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Dardanup Heritage Park a grand (trac)tion

A dream of Gary Brookes, a love of bulldozers and a determination to preserve our nation's heritage has produced one of Western Australia's most iconic tourist attractions.

Situated just outside Bunbury, the Dardanup Heritage Park is a must-see during your National Rally wanderings.

Open only on Wednesdays and Sundays between 9.30am and 4pm, the park boasts a staggering 140 tractors and bulldozers, 50 stationary engines, 21 trucks, vehicles of many kinds — the biggest bulldozer is the TC12 Uclid, which was the largest in the world when it was introduced in the early 1960s — a working sawmill relocated from nearby Collie with workers' cottages; a stand-alone military museum, complete with an ex-Australian Army Leopard tank and a missile.

Expert workmen have brought each vehicle back to its former glory in the park's workshops.

One of the many highlights of the park is the fully working print shop with the only working Linotype type-setting machine in the State.

There is also plenty for the ladies with rooms stashed full of house-



A fully restored 1911 Ruston Proctor Traction Engine.

hold memorabilia and antiques, including washhouse, toys, musical instruments, radios, lamps, china and much more.

The brainchild of Gary and Jill Brookes, the park opened in October 2003, just two months after Gary died.

Jill holds the reins and is forever

innovating and tweaking the park.

"We try to do justice to everything we do and it's the best men's shed around," she said with family and volunteers of all ages making the park a going concern.

The day I visited, preparations were being made for its oldest

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From tractors to a Leopard tank

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volunteer's 90th birthday celebrations.

"I'm so privileged to be part of their lives. The camaraderie is just unbelievable. They're willing to pass on their knowledge to everyone."

Gary and Jill ran Brookes Transport for more than 31 years and the first, second and third trucks in that business are on display.

Timber for the project was all cut at the relocated sawmill, which operates on the first Sunday of each month.

There are so many sheds full of vehicles that you will be amazed. Pride of place goes to a pair of fully restored traction engines. See two working Tangye engines — the 100 horsepower model is one of only two in the world still operating.

"Everything is running. It's not a static heritage park. It needs to be a working reminder of how things used to be," Jill said.

"It's about 'Keeping Memories Alive' — our slogan — and we have heaps of space for parking caravans."

You will be amazed at the sheer size, diversity and presentation of this outstanding private collection.

Family passes are available and there is a huge restaurant and one corner devoted to an expansive display of miniature vehicles.

Allocate the day to get around this huge step back in time, which is largely under cover.



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Still 'room at the inn' as October date nears

Registrations are still being sought for the National Rally.

According to Canberra, there were many late entries for the 2016 rally in the preceding months.

With natural attrition and new sign-ups, the rally attendance number is hovering around the 500 mark.

There are still many more sites available in the central Centennial Park venue.

We are expecting a late charge for Albany with WA clubs expected to boost their current 151 number.

Programme

Every endeavour is being made to finalise the National Rally programme and get it published.

This will aid attendees in arranging Busy Blue Bus tours and other events during the nine days.

The Busy Blue Bus tours are now available via the website.

Rally Manager Derek Atkinson explains why it is so important to register and pay for activities.

"There are limited spots available for some activities and it is imperative that we get participants signed up to aid with the planning.

"We are working hard to get the programme to you in the May newsletter and on the website.

"With less than seven months to go, time is running out as some Eastern States rally goers are thinking of hitting the road," he said.

Disc bowls

Disc bowls organiser Brian Dearle is keen to know how many people are interested in his event, which is scheduled for four days on the AFL oval in front of Centennial Stadium.

He also asks whether there were clubs, possibly Western Australian, who could bring sets of bowls with them to be used during the major championship.

Please contact Brian on 0417 998 405 or email briansdearle@outlook.com.

When the programme is settled, a form will be available on the website for people to sign up for their favourite activities.

Fishing and craft are the two events that need advance warning as kits have to be purchased and assembled in the coming months.

Coffee on the go

For those coffee addicts there is no need to wander too far to imbibe as a coffee van will be on site for the duration of the rally.

And then there are the many coffee shops in the city while you are wandering around seeing the sights.

People who have declared disabilities will be catered for with close-proximity sites to all the action.

Of course, that could mean being close to the entertainment during the evening, when you might wish to have an early night... No chance.

Entertainment

A broad range of entertainment has been engaged for the evenings while the memorial breakfast and bush poets' breakfast will also be major attractions.

Western Australia is going all out to make sure that this National Rally is the "best ever".



Amity replica graces Albany foreshore

The interpretation of the brig Amity, based at bottom of the city centre, was constructed to coincide and recognise the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the original vessel on Christmas Day 1826.

Its arrival, under the command of Major Edmund Lockyer, marked the beginning of the establishment of the first European settlement, in what is now called Western Australia.

After appropriate funding and research, the construction of the replica began where it now stands in 1975, with Stan Austin acting as the project supervisor and Peter Van de Brugge as the leading shipwright.

It is also believed that some labour was also supplied from various government agencies involved with unemployed people.

At the time an expected "working life" for the vessel was about 30 years.



