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Skylab rains a fortune in debris

Skylah's sensational disintegration over WA could spark ne State's biggest fortune hunt since the nickel boom.

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Petrol price jumps

Petrol throughout Australia will rise by 3.1 cents a litre from Manday And there could be worse news in stone for















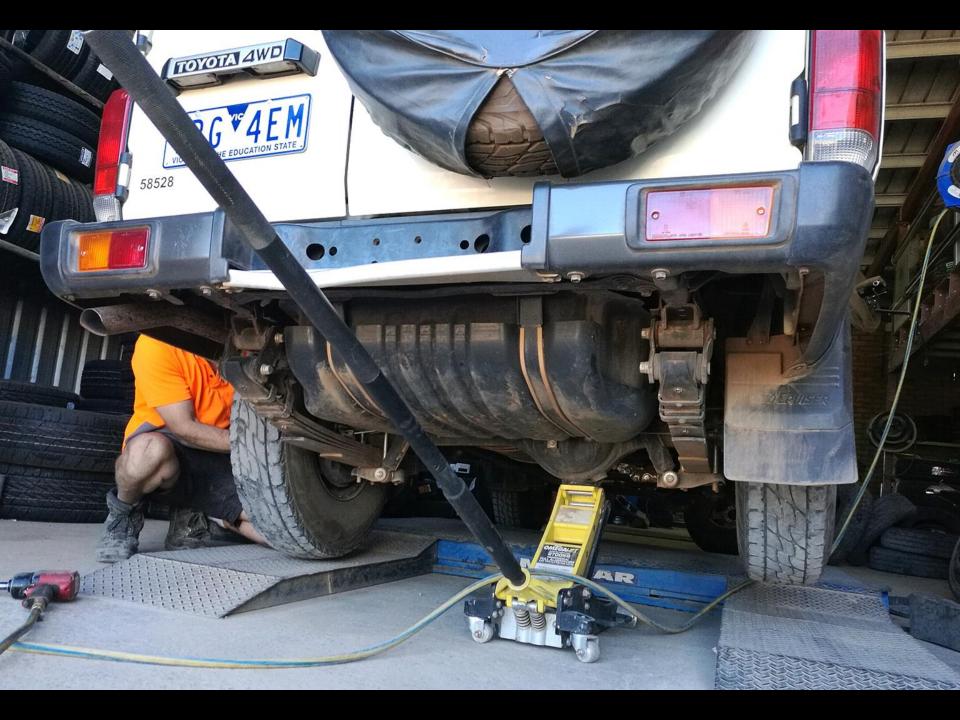












































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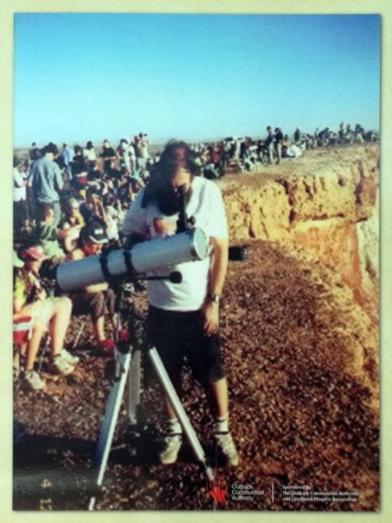
4TH DECEMBER 2002

Thousands of spectators in Australia and Africa erupted into cheers on 4th December 2002 as the moon fully obscured the late afternoon sun in a dazzling solar eclipse. Up to 10,000 people from around the world descended on Lyndhurst, one of only two inhabited places in the country where the total eclipse was visible.

The eclipse path began on the 4th of December 2002 over the Atlantic Ocean, west of Africa. It crossed Angola, Mozambique and the Indian Ocean, before making its Australian landfall at Ceduna (South Australia) late in the afternoon (local time). The path of totality then headed northeast across the South Australian outback before leaving the Earth's surface east of Lake Blanche. The only towns in the path of totality were Ceduna and Lyndhurst. Totality occured less than an hour before sunset for all these locations. This provided some interesting opportunities to photograph the eclipsed Sun with the local landscape.

