



Pioneer Heritage Hunt

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THE CHALLENGE

Pioneer Challenge is a fun heritage hunt with the aim of discovering the pioneers of Western Australia. The game is a hybrid of a clue finding treasure hunt and a car rally that encourages people to explore our regional country towns and raise money for charity. The game is run by an innovative Rotary group from Perth who has been looking to beat Covid-19 and assist in the recovery of Western Australia's tourism industry.

FACEBOOK AND WEB SITE UPDATE

Follow us on our Facebook page and see our new website home page. www.pioneerchallenge.com.au

THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CHALLENGE



Playground, Katanning

We welcome families with children to join the Pioneer Challenge during the holidays, hunting for lost Pioneers in family teams along Route 120, chasing clues and exploring what the towns have to offer.



THE DECEMBER WINNER IS...

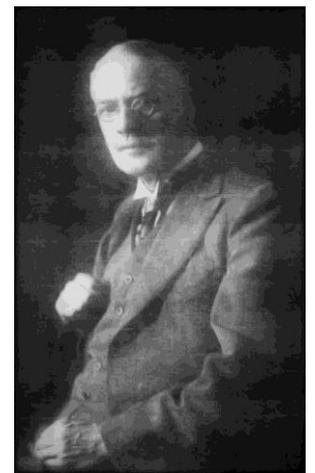
The December winner is the **Team Bad** team from Perth. It was allocated the towns of Katanning, Cuballing and Brookton. The **Team Bad** team receives a dozen bottles of Shiraz from Ironcloud Wines. "Mum and I have made it to Albany and had a wonderful time doing the challenge!"



Boyagin Rock – Fun for all the family – Maintain respect for this Noongar Site

JOHN BARKER - Potter and Artist - Narrogin

1867-1943. Came to Narrogin from Britain in 1924 to manage a newly established pottery and arrived to find that the kilns were installed wrongly. Unfortunately, the business failed and Barker moved on to Albany in 1928. His paintings and ceramics were exhibited in 1984 in Perth and Albany in an exhibition organised by the Centre for Fine Arts University of WA. Samples of his work are on display at the Narrogin Courthouse Museum. Including the portrait of Senator Edward Bertram Johnston painted in 1925, three watercolour paintings and samples from the Narrogin Pottery Company. - *Narrogin Old Courthouse Museum*



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HOW TO PLAY

Once registered, players are assigned three Pioneer towns and nine Pioneers to investigate along a chosen segment of Route 120, (Southern Highway). Within these towns, players begin by finding and photographing the graves of these Pioneers at the local cemetery. Search for historical clues around town, answer questions online and upload pictorial records of your trip. The game is played on mobile devices and the Pioneer Challenge website. Learn about the town, enjoy the local fare and flavours and bring to life the amazing Pioneers of our state! Explore unique and charming towns along the Great Southern Highway (Route 120). pioneerchallenge.com.au

BROOMEHILL – Henry Jones Winery and Café



Henry Jones Winery and Café is an experience you should add to your road trip through south western rural Australia. The owners are lovely friendly people, the shop/cafe is a scatter of fascinating curiosities and old books to look at and buy, the food and coffee was actually really delish, and overall you drive away thinking ...I am pretty sure this little stopover will stay with me when I reflect back on this trip. This is like time warping into old rural Australia, so turn off the main road and discover this cute country experience one street back...don't blink, or you will miss it, and it is well worth seeing. [<https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/>]

PRIZE PRESENTATION - November

The winner in November was **The Rusty Tykes** team from Mandurah finding Pioneers in Woodanilling, Wagin and Narrogin. The team received a dozen bottles of Shiraz from Ironcloud Wines. *"The Duke of York Pub, friendly and half the price of Mandurah! The railway, station, historic main street, the mural, the triangle park with the torpedo, the Noongar public art and youth space, great sports facilities."*



WHAT TEAMS SAY



Cuballing: *We really liked the sculptures at the entrance to town and the pride the town appears to take in its sporting pursuits, especially equestrian and cricket.*

Katanning: *the old architecture of the flour mill was blended with the new architecture of the dome underneath. We also really liked all the street art.*

Brookton: *Beautiful and well-kept town, neat and tidy and love the matching Christmas decorations lining the shopfronts. Beautiful gardens around the railway station.*

SPRING INTO ACTION THESE HOLIDAYS

Don't miss the Great Southern Highway these holidays with its colours of Summer. Hunt for your Pioneers and clues in the cool of the morning and evening, and enjoy hospitality, museums, galleries and country food at lunchtime in air-conditioning. It is easy to incorporate the Pioneer Challenge as fun day trip or break in a longer journey.



Thank you for your support. Please forward this newsletter to friends and colleagues and encourage them to participate! Register a team at pioneerchallenge.com.au and plan your unique experience.

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