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Albany's special place in the remembrance of World War I is recognised the world over. Each

year on Anzac Day, thousands of locals and visitors solemnly gather atop Mt Clarence for the dawn service, looking out over King George Sound to commemorate the Diggers who perished in the Great War.

Wreaths are laid upon the waters of the Sound, as they have been since April 25, 1930.

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Walpole wilderness wonders



Travel west on the Great Southern Highway from Albany to the town of Walpole, home of the Walpole-Nornalup National Park and the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk.

Be awestruck by the beauty of the forest and its towering karri and tingle trees.

The karri tree can grow nearly 100m high, making it the tallest tree in Western Australia and one of the world's tallest hardwood trees.

The red tingle tree can live more than 400 years, growing up to nearly 80m in height, with a girth of up to 28m.

Walpole-Nornalup National Park is the only place where the red tingle tree still exists. It is a thrill-

ing experience and you can be assured the walkway's lightweight steel trusses do provide secure support.

Return to Albany via William Bay National Park. The spectacular scenery includes a group of grey rocks that resemble elephants resting peacefully in the water.

Keep an eye out for the natural

phenomenon called the Green Pool, a sea pool with brilliant blue-green water.

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Date	Tour	Cost	Departures
Tuesday 15th	Albany History & Highlights (3.5hrs)	\$140	9.00am & 1.30pm
Wednesday 16th	Sandalwood Sensory Experience (3hrs)	\$62	9.00am
	Great Southern Whisky & Gin Tasting	\$50	1.30pm
	Oranje Tractor Wine Flight	\$50	1.30pm
	Wilson Brewing Company "Grain to Glass" story (3hrs)	\$50	1.30pm
Thursday 17th	Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk (8.5hrs)	\$189	7.45am
Friday 18th	Mt Barker Grape Escape (6.5hrs)	\$189	9.30am
Saturday 19th	Albany's Whale Story (3.5hrs)	\$140	9.00am & 1.30pm
Sunday 20th	Gap + Natural Wonders (3.5hrs)	\$109	9.00am
Monday 21st	Tastes of the Great Southern (6.5hrs)	\$189	9.30am

Something from the showbag

Western Australia's Redgum Caravan Club ladies have undertaken to crochet more than 500 caravan keyrings for the rally goodies bag.

At previous rallies various clubs have made things and put them in the bags as an extra surprise.

They are crocheted with the door and window made of felt and stitched on and the button sewn on to make the wheel.

The ladies are about 60 per cent complete for the body. The stitching of the door and window has only just started.

The plan is to have it all done by August and they are on target at present.



Why not knit up a teddy for the kiddies?

Here's a chance for all you knitters out there.

This teddy is made from one knitted square. It is knitted in garter stitch (all knit, NO purl rows). It is an ideal project for beginners.

Materials:

8 ply wool (one ball for each colour — you won't use it all)

Size 10 (3.25mm) needles (or 3mm if you are a loose knitter).

Cast on 50 stitches in the colour you will use for feet and head.

Change to colour for trousers —

knit 26 rows .

Change to colour for jumper — knit 22 rows.

Change to colour for head — knit 20 rows.

Cast off loosely.

To make up:

Knit 6 rows.

Sew the side edges together — but leave open at jumper colour (to insert stuffing). The seam will become the centre back seam.

Stitch across the bottom and then up the middle of the legs to

just below the jumper colour.

Stitch across ears — do not stuff.

Stitch down each side of jumper section — on an angle for arms (to look like hands in pockets).

Pass a running stitch around the row where the jumper colour changed to the head colour.

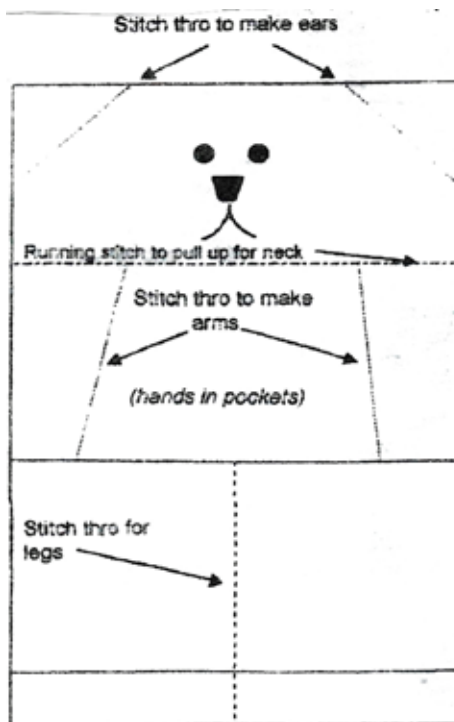
Begin stuffing, starting from feet and working up, including arms (lightly).

Pull up gathering thread around neck once body section is stuffed sufficiently.

Put on eyes and nose before stitching up back seam.

Stitch on mouth with black thick cotton or thin wool.

Finish off with ribbon around neck, or double strand wool, tie knot in bow.



Funny that...

Dogs can't operate MRI machines, but Cat scan.

I forgot how to use my boomerang, then it came back to me.

After the cheese factory explosion in France there was nothing left but de brie.

I went to buy camouflage pants, but I couldn't find any.

I used to hate facial hair, then it grew on me.

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