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LOSING OUR HERITAGE : Many heritage buildings in Western Australia are being lost because the government wants to make a quick profit by selling off our history to the highest bidder.

We recently visited and photographed the old Mental Hospital at Mount Claremont (Heritage Lane). This complex has been left empty since the hospital stopped operating in the 1980s.

The buildings are important both historically and architecturally but they were originally sold off to a developer that was only interested in making money without any concern for the important nature of the buildings.

After a lot of public debate about the fate of this site the old hospital was finally sold to a developer that will maintain the heritage values of the buildings. Sadly this process has taken over 25 years and a lot of work has to be done to restore the buildings.

We are encouraging people to contact the W.A. Government and demand that our heritage buildings be treated with respect and preserved for future generations.

You can find out more about this at :

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/heritage-buildings.html>

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Vietnam

RECENT TRIP : We were lucky enough to have the chance to visit Vietnam and as we usually do when we go somewhere new we have put together a feature page that may be of interest to anyone planning to take a trip there.

We visited Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Tam Coc, Hoa Lu and the Perfume Pagoda and have written short reviews on each attraction.

Although Vietnam is a bit 'off topic' for us we hope that anyone wanting to visit will find the information useful.

You can find the new page on our site at:

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

There are also links to a picture slide show and a 2 part video we have put up on YouTube.

To help plan any tours you may want to do in Vietnam we recommend you contact Thu Trinh at Dragonfly Travel. Thu can help you plan your travels and accommodation in Vietnam and she can save you a lot of money in the process.

Check out the Dragonfly Travel website:

<http://myvietnamtravel.net>



Old Asylum at Mt. Claremont

GHOST TOWNS : Our Ghost Towns Page is one of the most popular on our site. There seems to be something about abandoned places that strikes a chord with many people and we are now busy updating this page once more.

We still have a lot of work to do but we are gradually adding more information and pictures. We have a number of historic photos that show these settlements as they once were so we are adding these as well.

http://www.wanowandthen.com/ghost_towns.html

HOW DO YOU SEE THE INTERNET? : Many people are not aware that there are different internet browsers available with which to view and interact with the internet.

Because different browsers do different things and look at web pages in different ways we try to design our site to look the same on all browser programs. Some browsers, like Microsoft Internet Explorer (that a lot of people still use) do not display pages as they were designed to be displayed.

If you use MSIE (Internet Explorer) we would recommend that you have a look at the alternatives like [Google Chrome](#) or [Mozilla Firefox](#). All these browsers are free of charge and each has different qualities but we have found the Chrome and Firefox perform better than most.

We have recently completed trips to Kalbarri and Jurien Bay and have a lot of new information and photos starting to appear on the website.

One major new development is a new series of travel blogs that talk about the places we go and try to give some idea of what to expect if you visit the areas.

The first in the upcoming series is about Kalbarri and can be found at :
<http://www.wanowandthen.com/Travel-Blog-01.html>

NEW GALLERY PAGES : We are working on a series of brand new gallery pages that will showcase the hundreds of photographs we have available.

The latest additions to this section are as follows

[Rockingham](#) | [Perth](#) | [Historic Pictures](#)

A great new Facebook page has emerged over the past few weeks. It has already been promoted on radio and TV but just in case you have not yet heard about it, check out :

<https://www.facebook.com/LostPerth>

You can share your own memories and photos of Perth here and enjoy looking through the huge number of pictures already submitted.



Our next travel blog : Camping at Sandy Cape

