



Pioneer Heritage Hunt

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THE CHALLENGE

Pioneer Challenge, it 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.

WHAT CHALLENGERS HAVE SAID



Katanning: We loved the old buildings and the great feeling in town. We discovered that the first light pole in WA was erected in the main street of Katanning. The restoration of the flour mill which is the Premier Mill Hotel was very impressive. The lunch at Dome was a welcome break during our exciting pioneer challenge on route 120. The all aged playground at the entry to town was a very pleasant surprise.



Broomehill: In the little town of Broomehill, the biggest surprise was a really fantastic park called the Sheridan Park. The trees in this park in the middle of town was in full spring blossom. The flowers were beautiful, and the towns folk were very proud of their town.

THE NOVEMBER WINNER IS...

The November monthly winner is the The Rusty Tykes team. The team was allocated the towns of Woodanilling, Narrogin and Wagin. The Rusty Tykes team receives a dozen bottles of Cabernet Shiraz from Ironcloud Wines. “The cultural trail in Woodanilling, very quaint like going back in time, the pub still has original rooms, trees and landscape, men’s shed, railway.”



CUBALLING – Nordic 3 Team

“A very friendly young lady arranged for us to have coffee at the Cuballing tavern. The fishpond with associated decor at the tavern was very imaginative.”



BEVERLEY – Nordic 3 Team



“Beverley’s a very neat town with some well-preserved buildings. It has a great wooden playground and interesting heritage trail.”

NARROGIN – The Rusty Tykes Team

“We had an interesting time and enjoyed the challenge immensely. We included a walk to the top of Boyagin Rock on the way from Mandurah to Narrogin which was terrific.”



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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



REQers Team

PRIZE PRESENTATION – October – JakeTyra Team

The monthly winner in October was the JakeTyra team from Busselton. The team was allocated the towns of Beverley, Cranbrook and Katanning. The team received a dozen bottles of Shiraz from Ironcloud Wines. "We like the good feeling of Katanning. The all-aged-playground was to die for. Near the playground was a cool BMX track. We went to the Dome and the food was really good".



THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CHALLENGE

We invite children and their parents to join the "Pioneer Challenge" during the holidays, hunting for, and learning about, the State's Pioneers in family teams along Route 120.

It's fun for all the family and is also in aid of the renovation of the King Edward Memorial Hospital Rose Garden for the bereaved families of still-born children. The cost per vehicle is \$60 towards the Rose Garden.

We hope staff and children/parents of our primary school will support this project during the school holidays.

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NESS ELIZABETH ANN (Nurse) – Narrogin



A tough, resourceful and kindly midwife. During the 1890s and early 1900s she operated from her small home opposite the church in Doney Street. In about 1910 she had a stone maternity hospital built at 6 Williams Road and ran this until she left Narrogin in 1924. Both buildings remain. She was a fine horsewoman and at the age of 80 she rode in Perth during the State Centenary celebration in 1929.

SPRING INTO ACTION

Don't miss the Great Southern Highway these holidays with colours of early Summer. Savour the hospitality, museums galleries and country food in every town. 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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