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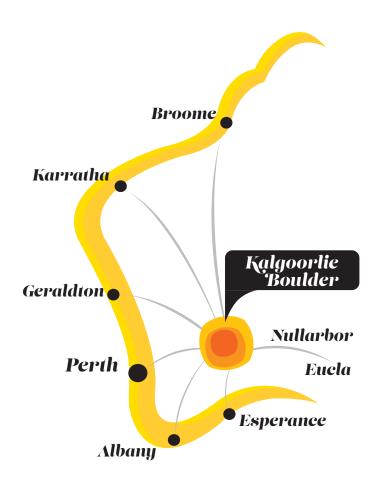
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How to get here



Air

Virgin Australia and Qantas offer regular services from Perth to Kalgoorlie Boulder. Flights take approximately one hour.

Purchase your tickets from the Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre. TransWA offers daily services from Perth to Kalgoorlie Boulder on the Prospector Train.

Road

Whatever direction you are driving from – all roads lead to Kalgoorlie Boulder. Experience the true outback self-driving adventure. Alternatively, purchase a bus ticket from the Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre. A TransWA service operates from Esperance to Kalgoorlie Boulder three times each week. Weekly return bus services operate from Kalgoorlie Boulder to Leonora and Laverton.

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129 Years in the Making:

Uncover Unique and Unforgettable History

Kalgoorlie Boulder is Australia's largest Outback City, and one of the most famous gold mining centres on the planet, covering an area of 95,576 m2 and home to approx. 30,000 people today. Its history is intimately linked with the fortunes of Western Australia and, indeed, Australia as a nation.

The first inhabitants were the Aboriginal people, who lived in this vast region tens of thousands of years before the early explorers paved the way for gold seeking prospectors.

In Western Australia during the 1880's, gold had been found in the Kimberley, Pilbara and the Murchison regions. The Goldfields was next to be discovered in 1892.

The history of mining in Kalgoorlie Boulder is a fascinating journey; a celebration of innovation, ingenuity and sheer hard work.

More historical treasures can be found at the Museum of the Goldfields, located at the top end of Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie underneath the original Ivanhoe headframe.

In Boulder stands the Miners Monument, a proud statue erected in tribute to the miners of the Goldfields – past, present and future.

Today's Kalgoorlie Boulder is still one of the biggest gold mining cities in the world. The new and the old sit in harmony side-by-side.

Visitors and guests to the City are welcome to experience the sights aboard the Golden Mile Loopline Railway Society Tram (a replica from the goldrush era) or by hiring an Audio Walking Tour. Bookings can be made at the KBVC.





Paddy's Story...

Patrick Hannan (known affectionately as Paddy Hannan), was born in Quin, County Clare, Ireland in 1840.

Growing up in a farming family, doing it tough young Paddy saw many friends and family members emigrate. His own family had moved house at least four times by the time he was eighteen. Paddy was 12 years of age when his uncle, William Lynch and cousin, Mary White left Clare for Australia in 1852. Mary's letters are said to have influenced young Paddy with news of 'diggings' and the chance of a better life, as his uncle continued to send money back home for other family members to follow them to Australia.

In 1863, aged 22, Paddy listed as a 'Laborer' and came to Australia on the Henry Fernie from Liverpool. He worked for five years on various gold diggings at Ballarat and Bendigo in the Victorian Goldfields. In 1867 he moved to mine in New Zealand for six years, later returning to Australia to prospect in New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and South Australia.

At the age of 49, Paddy arrived in Western Australia in 1889 and proceeded to Southern Cross. Today, there is a shaft near Southern Cross which is known as Paddy Hannan's Shaft.

When Arthur Bayley and William Ford found and reported their rich discovery at Coolgardie on 17 September 1892, Paddy and his friend, Tom Flanagan, travelled to the new find and took up claims on one of the gullies of Coolgardie. This venture was not successful.

In June 1893, news of the Mt Youle rush resulted in a general exodus from Coolgardie. Included in this, were Hannan, Flanagan and Daniel Shea. 25 miles to the east, they were delayed, and during their enforced stay, they found gold in the small gullies close to the findings which are now called Mt Charlotte, Hannan's Hill and Mt Gledden.

On the 17 June, Hannan rode back to Coolgardie to register the new find and to apply for a reward claim, taking with him 134 ounces of alluvial nuggets.

His arrival at Coolgardie caused intense excitement and nearly the entire population of the town packed up to move to the new find.

Neither Hannan, nor his friends, made very much out of their discovery and Paddy, needing a holiday badly, left the area in 1894.

When he returned in 1898, Kalgoorlie had become a very bustling place and he found himself very warmly welcomed by the people of the town. A function was arranged, a tree planted near the site of his first find and he was granted a Government payment of three pounds a week for a number of years. The original tree has not survived but the latest replacement was planted in 1993, on the centenary of Paddy's discovery and remains today as a mark of respect and commemoration.

After some years in Western Australia, Paddy retired to Victoria and was considered to be a poor man. Paddy passed away at Brunswick on 4 November 1925, aged 83 years. He is buried at the Melbourne Cemetery. His original headstone stated 'Discoverer of the Kalgoorlie Mining Field, WA'. However, his grave fell into disrepair and in 1965, the Mines Department of WA, Chamber of Mines and the local Kalgoorlie Council agreed to share the cost of restoration. Paddy Hannan's modern headstone states 'restored by grateful residents of Kalgoorlie Boulder'.

