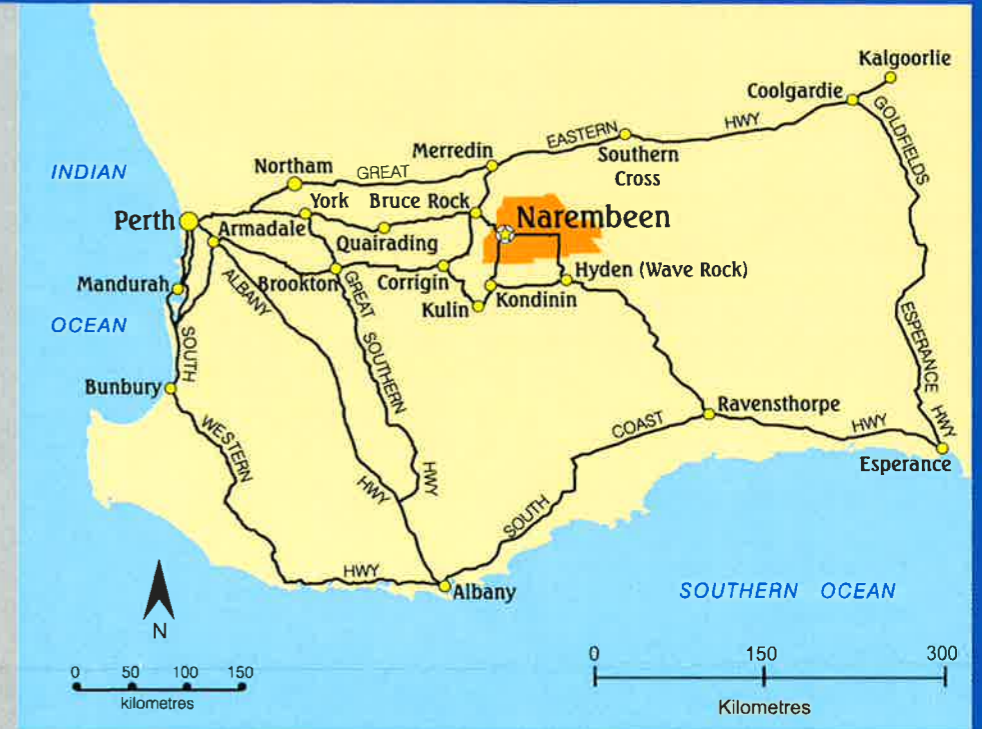


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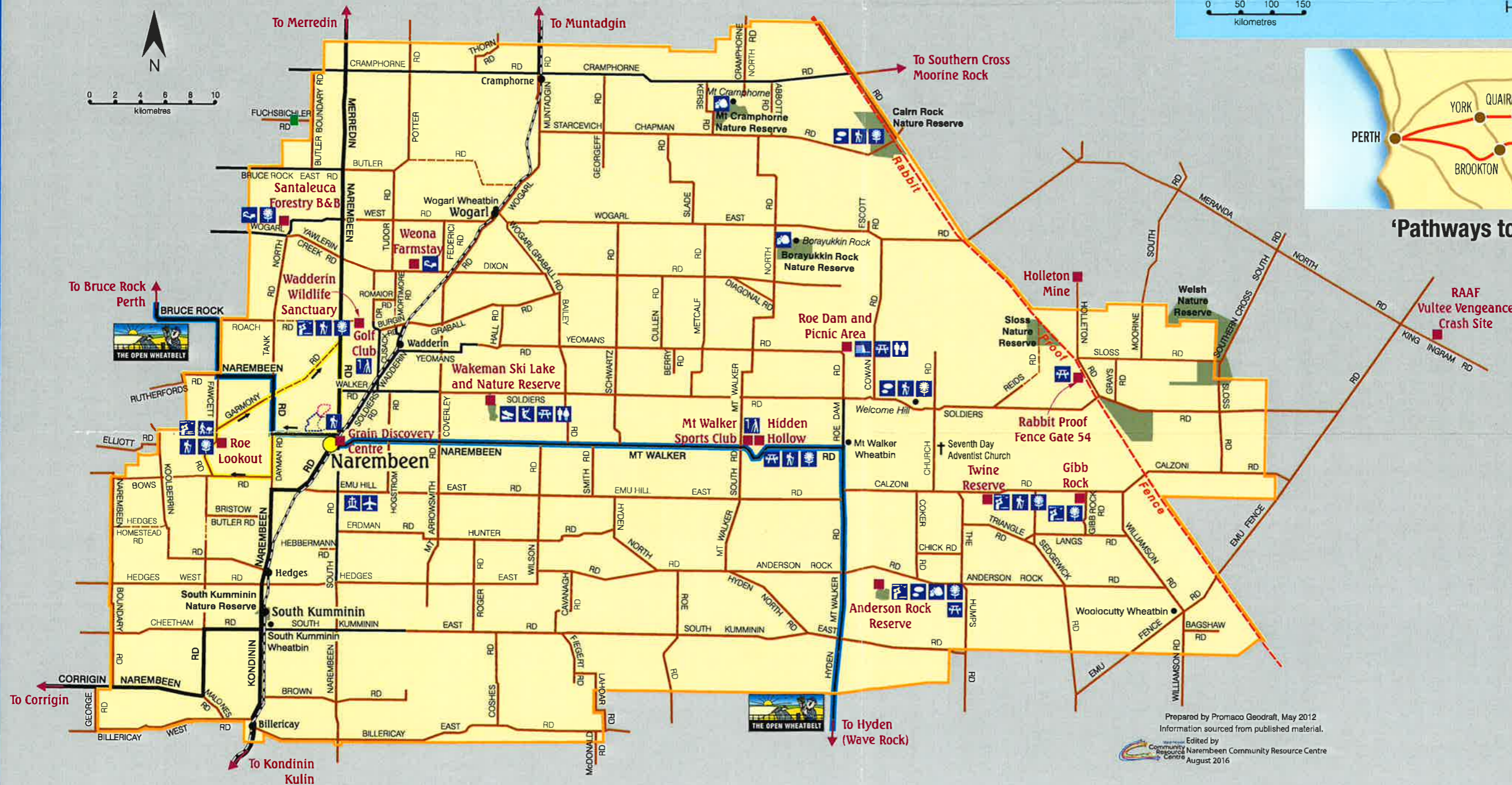
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**Legend**

