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2014 ALREADY?

Wow, where did the last couple of months go? Time seems to slip away without us noticing sometimes.

We hope all our readers had a happy and safe holiday season and got through Christmas without too much stress.

We have been busy - as usual - trying to find new interesting information and pictures to add to the website and recently completed a 'South West on a Budget' trip that took us from Perth to Pemberton and Margaret River.

We are still hoping to get further out to areas east of Esperance but that will have to wait for autumn now.

LEIGHTON BATTERY

Before we went away we got the chance to go out and film Leighton Battery. This was a WWII coastal defence site that includes gun emplacements and underground tunnels.



The tunnels were almost forgotten but thankfully were saved and were opened to the public in 1997. <http://www.wanowandthen.com/leighton-battery.html>

TRAVEL BLOG

Our recent travels centred on using free and cheap camp-sites through the south west to try and save money. Although there are very few free sites available these days, the National Park camp-sites are a much cheaper option than caravan parks and the bush settings are very relaxing.



For a full list of the sites and prices plus info on the attractions to visit you can check out our travel blog pages at :

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/Travel-Blog-06.html>

FIRE STATION MUSEUM

As time allows we try to get round to various attractions and review them and one of the most recent additions to our list is the Fire and Emergency Services Museum on Murray Street not far from Royal Perth Hospital.

It is located in the old central Perth fire station and includes some interesting displays and information and entry is free.

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/fire-station-museum.html>

MARITIME MUSEUM



Situated by Fremantle Harbour in a rather interestingly designed building, is the state Maritime Museum. The museum is interesting in its own right but located right along side is HMAS Ovens. This decommissioned submarine is truly fascinating and tours take you through from one end to the other.



The museum could not have been placed in a better location and to find out more you can see our review page at :

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/maritime-museum2.html>

CARAVAN POWER SYSTEMS

Many people travel W.A. in a caravan or motorhome and like us, they need to have some sort of self contained power system in order to use lights, fridge etc. when camping away from caravan parks.

As we have had quite a lot of experience in this area, we decided to write an article about the



the different ways to get power when you are away from 240v mains systems.

The system we have installed in our own van allows us to camp anywhere for any length of time and it is something anyone who owns a van can do themselves.

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/solar-power.html>

WILDFLOWERS

Our wildflower identification pages are now becoming much more useful thanks to our anonymous volunteer who has helped to identify many flowers and has corrected some we had mis-identified.



If you enjoy looking at wild flowers or think you can help us identify the ones still to be named you can check out our two main pages at:

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/wildflower-id-gallery.html>

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/wildflower-noid-gallery.html>