Inside the Kalgoorlie Town Hall is the original tribute statue of Patrick Hannan (erected in 1929), with a replica statue positioned outside the building since 1983.









Must-See Attractions & Tours

Kalgoorlie Boulder offers charisma, excitement and adventure waiting to be explored!

Museums...

Step back in time and soak up over 129 years of history with many fascinating attractions available such as the;

- Goldfields War Museum
- Museum of the Goldfields
- Signpost Goldfields Racing Museum

Mining...

Experience the vibrant mix of gold rush history and modern day mining with a visit to WA School of Mines Minerals Museum and pan for gold at Hannans North Tourist Mine and climb aboard the giant 793C haul truck and 994F Loader.

If you wish to try your luck to prospect for gold riches, you can join a personalised prospecting tour.

The Super Pit...

Get up close to the Super Pit on a tour, go on a breathtaking flight or visit the Public Lookout.



Mount Charlotte Lookout...

Experience spectacular panoramic views of the city and discover the history from the futurist vision of CY O'Connor, an Irish Engineer during the goldrush who led to the longevity and prosperity of Kalgoorlie and Boulder. The pipeline was opened in 1903, delivering fresh clean water from Mundaring Weir in Perth to the Mount Charlotte Reservoir in Kalgoorlie. The original pipeline is still in use and remains the lifeline that supplies water today.

Kalgoorlie Golf Course...

Currently ranked #20 in Australia's Top 100 Public Access Courses. The setting of the lush greens sits in contrast to the outback's red dirt and often displays spectacular sunsets against the backdrop of the Great Western Woodlands trees and heathlands.

The Kalgoorlie Golf Course has a remarkable driving range with turfed and sheltered artificial teeing areas. There are novelty targets which makes it a fantastic place to bring kids on the weekend, after school or in the school holidays.

For all your golfing needs, visit the on-site Pro Shop which stocks a wide variety of specialist items.

Experience the World's Longest Golf Course 'The Nullarbor Links'. You will either start or end (depending which direction you are travelling) and play two holes at the Kalgoorlie Golf Course. The journey of 1 365 km across 18-hole par 72 golf course spans across the open spaces of the Eyre Highway (the Nullarbor), connecting Western Australia and South Australia. Purchase your Nullarbor Links Score Cards from the Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre.

The course brings fun and adventure to your travel experience across the Nullarbor. Embark on this once in a lifetime golfing adventure that showcases the incredible Kalgoorlie Golf Course.



Jump on our Historical Loopline Tram Tour around our unique Outback City!



Take a tour of the two spectacular Town Halls both built in 1908 and view the remarkable Goatcher Curtain, one of only two left in the world!



Visit the Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre and book an Audio Walking Tour.



Enjoy a scenic flight across the city and see the Super Pit from the air!

Looking for a unique experience where you can indulge in family friendly outback hospitality and magnificent history?

Then in Kalgoorlie Boulder you have struck gold!

For more information and tour bookings, call into the Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre.

Exciting Tours...

- Audio Walking Tour
- Bus Tours
- City Tram 'Taster' Tour
- Cultural Tours
- Heartwalk Street Art Walking Tour
- Scenic Flights
- Town Hall Tours
- Prospecting Tours

You may like to join one of the historical tours available in the City to uncover hidden secrets of Kalgoorlie Boulder's iconic past and charming present.



Join a Street Art Walking Tour with a local practicing artist and uncover the unpublished stories, fun facts and hidden gems that the locals don't even know about. There are over 30 murals on display by local and visiting professional artists including Stormie Mills, Amok Island, Hayley Welsh and Askew One to name a few. Stroll the streets to take in the marvellous bursts of colour.



The Great Outdoors

If you enjoy the great outdoors, check out the natural woodlands, trails and leisure parks in and around the City.

Kalgoorlie Boulder is situated on the edge of the largest temperate woodlands on earth, which spans over 16 million hectares; about the same size as England. More than a fifth of Australia's native plants (over 3000 species) are found here including almost 20% of the country's known eucalypts (over 160 species).

The Great Western Woodlands

Karlkurla (pronounced 'gull-gur-la' in Aboriginal language).

Stretch your legs and walk, run or bike ride the pathways of Karlkurla Bushland Park, 200 hectares of bushland on the northern outskirts of the City and a preview of the Great Western Woodlands. Take your dogs with you if you choose, however, you must keep them on their leads. There are many interpretive signs and maps, picnic tables, a toilet facility and drinking water stations scattered amongst the sealed footpaths.

Enjoy the many 4km walking trails which meander through the park, marvel at the Bronze and Silver Gimlets, Salmon Gums and wildflowers. A viewing platform (Katunga Lookout) is located in the heart of the park, offering superb 360 degree views of the surrounding bushlands - a majestic sight, particularly at sunrise or sunset.

Kalgoorlie Boulder Parklands

The Arboretum is also a popular choice and the perfect place for a stroll with your dog. The park allows your dogs to run free off the lead and play in the small dam.

The Arboretum was established in 1954 and today offers an extensive variety of indigenous flora, interpretive walk trails and recreational facilities.

Hammond Park is located in the northern suburbs of the City. The park is home to a range of native birds, kangaroos and emus and features a miniature Bavarian castle made from local rocks and gems. Hammond Park is a popular family stop showcasing spacious green grassed areas, children's play equipment and has free barbecue facilities.