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|----------------|------------------|---|---------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Shire boundary | Track            | Narembeen's Pathway to Wave Rock                      | Airfield      | Gnamma holes       | Playground  |
| Primary road   | Railway          | The Old Prospector's Trail, Scenic Drive (35kms loop) | Bird watching | Golf               | Toilets     |
| Sealed road    | Bike/walk trails | Reserve   | Boat access   | Granite rock       | Walk trail  |
| Unsealed road  |                  |   | Cemetery      | Interpretive trail | Wildflowers |
|                |                  |   | Dam           | Picnic area        |             |



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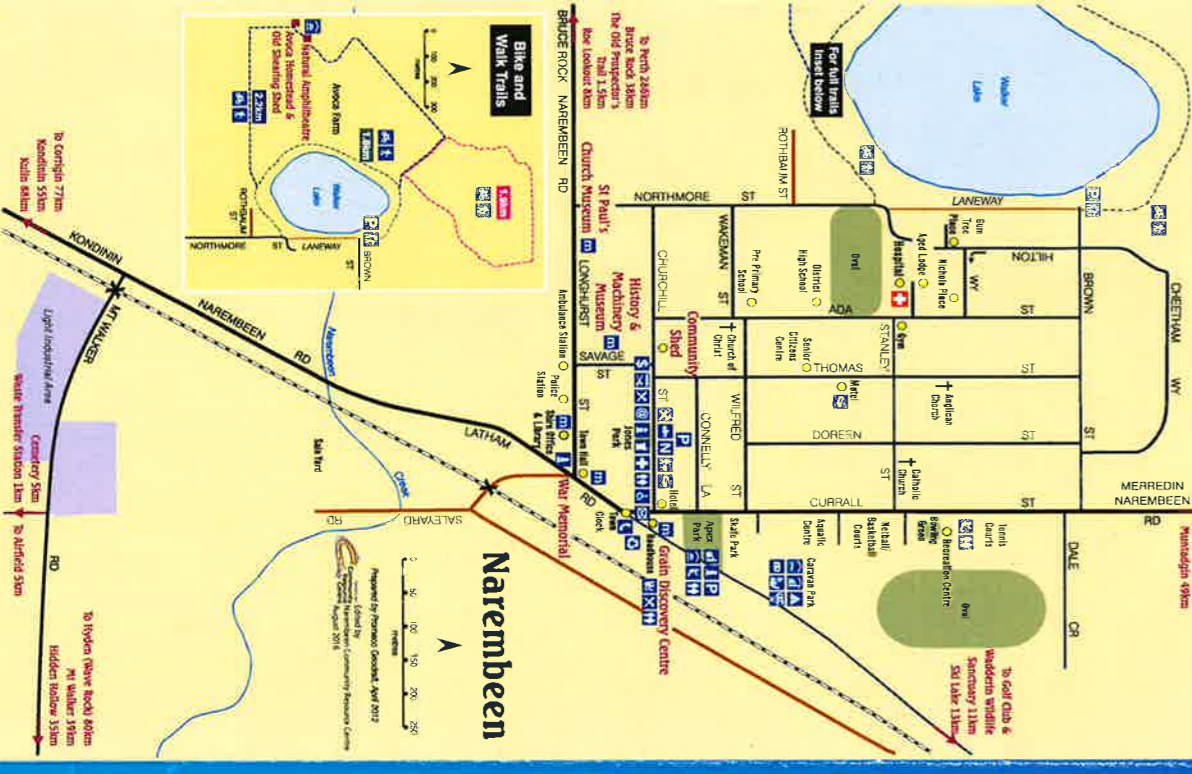
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### Tourist Information

