to power your fridge, TV, lights and more? Want your solar panel to charge in partial shading? iTechWorld's folding solar panel provides portable power for lights and small appliances when camping. It allows you to power or recharge portable devices, such as DVD players, notepads, smart phones and tablets (you may need a 12V inverter depending on the device). It's suitable for camping, caravans and mobile homes. It's lightweight, folds out in 30 seconds and is easy to store. **(FROM ITECHWORLD)**

Companion eight-position recliner chairs

Camping chairs should always be comfortable, but Companion has taken the 'sitter's' needs to a new level by creating a product that can be put into one of eight positions. If you like to lay back a little further and gaze up at the night sky, you now can without having to force your limbs into un-natural positions. The Companion eight-position recliner has a strong powder-coated steel frame, an easy-to-use mechanism, fully padded seat and back for extra comfort, plastic arms and removable head rest. It includes a carry bag. **(FROM ALL BOATS & CARAVANS)**



Doble LED Lighting tent poles and portable light

Lighting up your campsite can be a challenge. You want a combination of both good light, while conserving your energy reserves. Doble Outdoors has a solution that also removes the hassles of cables and cords. It's innovative new range of adjustable stainless-steel tent poles contain rechargeable LED lighting recessed into the pole. The



lighting is adjustable to suit mood and is recharged via the 5W solar panel during the day. And you can use it to charge other items, such as your phone.

(FROM ARB)

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ARB alloy bar

Rather than replicating its steel bar in alloy and presenting it to the market, ARB's engineers have started from the chassis mounts developed for the ARB Deluxe Bars and designed the bar to complement the vehicle, while maintaining ARB's core values of high quality, durable equipment specifically engineered for punishing outback conditions. The decision to design and manufacture an alloy bar has been thoroughly evaluated and involved many discussions of the feasibility of such a project. While widely known as a steel fabricated product manufacturer, ARB has a long history manufacturing numerous alloy products. Vehicle specific design for the 2014 on Toyota Prado GX and GXL.

(FROM ARB)



Darche Hi-View 2 roof-top tent

This roof-top tent with annex is a robust unit, which has been tested in some of Australia's harshest environments and touring conditions. Constructed using a 260gsm proofed poly/cotton double pass "ripstop" canvas, the tent will perform and last, ensuring hassle-free touring. It comes with a big zip-on annex, with access points to the rear of your vehicle. It includes a 210 denier oxford polyester "ripstop" annex, a 2.3m telescopic alloy ladder. The package comes with guy ropes, window poles, pegs and instructions. Size: 1.43m wide x 2.4m long x 1.25m high (inner tent). (FROM GETAWAY OUTDOORS)

ARB water crossing cover

Snorkels and differential breathers play a vital role in ensuring water does not get into your engine or drive train. However, there are other components within the vehicle engine bay that can suffer from the rising water level when crossing rivers and waterways. With unique headlight apertures for low-light use, the ARB water crossing cover is designed to help push water away from the engine bay, creating a wave in front of the vehicle while lowering the water level within the engine bay. (FROM ARB)



ARB Summit rear step towbar

To complete the ARB Summit protection package for the PX Ranger, the ARB Summit rear step towbar has been developed. From the press-formed wings, the lower diffuser panels and the lift-up centre panels, each component has been designed to complement the vehicle's design, with no compromise to the level of protection. Practicality hasn't been forgotten, with trailer plugs, trailer camera fittings and air fittings all concealed behind the centre lift-up panel to give a factory appearance. Hi Lift jack points have also been incorporated into both the wings and the lower tube section.

(FROM ARB)

Fixapipe

Here's an easy-to-use and carry temporary solution for repairing water and sewer lines while on the go. The bandage can also be used to wrap a broken leaf spring until you can get your van to a town to be fixed. Don't let a little leak ruin your holiday and stop your van from being used at its optimum. In the event of damaged or leaking pipes, the Fixapipe pipe repair kit is a quick and easy solution. A five-step, no-mess solution, it can repair damaged pipes within minutes. It can be used on a variety of large or small pipes made from metal, concrete, steel, rubber, plastic and ceramic. Using a putty and bandage combination, it is flexible and versatile on different areas of the pipe, including at the tee or joint. Fixapipe is supplied in a tamper-proof, sealed pack with easy-to-read instructions on the packet. Each kit contains the bandage, putty and a pair of gloves and is available in a variety of sizes. (FROM SPILLCREW.COM.AU)



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COMFORTS

HEMA Maps on and off-road navigation system



It's the ultimate touring and adventure accessory – a 7-inch GPS navigation unit that will guide you on road and off-road to the most remote and wonderful destinations in Australia. The HEMA navigator has been on the market for some time, but the latest models are now

fully loaded with the latest edition of the CAMPS 8 camping site guides and points of interest. Features include iGO Primo Street Nav with big button display, window-mount cradle, reversing camera adaptor cable, and free mapping upgrades for the first two years. **(FROM GETAWAY OUTDOORS)**

AXIS 12/240 volt LED TV/DVD units

The idea of a getaway is usually to break away from the routines that burden you at home. But some comforts are difficult to leave behind, such as keeping up with your favourite TV shows, or relaxing in front of a classic movie. Designed for boats, caravans, RVs and other mobile applications, AXIS TVs are built to resist moisture, dust and vibration. Supporting a wide choice of media inputs, you can enjoy movies, music, jpegs and more via DVD, CD, USB or an external-source unit, and even control live TV via the PVR and Timeshift functions.