Goldfields Oasis Recreation Centre

Visit the world class aquatic facility at the Goldfields Oasis, which is open throughout the year, and is the focal point for the sporting, recreation and leisure pursuits for the community and visitors to the City.

Facilities include indoor and outdoor courts, a 50 metre heated swimming pool, leisure pool, spa and sauna, playgrounds, 10-metrehigh waterslide, child friendly swimming areas, swimming lessons, state-of-the-art health club, group fitness classes, a crèche, functions rooms and indoor and outdoor sporting fields.











Outback Arts, Culture & Events 'Something for Everyone'







Western Australia's Goldfields Region is home to a diverse array of artists. From photography, paintings and sculpture to jewellery and woodwork, the selection and quality is astounding.

Kalgoorlie Boulder also offers you an abundance of choice of cultural, leisure and sporting activities and entertainment events for all ages.

Arts and Culture...

Explore the numerous galleries and studios at your leisure. You may like to purchase a piece or two from a local artist to add to your collection.

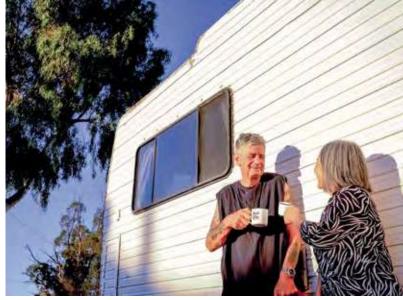
Stop by the;

- Black Crow Studios
- Bush Blossom Gallery
- Chunky Timber Co
- Fossick & Co
- Goldfields Aboriginal Art Gallery
- Goldfields Arts Centre

Market Days

Indulge yourself in the home-grown delights and community spirit of local markets. For more information, contact the friendly staff at the Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre.





Events

- for Everyone to Enjoy!

Annual Festivals and Events

There is an event for everyone! The annual draw card festival is the Saint Barbara's Parade, held in the first weekend of December. The parade down Hannan Street showcases how mining and community come together. The parade features hundreds of floats from community groups, businesses and schools. The main attraction is a giant Northern Star Resources (Super Pit) Haul Truck amongst other mining machinery.

Get involved and for more information, visit the online Calendar of Events at - kalgoorlietourism.com/whats-on

January: Australia Day Celebrations, Sunset at the Soundshell

Concerts.

Sunset at the Soundshell Concerts. February:

Kalgoorlie Boulder Community Fair, Goldfields March:

Children's Charity Ball.

April: Youth Festival, ANZAC Parade, KidsFest, PGA

Tournament.

May: Pipeline Challenge.

Multicultural Festival, The Leonora Golden Gift, June:

Goldfields Cyclassic, Museum of the Goldfields WA

Day Festival.

July: NAIDOC Week, Goldfields Pipeline Marathon.

August: Diggers & Dealers.

September: Kalgoorlie Art Prize, Race Round, Coolgardie Day.

October: Race Round, Spring Festival, Oktoberfest Back to

Boulder.

November: Remembrance Day, Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Street Party.

December: Saint Barbara's Parade and Miners Memorial Service,

Carols in the Park. Christmas in the Park.

Accommodation -**Book with KBVC**

Accommodation options in this outback City ooze charm and are vast and varied. From caravan and camping, to guest houses, selfcontained studios, motels, first-class hotels and a luxury resort, Kalgoorlie Boulder has options to suit every budget.

Free Camping

Kalgoorlie Boulder is proud to be recognised as an RV friendly town and offers free camping to fully self-contained vehicles at Centennial Park in the heart of the city. No permits are required.

Lake Douglas offers 72 hours free camping (12 kms west of Kalgoorlie Boulder) on an unsealed road. Facilities include toilets, picnic tables, BBQ's and firepits.

Long vehicle parking is available on Cassidy Street during daylight hours only on Brookman Street, Kalgoorlie and Hamilton Street, Boulder.

Caravan Parks

With four caravan and camping parks in Kalgoorlie Boulder, there is something for everyone; onsite cabins, powered and unpowered sites. Relax and enjoy the park atmosphere after a day's adventure in the outback.

Guest Houses

For great value hospitality, there are a couple of charming guest houses in Kalgoorlie Boulder.

Resort, Hotels and Motels

Whatever your choice, it will definitely be an unforgettable stay in Kalgoorlie Boulder. Many accommodation options are located within walking distance from the CBD, a few minutes from the train and bus station, and a short ten-minute drive from the Kalgoorlie Boulder Airport.

For the finer things in life, Kalgoorlie Boulder offers you a 4.5-star luxury resort which is located just a short distance from the CBD.

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You will be amazed by the legendary spaces and larger than life characters. Make your own bold stories.



World Class Golf

Tee off at Kalgoorlie Golf Course, one of Australia's top 20 public courses and experience the outback with its rugged and natural terrain, making for the perfect backdrop.



Exciting Events

Discover the local arts and culture scene with an array of renowned events throughout the year. To find out what's on head to kalgoorlietourism.com/whats-on for event listings.



A Rich History & Heritage

Immerse yourself in the history of Kalgoorlie-Boulder by visiting the Town Halls and the thought provoking displays at the Goldfields War Museum.







Vibrant Arts & Cultural Scene

Take a stroll at your own pace around the CBD and visit amazing murals by talented artists. This grassroots public art project has over 60 murals by Australian artists from the Goldfields and beyond.

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Out here in Kalgoorlie, we back in the bold.



World-leading mining innovations. Next level job opportunities.