Get your Pathways to Wave Rock Map & Visitor Guide at the:  
Narembbeen Community Resource Centre  
2/19 Churchill Street  
Ph 9064 7055  
E crmmanager@narembbeen.wa.gov.au

Narembbeen Hotel - Corner of Currall and Churchill Streets. Restaurant dining and daily meals specials. Ph 9064 7272

Narembbeen Recreation Centre - Currall Street. Open Tuesday to Thursday 4pm, Friday and Sunday 3pm, Saturday 1pm. Bistro opened Friday nights from 6pm. Ph 9064 6878

Narembbeen Roadhouse - Currall Street. Open 7 days. 6am to 7:30pm. Takeaway food, group bookings by arrangement. Ph 9064 7315

Winstons - Churchill Street. Homemade pies, coffee and cake. Dine in or take away. Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. M 0407 929 296

### Where to Eat

Narembbeen Hotel - Situated on Currall Street, providing accommodation at affordable rates. Ph 9064 7272 or E (narembbeenhotel@bigpond.com)

www.santaleuca.com.au

Santaleuca Bed & Breakfast - Located approx 22 km north of Narembbeen on Wogan West Road, get spoilt at this lovely B&B, quality double and twin share rooms. Bookings: Ph 0428 647 419. E info@santaleucaсандалууд.com.au or www.santaleucaсандалууд.com.au

E narembbeenmotel6369@gmail.com

Narembbeen Motel - Offering great accommodation, the Narembbeen Motel, located on Thomas Street, provides fully self-contained 1 bedroom units, along with a shared laundry facility. Bookings: Ph 0459 435 665 or

E caravanpark@narembbeen.wa.gov.au

Narembbeen Caravan Park and Cabins - Park up and relax. Conveniently located in the centre of town, on Currall Street offering powered and tent sites, three fully self-contained units with disabled access and two cabins with easy access to the abolition, block, campers kitchen, BBQ's, laundry facility and RV dump point. Free 72 hour parking is available for fully self-contained RV's. Bookings: Shire of Narembbeen Ph 9064 7308 or A/H 0428 973 602.

### Where to Stay

Shire of Narembbeen/Air Strip (08) 9064 6222

Recreation centre..... (08) 9064 8373

Post Office..... (08) 9064 7304

Hospital..... (08) 9064 6222

Fuel (open daily 6 am to 8 pm)..... (08) 9064 7315

Dentist..... (08) 9064 7397

Doctor..... (08) 9064 7145

Community Resource Centre..... (08) 9064 7055

### Important Numbers

Feel free to park at the bottom and take a leisurely walk to the top of the lookout.

access to the top of Roe Lookout, the steep incline is not suitable for caravans,

Lookout is also a part of the 'Old Prospector's Trail'. There is limited vehicle

incredible panoramic views of the district - a photographer's delight! Roe

1836. A scenic drive takes you to the peak of this granite formation with

Roe, Surveyor General, who led an expedition eastwards from York in October

Situated approximately 8 km from Narembbeen and named after John Septimus

### Roe Lookout

of bracken fern. Picnic area, toilets and BBQ's are available in this tranquil setting.

is a bird watchers paradise! Take in the majestic eucalyptus with an under-story

dam completed in 1971 which supplies the Mt Walker farming community. This

Located approximately 45 km east of Narembbeen is a 20 million gallon storage

### Roe Dam

fee applicable.