The duration was 32 seconds at Ceduna (on the coast) and dropped to 26 seconds at Lyndhurst (northern Flinders Ranges). After crossing the coast, virtually all of the eclipse path was in remote and sparsely inhabited desert country. There was a four day festival at Lyndhurst and travellers from all over Australia and the world gathered on the line of totality in Lyndhurst to celebrate the solar eclipse 2002. The town was the best viewing point in the world to see this 100% solar eclipse. It gave people a chance to view a rare natural phenomenon amidst spectacular Australian desert.



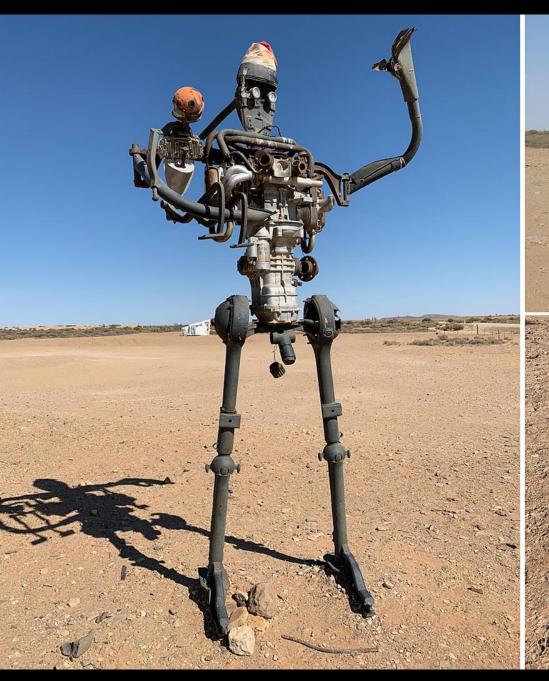


























RAAF WOOMERA TEST RANGE



WELCOME TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST TEST & EVALUATION RANGE!

The RAAF Woomera Test Range (WTR) is a highly-specialised test and evaluation capability supporting both Defence and wider National objectives

Ground Area and Airspace:

The Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) defines the Range's ground area and covers 127,000sq/km (49,000sq/km) - or an area roughly the size of England or the US State of Florida. Woomera Restricted Airspace (WRX) includes all the airspace over the WPA 'from ground to outer-space'

Location:

General Information:

There is up to 200 permanent residents at Woomera, with between 5000 and 6000 transit personnel annually deploying to Woomera for Defence activities in support of between 60 to 100 trials and other activities

Capability Manager:

Commanding Air Force Unit:

RAAF Task Unit 646.7.3 (Headquarters, Woomera Test Range)

Operational Mission:

Chief of Air Force requires that the RAAF Woomera Test Range is able to conduct operations which enable:

- ground-based defence systems testing
- Defence Force preparedness and other war-fighting readiness training, testing and systems evaluation activities