There's plenty of work up here, but it's not all hard yakka stuff there's work for thinkers and tinkerers, movers and groovers. And you get paid like a champion!



From rugged to polished, there's plenty of space to carve out your next home.

With an average house price of \$320,000 (that's 40% less than Perth and 265% less than Sydney, by the way) with several new estates under development, you'll be spoilt for choice!



Plenty of schooling options to help your child meet their potential.

There's lots to love about school in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. From Kindergarten to University; we have it all!



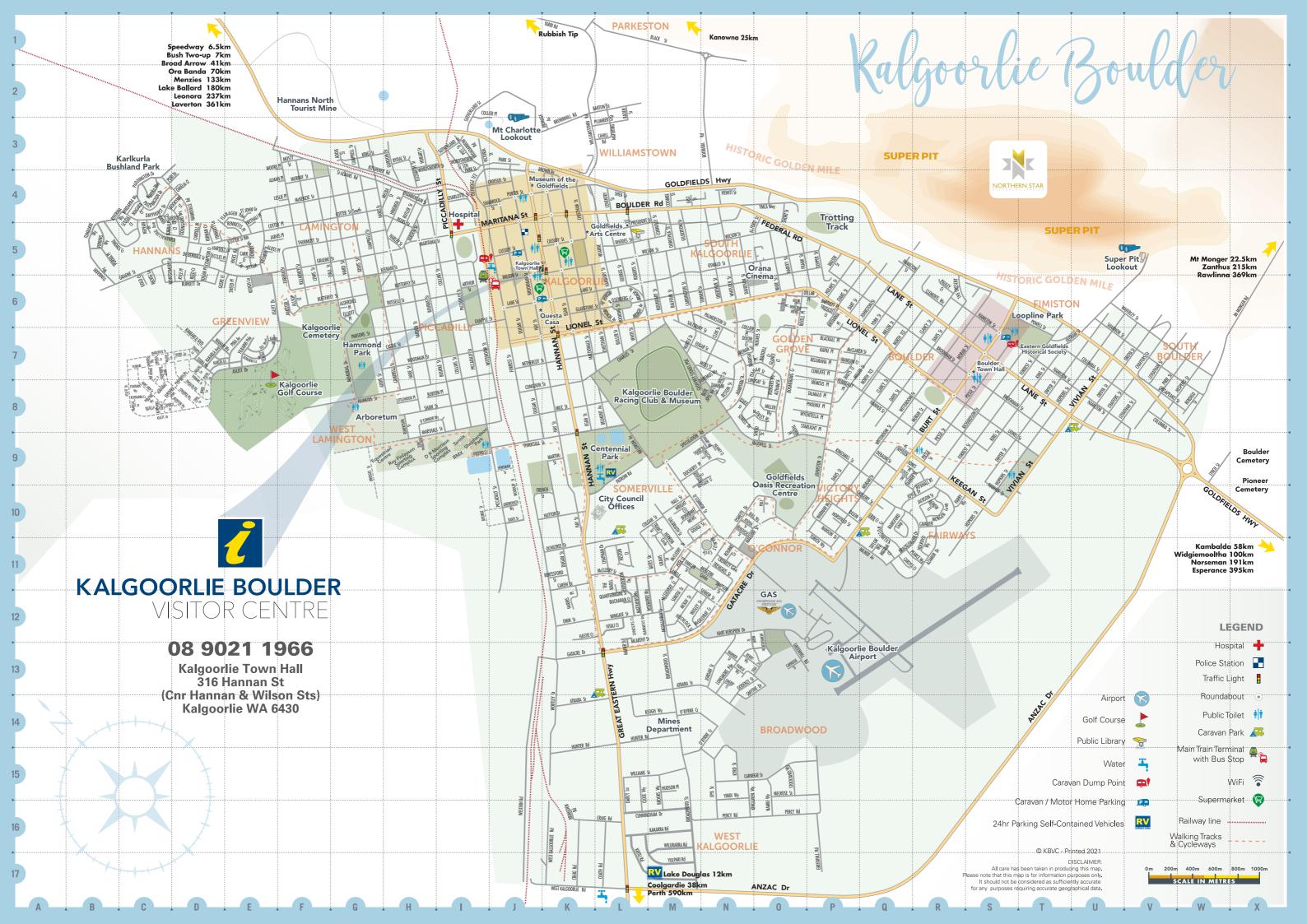




From yoga in the woodlands to cocktails come sundown, we've got you covered.

Kalgoorlie takes their parties seriously. A number of premier events' head to the City each year, as the people here embrace a good time, great people, and unique experiences.

This place is bold and wonderful, are you? movetokal.com.au





Travel Tips **4x4** Driving Adventure Awaits...

Arrive in Kalgoorlie Boulder By 4WD Tracks:

- From South Australia via the Anne Beadell Highway & Great Central Road (permits required).
- From Cocklebiddy on the Nullarbor Plain via the Arrubiddy-Rawlinna Track, then along the Trans Access Road (the Indian Pacific Railway access track).
- Via Hann's Track, from Warburton to Laverton (permits required).

Outback driving adventures involves preparation and planning to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip. Researching your journey will avoid disappointment and potential hazards. The summer heat in the Goldfields is intense and sometimes brings unsettled conditions with shortlived violent winds, dust-storms and thunderstorms. While winter months often see temperatures plummet. The ideal time to explore the Goldfields region is autumn or spring when, depending on rainfall, the wildflowers are in full bloom.