(FROM ALL BOATS & CARAVANS)



Freshfield Outdoor 12v/240v food vacuum sealer

Freshfield has been developing food vacuum sealers for 10 years and company and recently introduced the exclusive Freshfield Outdoor 12V/240V. Designed in Germany and manufactured in Korea, it is specifically designed for the outdoor market. This versatile product works on both DC 12V and AC 100-240V power, enabling it to be used on the road, camping, caravanning, four-wheel driving, fishing and boating. Just plug it into the DC 12V cigarette-lighter socket or a 100-240V AC mains supply. With the one-touch button with automatic or manual vacuum sealing features, you can now vacuum seal everything and lock-in your fresh produce to last up to five times longer. It's also lightweight (1.3kg) and is designed with lid lock indicator and removable silicon drip tray to wash away your spill.

(FROM FRESHFIELD)



Adesso Coffee Capsule Machine

There is no need to settle for instant coffee just because you don't have a Muzz Buzz or Dome Cafe within walking distance of your campsite. Just find a power point and you have your own cafe-quality espresso at the touch of a button with the Adesso Coffee Capsule Machine. Features include simple, elegant compact (125mm W x 261mm H x 385mm D) design, high-quality materials, innovative technology and patented piercing filter plate. The 1lt water tank is removable and the unit is easy to clean and maintain. It uses just 0.5 watts and heats up from standby in just 30 seconds. **(FROM ALL BOATS & CARAVANS)**

7-inch LCD rear-view screen and CCD camera pack

This high-resolution Three-Channel TFT-LCD monitor is ideal for multiple camera applications for full-screen viewing. Includes front panel touch buttons with a big, removable sun visor and is ideal for caravans where a big viewing screen is required. Features include a 7-inch TFT-LCD display (aspect ratio: 16:9), video system AUTO PAL and NTSC, resolution of 800 (RGB) x 480 Pixel, three camera inputs with three triggered inputs for each camera, a camera AV input on front panel (CH1), dash mountable with either U-shape bracket or round bracket, screen sun visor, illuminated touch front panel buttons, IR remote, 5W current consumption.

(FROM ALL BOATS & CARAVANS)



FRIDGE & FREEZER

THE days of packing all of your food tightly into a food cooler, and then topping up with ice before heading off camping are long gone.

Improvements in portable fridge and freezer technology mean no more soggy or thawed food while you're away enjoying the outdoors.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING A FRIDGE OR FREEZER

➤ Consider whether you need a fridge only, or whether a freezer would also be handy. There are models that combine the two functions.

➤ Size does matter. While it needs to fit in your vehicle (with space for ventilation) it also needs to have enough room to store the things you intend to put in it. It can be a tough balance to find.

➤ Do you have the power source to run the model you are looking at?

➤ If you plan to use your purchase off-road, make sure it has been built to be used in that manner.

➤ Is it easy to use?

TIP: Give your purchase a trial run before you head away on your holiday. Pack it with the amount of food you are likely to travel with and connect it to the same power source you'll take with you. Make sure that your goods are staying at the required temperatures.



Mammoth Series II fridges

The portable fridge-freezer is not new. Established companies, such as Waeco and Engel, offer them, but what sets the Mammoth Series II products apart is the capacity to control each compartment independently.

This gives the user full flexibility and control as to how the fridge is used - be it 100 per cent fridge, or 100 per cent freezer, or half and half.

The Mammoth Series II allows the user to adjust the product to their own needs.

Mammoth fridges have also recently been revamped with a digital control panel, internal LED lighting and battery protection settings. There are also accessories available, including a cover, stand, power pack and slides to fit them into your vehicle. Fridge-freezers are available in 45lt, 60lt, 74lt, 100lt and 130lt sizes. Flexi-zone fridge-freezers are available in sizes 37lt, 65lt, 92lt, 118lt.

(FROM GETAWAY OUTDOORS)

Waeco's CR range – STAINLESS-STEEL LOOK COMPRESSOR REFRIGERATOR, 12/24 VOLTS DC

This Waeco product adds some elegance to your caravan and camping equipment. And it's functional, too, featuring fully hermetic compressor with integrated control electronics, low-voltage protection/electronic fuse, automatic reverse pole protection, a mechanical, continuously variable thermostat, condensation drainage via hose connection or collection tank, and four installation points for fastening from inside.

It also features a double locking system (top and bottom) and separate, insulated freezer compartment. And, for extra convenience, there is an egg compartment, baskets, shelves and a bottle holder. It's available in sizes from 50lt to 140lt.

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THE BUCKET LIST

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Australia's North-West believes it has at least 32 experiences that should be included on yours.

Last month, the region's tourism body ran a competition pitting these experiences against one another, to derive an ultimate group of just four – one was chosen from a group of eight each week.