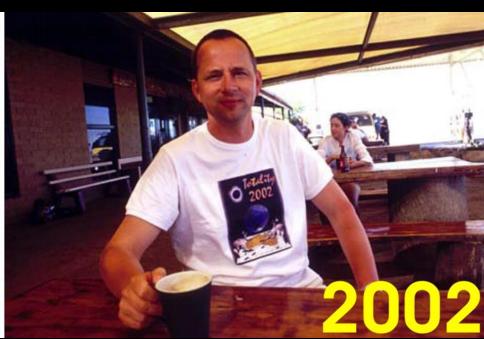




























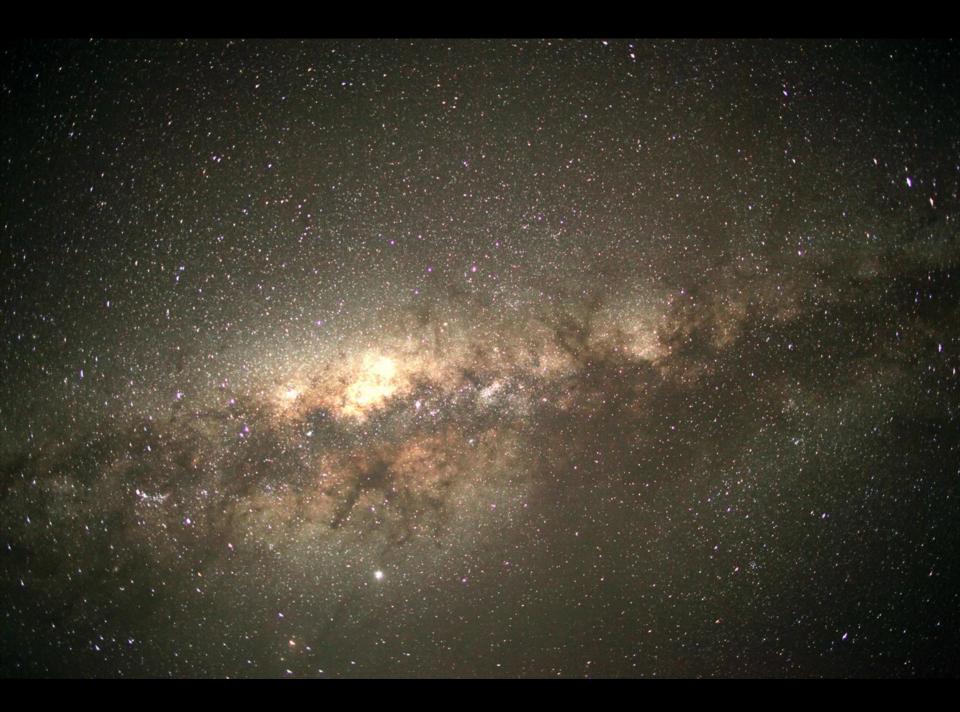


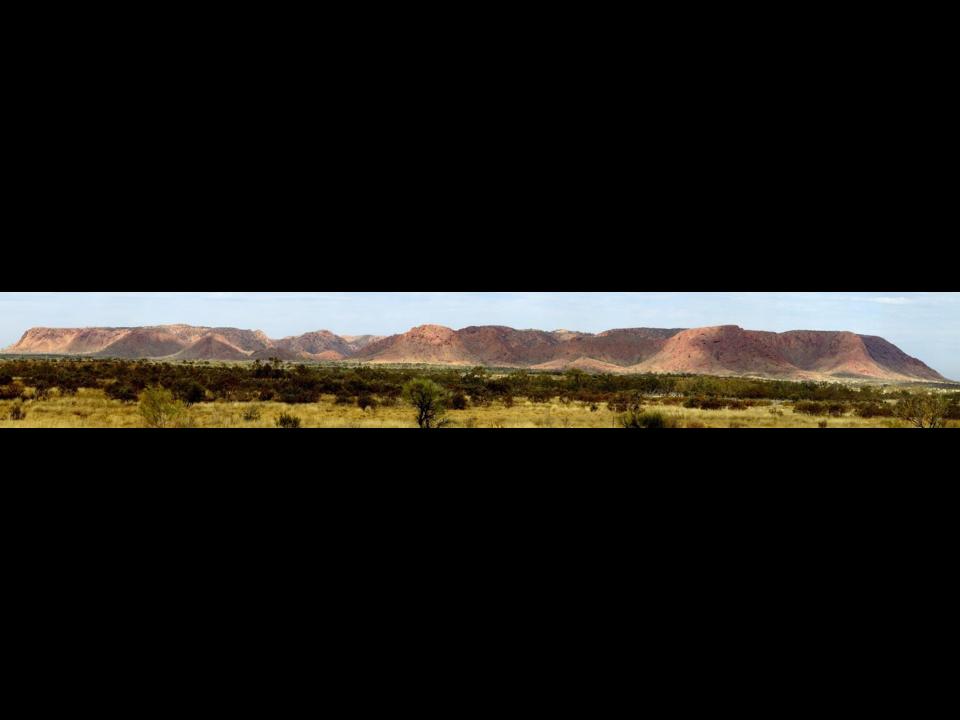


















































































