Some Goldfields hills are very steep and should not be attempted. Woodline rail formations can be seriously eroded. Driving on salt lakes could ruin your holiday and your vehicle if you get stuck.

There are three local 4x4 adventure drives in close proximity to Kalgoorlie Boulder;

- The Hilda Jarvis Tour 160 km (allow 5 - 6 hours) and considered an easy circuit with good formed roads along the Trans Australian Railway east of Kalgoorlie Boulder and around past the abandoned and deserted mining towns of Bulong and Kanowna. View the pioneer cemeteries. Be aware only experienced drivers should attempt the extreme climbs and descents of 4 Mile Hill.
- The Phil Mack Tour 296 km round trip (day trip) on well formed roads; taking in old mining centres of Kanowna and Gindalbie, former townships of Broad Arrow, Bardoc,

Comet Vale, Goongarrie and granite formations in the Goongarrie National Park. Contact Goongarrie Homestead to book for camping.

• The Billy Frost Tour - 271 km drives (8 hours considered easy to medium, with less than 20% follows tracks, take care to avoid potholes and washways). The remaining drive is on bitumen or well-maintained formed gravel roads along part of the old Cobb & Co. track between Davyhurst and Goongarrie. Explore the derelict mining centres, Broad Arrow, Ora Banda, Collards Find and Siberia. Take in the wonder of the breakaway cliffs at Wangine Soak.

Golden Quest Discovery Trail

Kalgoorlie Boulder is used as a base for people exploring the Goldfields region. There are some fantastic driving trails that allow you to make the most of your time!

For the more adventurous, the 965 km selfdrive adventure trail takes you to the hidden jewels of the Goldfields outback. The trail takes you to 25 significant sites that include must-stop-and-see places like;

- Gwalia Ghost Town 22 buildings preserved in history.
- Historical Outback Pubs Broad Arrow, Kookynie and remnants of Ora Banda.
- Lake Ballard with its extraordinary Antony Gormley sculptures.
- Rowles Lagoon Conservation Park a birdwatcher's paradise.
- The Terraces Northeast of Leonora for panoramic views.

Linking in with the Golden Quest Discovery Trail is the Green Trail from Coolgardie that showcases the unique bioregion of environmental, historical and cultural value. Every aspect of the trail is layered thick with diverse landscapes, unique flora and fauna and Aboriginal cultural and European practices of the area.

Goldfields Wildflowers

The Goldfields is a hotspot for Wildflower enthusiasts, with a wide variety on display that includes:

- Desert Cassia (Senna artemisioides)
- Mulla Mulla (Ptilotus exaltatus)
- Goldfields Daisy (Olearia muelleri)
- Wattles (Jam Wattle Acacia Acuminata and Tan Wattle - Acacia Hemiteles)

Wildflower Season runs from approximately July to October (the middle of winter through to the middle of spring). Good winter rains see forests and shrubs burst into colour in the springtime where you can witness a striking array of native flowers.

Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail

The Golden Pipeline was officially opened in 1903 and was the most ambitious water supply scheme ever built. It is still one of the longest freshwater pipelines in the world reaching over 567 km and showcases a number of innovative design features. It was divided into eight sections, each with its own pumping station and even today, continues to link and service all the towns between Perth and Kalgoorlie Boulder.

The ingenious concept and one of the most regarded engineering feats of all time, was created by Charles Yelverton O'Connor, an Irish Engineer. Take a trip and experience a journey through a fascinating time capsule of natural and cultural heritage. Mount Charlotte was chosen as the site for the reservoir as it is the highest point in Kalgoorlie Boulder.











Seven Golden Rules for Prospecting

1. Put safety first:

- Make sure you have enough water, fuel, maps and first aid supplies.
- Give serious consideration to taking some form telecommunications and a global positioning system to fix locations, and a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) – it may turn out to be your most importance safety device.
- 2. Obtain a Miner's Right permit for prospecting on vacant Crown land.
 - The fee is \$28.00.
 - Miner's Rights can be purchased at the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS), Mineral House, 100 Plain Street, East Perth or at any Mining Registrar's office and requires proof of identity.
 - An application for a Miner's Right can be processed online by completing the required forms and providing relevant proof of identity and payment.
 - For more information go to http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au/ Documents/Minerals/Miners_Rights.pdf
- 3. Obtain a 40E permit prior to prospecting within an exploration tenement (if you don't have written permission from the tenement
- 4. Get written permission from the tenement holder when prospecting on:
 - a mining lease.
 - an exploration licence (if you don't have a 40E).
 - a prospecting licence.
- 5. Comply with all legal requirements when prospecting on a pastoral lease. You cannot prospect within 100 metres of any occupied building or within 400 metres of any livestock watering point without consent of the pastoralist.
- 6. Show respect when on Crown land because it is used by other people or set aside for many purposes.
- 7. Fill any holes that you dug and repair ground that has been disturbed. It is an offence under the Mining Act to carry out mining, including fossicking and prospecting, on any land without authorisation, and a penalty of \$150,000 (plus \$15,000 per day if the offence is a continuing one) applies for an individual.

To find your nearest Mining Registrar's office, go to;

www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/regionaloffices

To learn more about prospecting in Western Australia, go to; www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/prospectingwa

Important information

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage - Aboriginal Land **Permits**

https://www.dplh.wa.gov.au/information-and-services/online-services/ entry-permits-for-access-to-aboriginal-lands

08 9080 5555

Department of Parks and Wildlife - National Park Passes

https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/know/park-passes

08 9219 9000

Journey out into the **Outback Regions -**Discover Bush Treasures...