And one person who took the time to vote won the chance to visit the region and try those four winners out for themselves.

If that person wasn't you, then here's the list, so you can start planning your next visit and start ticking them off.

For details of the four experiences chosen from each group (by public vote) and the ultimate winner, visit <http://kimberleybucketlist.com/>



Group 1

➤ **Visit the world's second largest meteorite crater Wolf Creek Crater:**

Located 152 km south of Halls Creek, with a diameter of nearly 1km.

➤ **Marvel at the multi-level Mitchell Falls:** One of the most spectacular waterfalls in the Kimberley.

➤ **Enjoy a spectacular Cable Beach sunset, above, while riding Broome's "Blue" camels:** Ranked among the world's top beaches.

➤ **Witness Staircase to the Moon – Mother Nature's awe-inspiring illusion:** Created by the rising of the full moon reflecting off the exposed mudflats at extremely low tide.

➤ **Experience the Celebration of Aboriginal Culture and Dance at Derby's Mowanjum Festival:** Share the traditional culture and dances of the Ngarinyin, Worrorra and Wunambal peoples of Mowanjum.

➤ **Described by David Attenborough as "Australia's most unusual natural wonder":** The Horizontal Falls of the Buccaneer Archipelago.

➤ **Visit the Cathedral and feel the spirit of the Kimberley:** Within the Purnululu National Park lies the Bungle Bungle Ranges, home to Cathedral Gorge.

➤ **Kooljaman at Cape Leveque picturesque sunsets and untouched deserted beaches:** Sitting at the tip of the Dampier Peninsula.



Group 2

➤ **Ord River Cruising:** The longest continuous daily river cruise in Australia – 55km.

➤ **Matso's Broome Brewery:** The Kimberley's award winning micro-brewery.

➤ **Purnululu National Park:** It's not possible to fully understand the scale and size of these spectacular rock formations from the ground. Take a helicopter ride.

➤ **Eco Beach Resort Broome:** Provides guests with an unforgettable and unique wilderness experience while having minimal impact on the surrounding landscape.

➤ **Kimberley Angling Adventure:** Set off for a fishing adventure from Western Australia's most northerly township, Wyndham.

➤ **King George Falls:** Uncover a number of coastal delights, remarkable Aboriginal rock art sites, plunging waterfalls, above, pristine rivers, deserted beaches and abundant marine life.

➤ **Chamberlain Gorge:** Over 1 million acres in size, some of El Questro has never been explored. It is one of Australia's last true frontiers.

➤ **Gibb River Road:** Be awestruck as you take in spectacular scenery of impressive ranges, steep cliff faces, vast savannah bushland, remarkable gorges, impressive waterfalls and magnificent rivers along its length; including Bell Gorge, Windjana Gorge, Tunnel Creek and the Pentecost River area.



Group 3

➤ **Sunset cocktails overlooking Cable Beach:** Take one idyllic beach – with ocean sunsets, and palm trees – then add the finest food, stylish accommodation and experiences.

➤ **Tunnel Creek National Park:** WA's oldest cave system. The creek flows through a huge water-worn tunnel, above, beneath the limestone of the Napier Range.

➤ **Mimbi Caves:** An amazing journey deep inside Mimbi Caves, part of the 350 million year old Devonian Reef system.

➤ **Cygnets Bay Pearl Farm:** Cruise on a purpose designed boat and take in the giant tides of the Kimberley in style.

➤ **Spectacular bird migration on Roebuck Bay:** Recognised as a matter of national environmental significance in 1990, Roebuck Bay, is of international importance for at least 20 species of migratory shorebirds.

➤ **Home Valley Station:** With the magnificent Cockburn Range as your backdrop, soak in the unforgettable scenery of the East Kimberley and be inspired by the ultimate Australian outback experience.

➤ **Kimberley Night Sky:** Sleeping under the starry dome of a Kimberley night sky is an awesome experience.

➤ **Ord Valley:** Boasts a host of activities; fishing, Aboriginal art, boat cruises, canoeing, caving and abseiling, four wheel driving and hiking.



Group 4

➤ **Lake Argyle – Australia's largest freshwater lake:** Boasting 25,000 freshwater crocodiles, 26 species of native fish, 90 islands which are home to various marsupials and reptiles, and approximately one third of Australia's bird species.

➤ **Discover National Heritage Listed Dinosaur Prints:** at low tide in rock on the beach along the Broome coastline.

➤ **Arrive in style and take a Helicopter flight to Willie Creek Pearl Farm:** The scenic estuary is ever-changing due to the massive tidal movements of the Broome region.

➤ **Experience Wandjina culture through the eyes of Worrorra people:** A unique blend of eco and cultural tourism.

➤ **You've never been this faraway:** The bush retreat Faraway Bay, above, is located 280kms north-west of Kununurra.

➤ **Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster:** Showcases over 30 Events across 10 exciting days.

➤ **Visit nature's Devonian delight, Geike Gorge:** Carved by the Fitzroy River through part of an ancient limestone barrier reef.

➤ **World's Oldest Operating Outdoor Picture Gardens:** Entering Sun Pictures in Broome's Chinatown precinct, you are taken back to a bygone era.

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