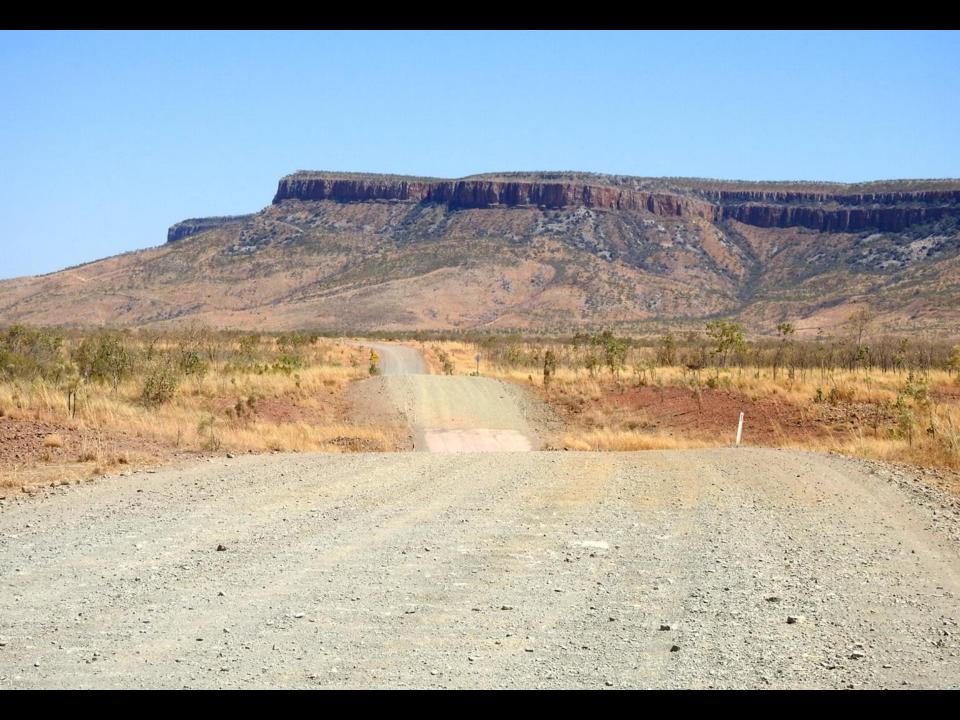
































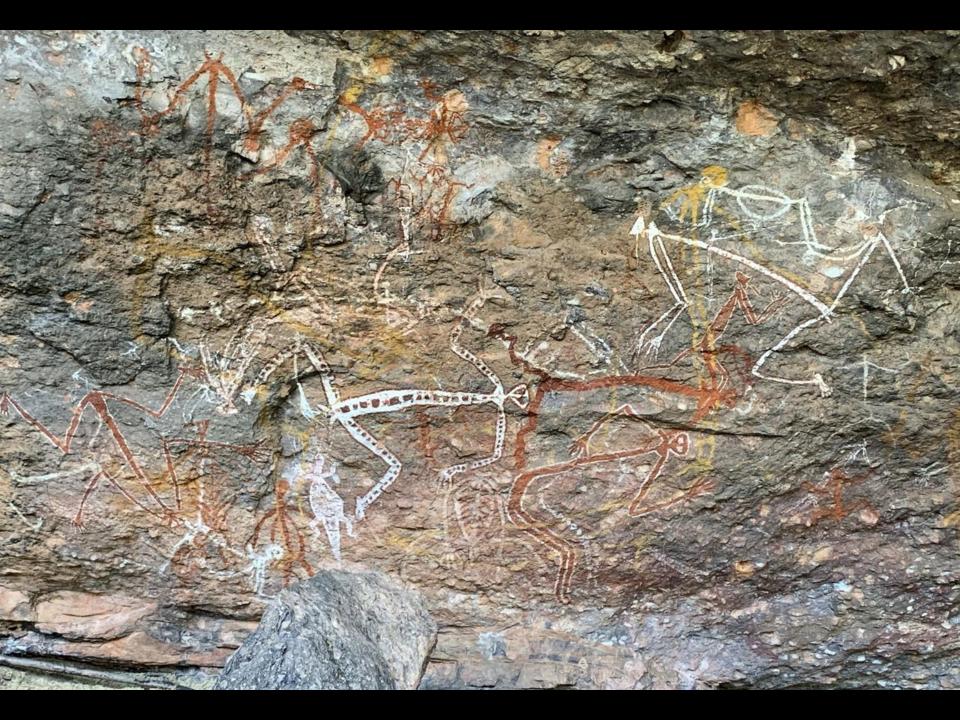


























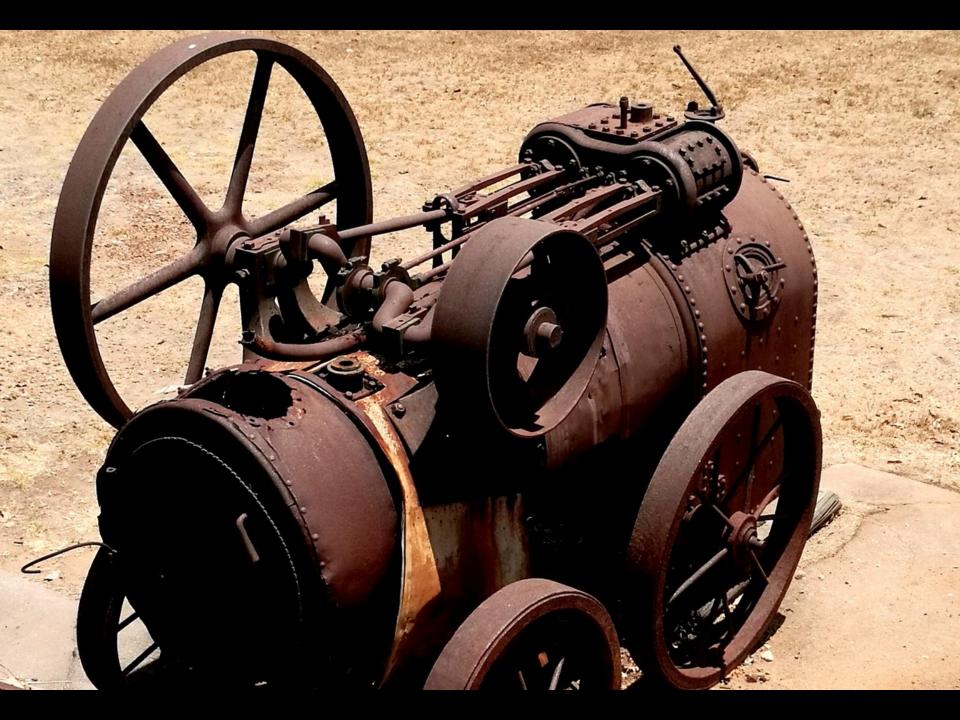




















































