Visitors to the region will become immersed and astounded by the richness and diversity of the Goldfields flora.

This country is not dreary or lifeless. Even throughout the summer periods, travelling through the Goldfields you will be acquainted with a great variety of trees and shrubs, a heavy forest of eucalyptus trees, salmon gum and gimlet wood with an undergrowth of mulga and many other shrubs.

For over 10 000 years or more, the region's Wongatha people have been harvesting the edible fruits and seeds of various trees, shrubs and grasses for 'bush tucker' as well as using selected barks, fruit and leaves for medical purposes. Aboriginal people over many thousands of years, developed a unique understanding and intimate knowledge of the life cycles of the animals and place in their country. Hunting and gathering was not simply an economic activity, it involved a dynamic and productive relationship with the land. Women and children collected seeds, fruits, vegetables and small animals such as lizards. Men hunted for kangaroos, emus and other large animals.

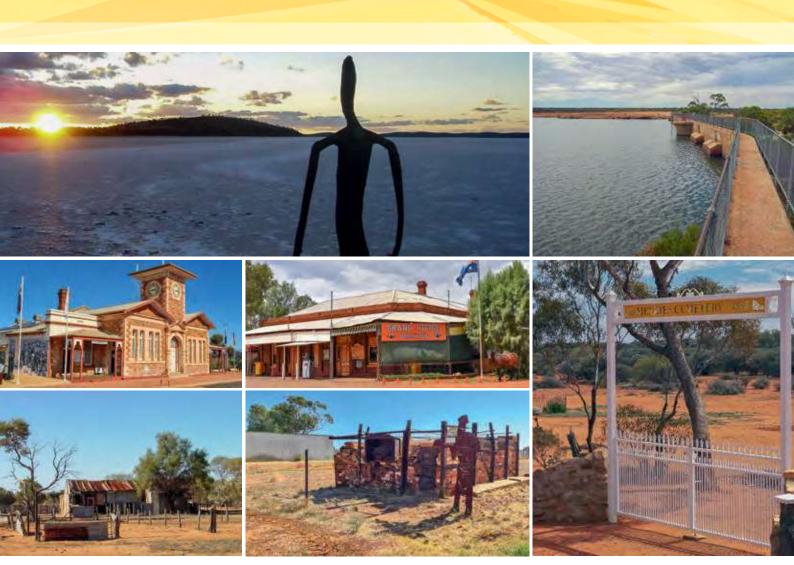
Traditional implements have evolved over time and changed, but the collection of bush foods and medicines is still a practice many

Without water, the Goldfields would not have progressed to enable the gold industry to thrive. In the early years without wood there was no water, until the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme was completed in 1903. Due to the scarce natural supply of fresh water and unreliable rainfall, salt water (from lakes or wells) had to be extracted using galvanised iron boilers, to heat the salt water before the steam was captured and cooled resulting in fresh water. These condenser boilers required a lot of fuel and the only option available was wood.

Timber cutting soon became big business as the mining industry used timber to line mine shafts and tunnels. Specialist firewood companies were established to harvest timber and to transport it to the key centres, predominantly by an extensive network of temporary railways know as the 'woodlines'. By 1904, 400 km of woodlines had been established and by 1920 the majority were feeding into the Kalgoorlie Boulder's Golden Mile. To the north, a smaller network of woodlines fed tonnes of mulga to the Sons of Gwalia mine (where Herbert Hoover was mine manager in 1898, later becoming 31st American President in 1929).

In 1899 in response to a greater need for wood for the mines, three companies were formed: the Western Australian Goldfields Firewood Company, Kalgoorlie and Boulder Firewood Company and the Kanowna Woodline.

The Western Australian Goldfields Firewood Company train hauled more than 40 carriages loaded with timber across approximately 100 miles



Shire of Menzies

Deep in rich history, Menzies and the surrounding communities are packed full of hidden gems. With spectacular scenery, historic sites and friendly locals, there is a reason why the golden outback is referred to as a road trip country.

Enjoy a walk around town with 'Our Way' and 'Our Place' walk trails. See the War Memorial and visit the heritage-listed Cemetery with tin headstones. Call in to the Menzies Visitor Centre at the Lady Shenton Hotel building for more information.

Take a day trip to Lake Ballard to view Inside Australia - Antony Gormley Sculptures. Set over 10 square kilometres the 51 sculptures represent the residents of Menzies whose bodies were scanned for casts. The art installation forms part of the Golden Quest Discovery Trail which takes in the ghost towns and historic sites north of Kalgoorlie Boulder.

Lake Ballard has great camping facilities, and it is also spectacular when the sun sets. The absence of light pollution enables amazing star gazing opportunities surrounded by the eerie shadows of the sculptures.

Niagara Dam and Kookynie, located to the north of Menzies, is a popular weekend destination with camping at the dam and Kookynie's iconic pub and township ruins to explore.

