

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Travellers' guide to regional history**

Travellers with an eye for history have a new guide for their sojourns in the Great Southern.

A range of museums and heritage sites in the region are outlined in a new Museums Australia brochure produced with the assistance of Royalties for Regions funding through the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

Museums Australia received funding through the GSDC's Small Grants Program in the Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme towards the printing and design costs of the \$20,000 Great Southern Museums and Heritage brochure project.

The publication lists 18 museums and heritage sites in the region, with opening times and a key guide to facilities and services at each location.

Museums Australia (WA) Great Southern Chapter Convenor Malcolm Traill said the guide would prove useful to any visitor to the Great Southern.

"Great Southern Museums and Heritage shows the range of themes that visitors can explore at the region's museums," Mr Traill said.

"Noongar stories are a focus at Kodja Place, farming history features at a few centres, military heritage at the Princess Royal Fortress, and whaling at Whale World.

"Some of the smaller museums in the region are open only by appointment, and the brochure has the contact information to enable visitors to plan ahead," Mr Traill said.

GSDC Chief Executive Officer Bruce Manning said the brochure would contribute to tourism development in the region.

"The Great Southern has a rich heritage and there is growing interest in the region's history," Mr Manning said.

"Ongerup and Nyabing celebrated their centenaries in 2012 and Albany is looking ahead to the centenaries of the Anzac events in 2014 and 2015.

"Great Southern Museums and Heritage is a timely publication which will be a handy guide for people who want to explore the region's past.



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“Visitors will find it leads to some interesting discoveries, and Great Southern residents might be inspired to make a special trip to investigate the heritage of their own region,” Mr Manning said.

Great Southern Museums and Heritage is distributed through the WA Museum - Albany, visitor centres, heritage attractions and Community Resource Centres.

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