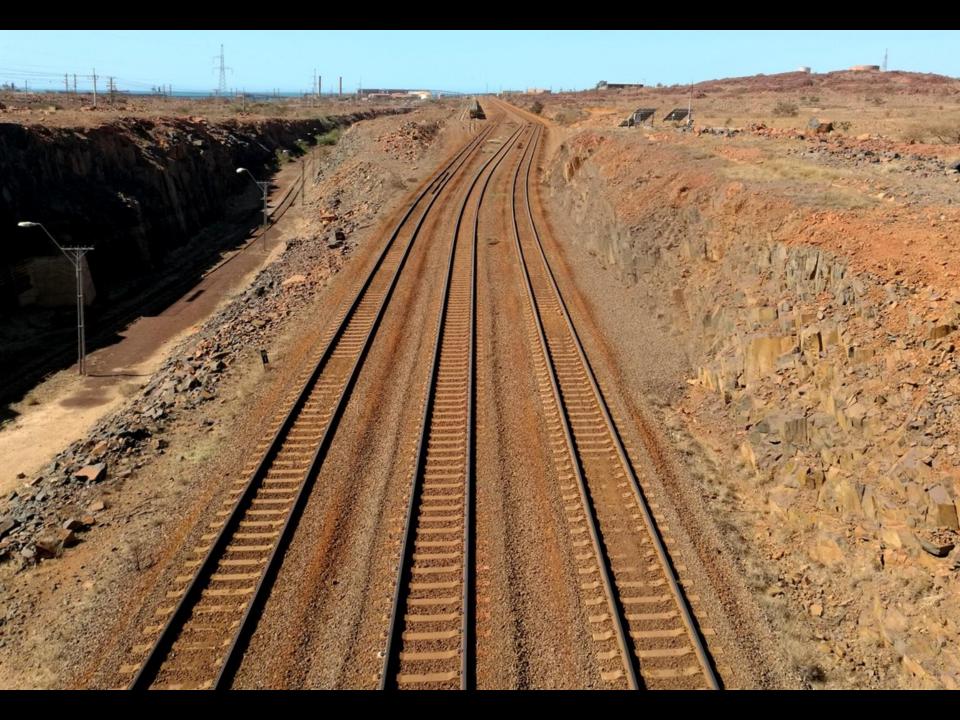


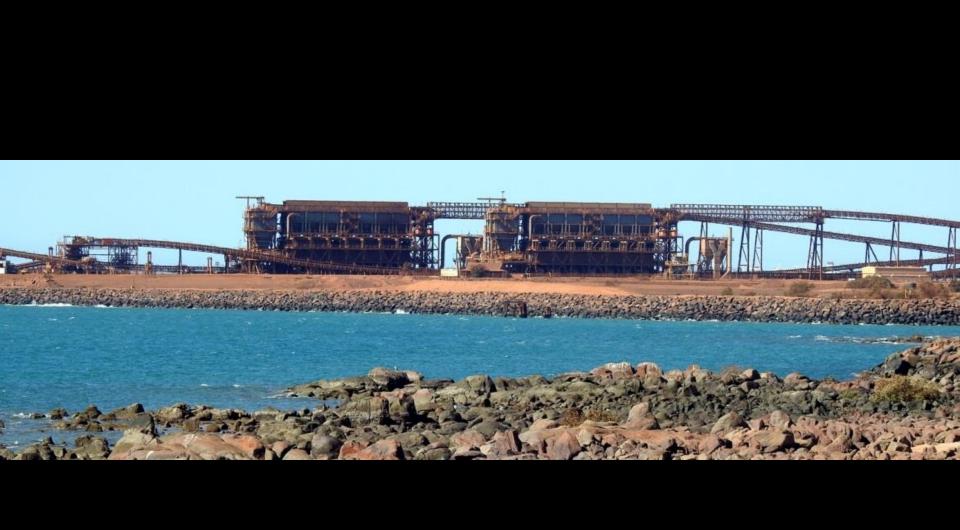






















































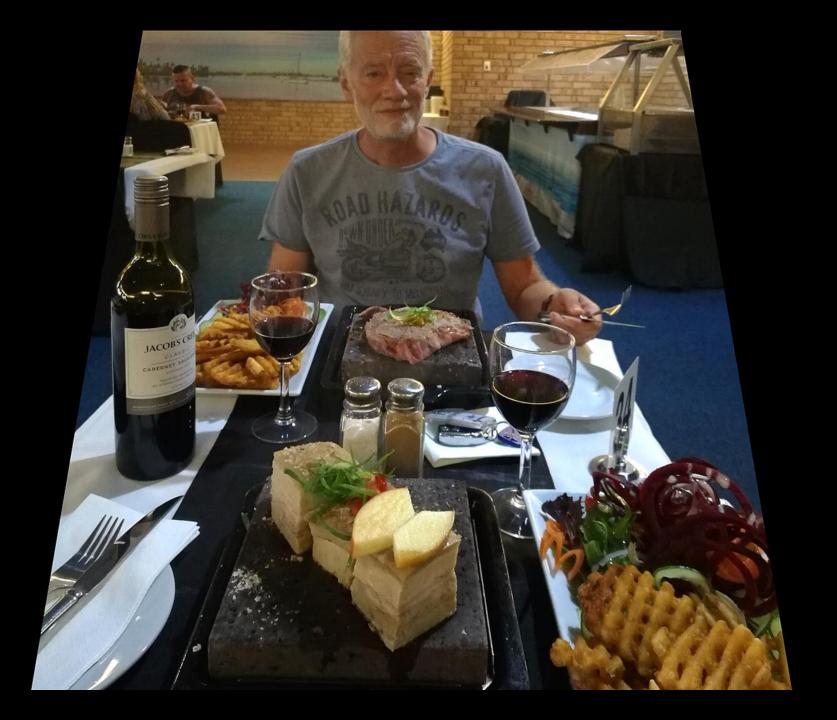










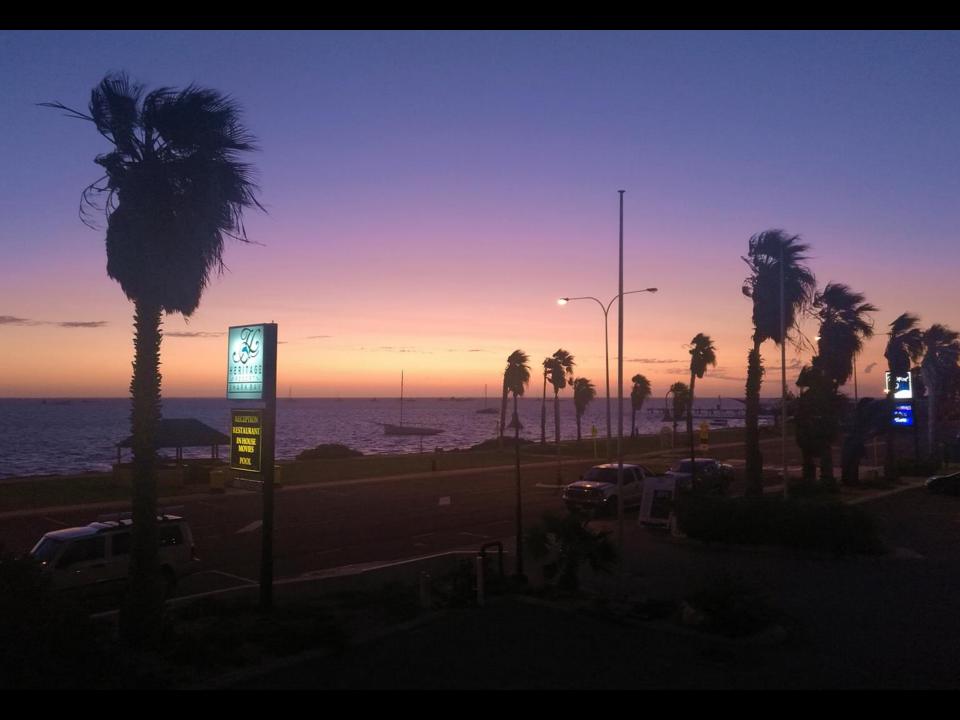






