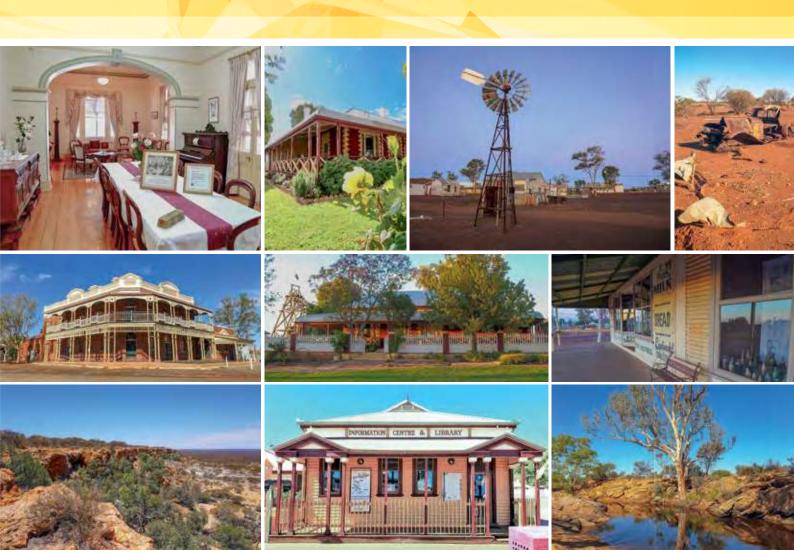
Goongarrie National Park, to the south of Menzies, is another site to see, with camping, history and walking tracks.

Menzies Visitor Centre

24 Shenton St, Menzies Tel: (08) 9024 2702 www.menzies.wa.gov.au

Wi-Fi Available





Shire of Leonora

Leonora is located on Wangkatja Country. It is a main regional centre in the Northern Goldfields, an area rich in history and stunning unique landscapes.

The town's history dates back to 1869, when explorer John Forrest and his party made camp near a hill and named it Mount Leonora. Unbeknown to Forrest, this prominent feature was an ancient Aboriginal spiritual site, associated with the Dreamtime story of the dingo, Baba Ngoorrba.

Gold was first discovered in the area in 1895 and a year later the townsite of Leonora was established. Leonora started as a small settlement of hessian shacks, but the town quickly grew and by the early 1900s had a population of over 1000 people. To support this growth the town had seven hotels, various general stores and merchants, several bakeries and tailors, and a tram service that linked the town to the nearby settlement of Gwalia. Many of these buildings and significant sites can be found by following the Leonora Heritage Trail through town.

While you're here be sure to visit Gwalia Historic Precinct. Located approximately 3km south of Leonora, it is a truly unique and fascinating place to explore. Here you can wander around the abandoned miners' cottages of Gwalia Ghost Town, learn about the history of the settlement and gold mine at Gwalia Museum, enjoy a Devonshire Tea on the verandah of Hoover House while looking out over the working open pit mine, or stay a night or two in one of the period-style bedrooms at Hoover House Bed & Breakfast.

Venturing further afield, explore the surrounding area and dive deeper into the history of the region by following the Leonora Loop Trails. Each self-drive trail takes about a day, so allow two days to see everything, or you can combine them for a longer day of exploring. Highlights include a number of ghost towns, left abandoned following the gold rush of the early 1900s,

and The Terraces - a large breakaway formation about 40km north-east of Leonora providing good bushwalking and camping, and magnificent views for kilometres in every direction.

Visit the Leonora Information Centre for more information on everything to see and do around Leonora.

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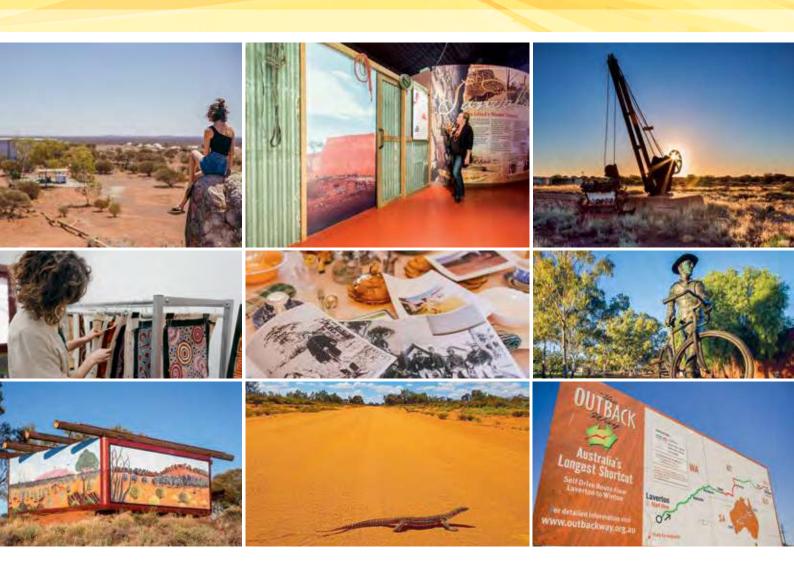
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A quick stop at the Great Beyond Visitor Centre will give you all the information you need on other unique attractions within the town and surrounding areas, including the statue of Dr Charles Laver, the Original Police Station & Gaol, the Laverton Outback Gallery and a number of historic sites, graves and former outback towns.



