

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2021

THE MARCH WINNER is...

The March winner is the **Wayfarers Inc Team** from Joondalup. They drove down Route 120 finding their Pioneers and chasing clues in the towns of Narrogin, Woodanilling and Katanning. "We like Katanning. It is very much the embodiment of the Pioneering spirit that built Western Australia."

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON ROUTE 120

When you are on the Pioneer Challenge, coming up to Anzac Day.

YORK

York Motorcycle Rally

Sun 11th Apr 7am-2pm

Autumn Dance Festival

Fri 16- Sat 17 Apr

Anzac service & parades

Sun 25 Apr 5.45am-12 Noon



PINGELLY

Country Collective

with Pingelly shears,
sheep dog trials etc.

Sat 24 Apr 9.00am



BROOKTON

Anzac Biscuit Bakeoff

Thur 22 Apr 10.00am

89 Robinson Rd



NARROGIN

Art Exhibition

Sun-Mon 25-26 Apr

Farmers & Makers Market

Sat 17 Apr 8.00am-12.00



MT BARKER

Car Boot Sale

Sun 18 Apr 9.00am-12.00



GET A TEAM READY FOR ANZAC DAY

What teams are saying – by Goodenough, BrAnRoPe, Waylen Explorers Too and other teams – A highway packed with interest.

York. "Mucking around in the courthouse was much fun!"

Pingelly. "We loved the nice grassy site where we camped at the caravan park. The facilities were very clean, and a lovely tile display in the camp kitchen. Great meal at the Pingelly Hotel and the people we met were very friendly. Great town."

Popanyinning. "Would be perfect for filming a short movie on surviving a global apocalyptic event, due to being isolated in a remote micro town. We didn't see a single soul while we were there."

Woodanilling. "A delightful walk around town with explanatory signs."

Katanning. "The renovated mill is very interesting although we didn't stay there and a great place for a drink and a meal. Loved the peace and history of Twonkwillingup Reserve. And the murals in town brighten up the streetscape. An enjoyable stay."

Mt Barker. "Mt Barker is a very tidy town with great landscaping in the streets, murals on several buildings and public art in the form of decorated doors."

Narrogin. "Loved Gnarogin Park - combined Noongar and pioneer history with recreation and the natural environment. A delightful spot"

Cuballing. "Cuballing reminds me of the micro towns from the video game series called Harvest Moon. Scenic and wholesome."

Beverley. "A pretty town in which to have lunch."

Some ANZAC Day Services.

Highbury Anzac Service

Sat 17 Apr 2021 9:45 am - 10:45 am

Narrogin Anzac Day Dawn Service

Sun 25 Apr 2021 5:50 am - 6:10 am

York Anzac service & parades

Sun 25 Apr 5.45am-12 Noon

Albany Traditional Anzac Day and parades

Sun 25 Apr 5.30am-6.00-8.00-10.00



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Troop Ships
Albany History Collection

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FEBRUARY WINNER



The February winners were Philip and Robin of the **Rophi team** from Lesmurdie. They drove down Route 120 finding their Pioneers and chasing clues in the towns of York, Pingelly and Brookton. This was their second-time-lucky team, having already hunted Pioneers in Tenterden, Mt Barker and Albany in July. They are automatically also in the draw for the Grand Prize on June 30.

TWO ANZAC SONS OF PIONEERS FROM KATANNING

These two sons of Pioneers have been included in the Pioneer Challenge as they represent so much who we are and why we are and the fortitude of the people who built the South-West of WA. We take our hat off to them this ANZAC Day.

Cpl Frank Waters: Frank Waters was born in 1892. When Frank was twenty-three, he enlisted in the Australian Light Horse Regiment in 1915. He embarked to Egypt for overseas service in the same year, returning to Australia in 1919. He married Dorothy Brady and passed away in 1939.

Pvt Walter Terlich: Pvt Terlich grew up on his parents farm in Marracoonda about 8 kms from Katanning. He had 7 siblings and a further 7 half siblings. He was killed in action in June 1918 aged 23. He is buried at Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery.

THE CHALLENGE



Pioneer Challenge is a fun heritage hunt with the aim of discovering the pioneers on Route 120 in WA. 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.

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 See us in Facebook and Instagram.

SPRING INTO ACTION

"The best part was doing something totally different together, exploring, discovering people and places we never knew existed." It is easy to incorporate the Pioneer Challenge in a fun day trip or as breaks in a longer journey. "Your Challenges support the KEMH Rose Garden maintenance and development."



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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