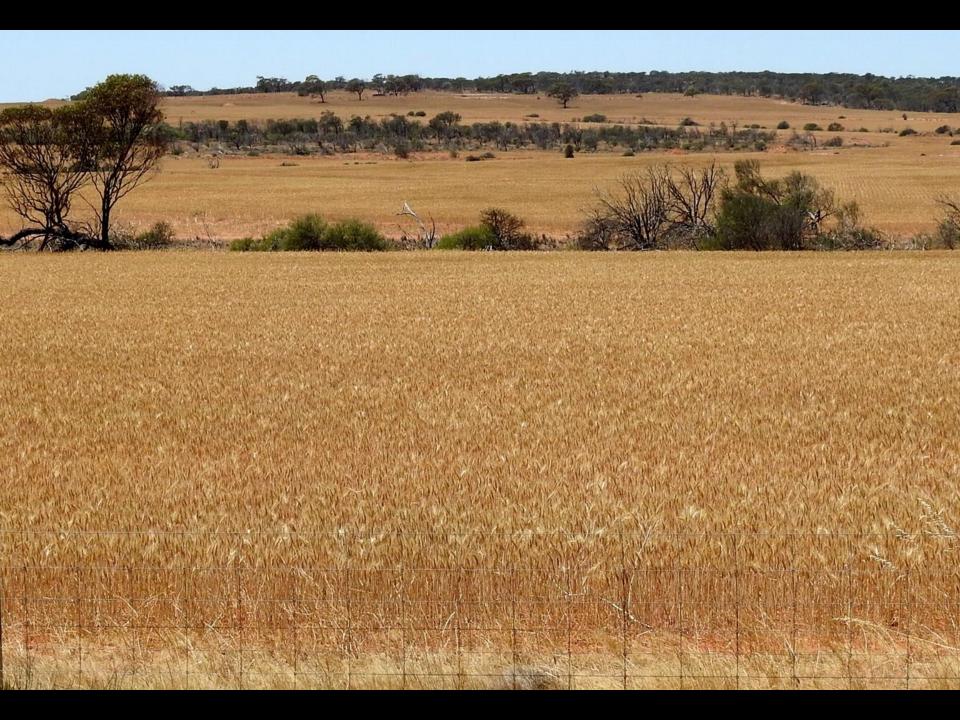
































LEANDER

TO COMMEMORATE THE LOSS OF THE BRIGANTINE LEANDER NEAR THIS POINT ON 11, NOVEMBER 1853.

DUE TO A FAULT IN IT'S CHRONOMETER,

LEANDER UNDER CAPTAIN R. JOHNSTON,

ON ROUTE FROM FREMANTLE TO SINGAPORE via CHAMPION BAY,

TURNED FOR IT'S RUN INTO GERALDTON TOO SOON

AND COLLIDED WITH SOUTH LEANDER REEF.

AS AN AID TO NAVIGATION, THIS OBELISK WAS ERECTED IN 1869

Plaque

Presented by JOHN & BETH FITZHARDINGE owners of the fishing vessel of the same name 1979



