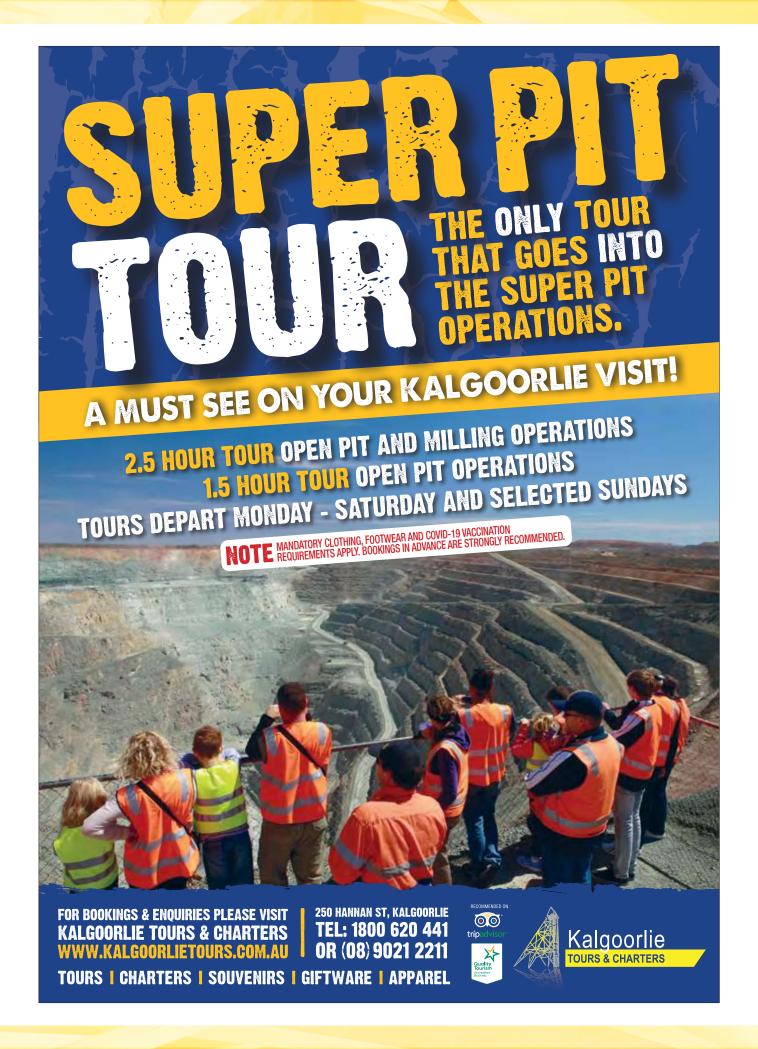
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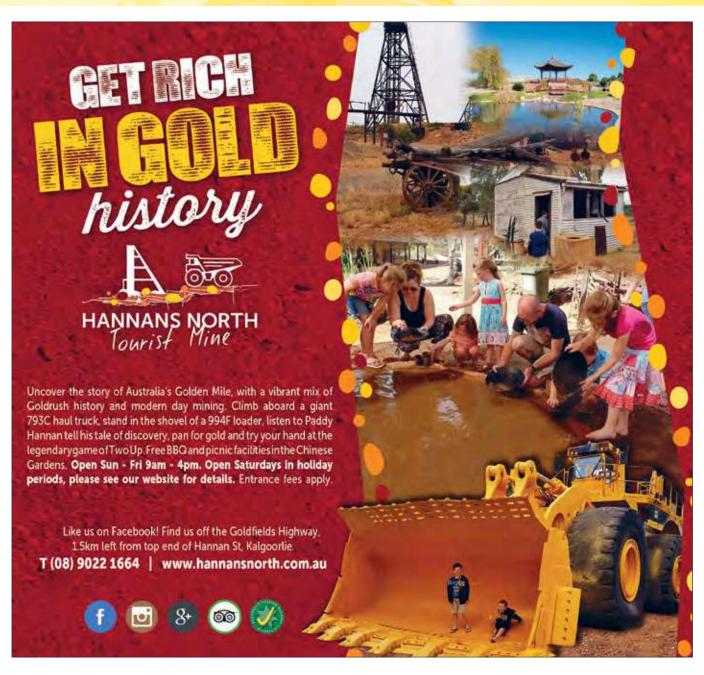


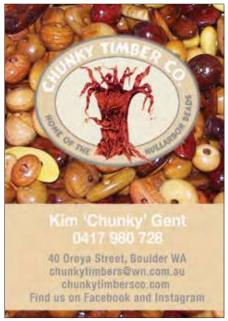


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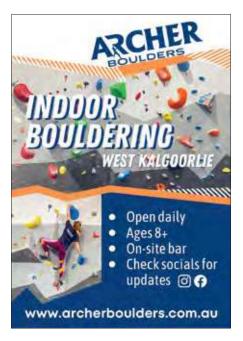
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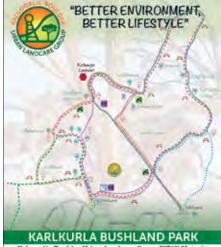


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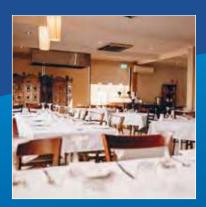
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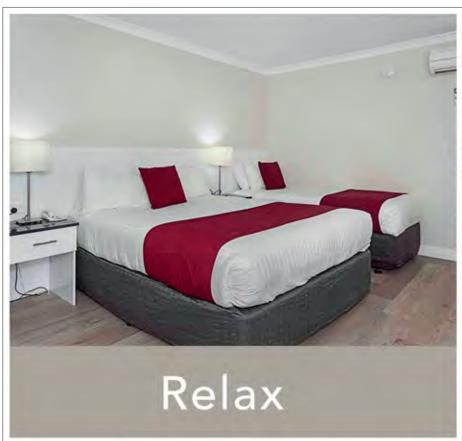
















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