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NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

When we first started producing these newsletters, the idea was to have one published about once a month.

This has proven to be just too much of a task as the website upgrade is taking a lot longer than anticipated. We are now hoping to get a newsletter out about once each quarter.

NEW VIDEO PLANS

We try to produce video features for places across the state but getting the right equipment has proven to be a bit of a challenge.

We recently received a donation that will enable us to purchase an electronic gimbal and we hope this will provide the impetus to produce more videos of a much better quality.

ALBANY TRIP

In early October we managed to get away to Albany for a few days. The trip was aimed at getting more wildflower shots and although we did manage to get some nice pictures, we weren't able to find some of the flowers we wanted to see.

On the positive side we did manage to get out to both the Porongurups and the Stirling Range to visit areas we have never seen before.

One of the great thrills of creating the website is to visit new places and bring back pictures that others across the world can see and enjoy.

Another bonus during this latest trip was to finally get down to see the old Military fortifications below Marine Drive and also to photograph the old lighthouse keeper's residence.

Albany and the area surrounding it is such a remarkable and interesting place that we will be going back many more times.

STAYING IN ALBANY

While we were in Albany we were lucky enough to find remarkably cheap accommodation at Moorcraft House.

This is a lovely 2 storey Tudor inspired home owned and operated by Peter Moorcraft.

Peter (or Spider as he is better known to the folks in Albany) is a marvellous host and is full of great stories.

He is a 'rock and roller' from way back and still plays in a band in local pubs from time to time.

Unfortunately Peter's computer is on the blink at the moment but anyone wanting to book can contact him on 0487 900 177 or 08 9842 3333.

A private room with en-suite and balcony at Moorcraft House cost only \$50 per night! It would be difficult to find better value than that anywhere these days.



We have posted a new blog entry about the Albany trip where you can find all the details and more photographs.

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/Travel-Blog-21.html>

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OVERSEAS FEATURE



In September we got away for a short overseas trip and as we usually do when we get a chance to visit somewhere exotic, we created a short video and a feature page.

The place we went to see on this occasion was Phuket.

You can find our video at :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2BoU24gWVc>

The feature page is on our travel blog at :

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/phuket.html>

CLOSER TO HOME

A nice day trip to the Swan Valley led to the creation of another blog page (and spending over \$100 on local wines that we hadn't really planned to do) and we got the chance to have a look around Guildford where there are some interesting old heritage buildings.

The Swan Valley used to be a poor cousin of the Margaret River wine region but these days there are a lot more attractions and as the Swan Valley is so close to Perth, it is far more accessible for overseas tourists who may not have time to see the South West.

There is so much to do in the Swan Valley that it really does rate more than the one day we had available.

You can see our thoughts on the area at :

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/Travel-Blog-20.html>

SITE UPGRADE UPDATE

The upgrade just plods on and on. All pages from A – E are now completed and a large number of other random pages have been done.

The work is taking a lot longer than anticipated and I doubt it will be completed before mid 2016.

Sadly this is also holding up the creation of new pages for the website and we are looking for volunteers with good HTML skills and some Javascript ability, to help out.

If you, or someone you know has some time to spare and the skills to edit HTML and Java code, we would love to hear from you.



THINGS COMING UP

There are always a few plans in the pipe-line and one of the bigger ones is to find time to get all the way up to Broome and then to come back south via Karijini National Park.

At the moment this is just at the 'wishful thinking' stage but with a bit of luck it might happen around June 2016.

We would like to hear from you about places around Perth you think we should visit and review.

One we plan to do soon is the Peel Zoo but there must be many more interesting places that we can include.

If you want to let us know about places to review please email us at :

info@wanowandthen.com