Brendon Parsons Ph 0419 854 350 with boat insurance details. Visiting boats

please contact the Narembbeen CRC Ph 9064 7055 (business hours only) or

local and visitors. Kids playground and toilet facilities are available. This is a

picturesque location with abundant bird life. Before entering the lake with boats,

the lake is a hive of activity with ski boats and water pursuits, popular with

(water level is dependent upon seasonal rainfall). During the Summer months

undergone major volunteer work to harvest water back into the natural lake,

### Walkemah Ski Lake

original homesteads.

around historic Avoca Farm and enjoy the tranquil setting of one of Narembbeen's

best, particularly at sunset. Discover history as you take a further 2.2 km walk

along the way for you to sit, relax and enjoy the birds, soaking up nature at its

lake (water level is dependent upon seasonal rainfall). Rest stops are provided

Located near the Narembbeen townsite, enjoy a 1.8 km leisurely stroll around this

### Lake Walker & Avoca Farm

at the little dam and discover a piece of farming history.

summit offers spectacular views of the district. Take your time, read the plaques

from the car park along the trail. For the more energetic - the view from the

been carved out of the rock over years of weathering - it can be found by walking

to December). This granite outcrop also boasts a natural amphitheatre that has

for a picnic (and to see many wildflowers and orchids during Spring - September

Rock' experience. Formally known as Mt Walker Rock, this is the perfect place

### Hidden Hollow

## Natural Attractions

## Step Back in Time

### St Paul's Museum

Located on Longhurst Street, St Paul's Church museum was consecrated in 1929 and opened as a museum for the Historical Society in 1969. After restoration in 1999 it re-opened as a Church Museum. It is a memorial to the pioneer women of the Narembbeen district.

### History Museum

Located in the Old Road Board building, near the Town Hall on Latham Road, this museum contains a visual history of the district and includes photographs of early pioneer farming practices. Family files are also kept here, it has proven to be a great source of information about our locals.

### History & Machinery Museum

Located on Savage Street, this museum contains an interesting mix of photos and antiques from our pioneers. Browse through the outdoor machinery museum displaying old farm machinery and farming implements.

### Spotters Post

Located on Longhurst Street, next to the Shire offices, the Spotters Post building was built in 1942 for the purpose of spotting enemy aircraft during WWII. In 1945 the Narembbeen branch of the Sailor's, Soldier's, Athlete and Nurse's Father's Association of WA met at the building. In 1946 the building was converted for use as an Infant Health Clinic. In more recent times the Narembbeen Toy Library has utilised the building. In 2015 the Spotters Post was opened as a War Museum to celebrate the Centenary of ANZAC.

For tours of all museums, contact the Narembbeen CRC Ph 9064 7055 (business hours only)

### Rabbit Proof Fence - Gate 54

Located approximately 70 km east of Narembbeen, the fence stretches from Port Hedland to Haverishope, spanning a distance of 1,827 km. It was originally erected between 1901 and 1907 to prevent invading rabbits and other vermin entering the grain growing region. Much of the fence has undergone maintenance and some of the original fence remains today. An interesting place to visit.

### Old Prospector's Trail

This short self-drive tour starts west of Narembbeen at Dayman Road, follow the signs and be transported back to the early days when sandalwood cutters and gold prospectors travelled this trail in search of riches. Interpretive displays, old water wells, reconstructed prospector's camp, prospector's barrow, amazing scientific lookout and undisturbed landscapes are part of this must do short loop. The trail is a work in progress. The self-drive tour is 38 km and is not suitable for caravans. The roads are subject to flooding, so please check with the Shire of Narembbeen on Ph 9064 7308 for current road conditions.

## Discover more in Narembbeen

### Narembbeen Grain Discovery Centre

Adjacent to the Narembbeen Roadhouse (entry through the Roadhouse) is a modern, interactive centre focusing on grain growing in Western Australia. Learn more about farming in Narembbeen as you wander through the centre. The centre features brilliant visual and interpretive displays and is open from 9 am to 5 pm daily. Further information available from the Narembbeen CRC Ph 9064 7055 or visit www.narembbeen.wa.gov.au.

### Community Shed

Located in the former Moppett's Garage on Churchill St, a unique shed that is occupied by different groups specialising in art and craft and local hand crafted wood furniture, décor and giftware. Certainly worth a look, visitors are welcome on weekdays.

## Welcome

Located between Wave Rock and the Great Eastern Highway and only 3 hours east of Perth (286 km), Narembbeen is the perfect place to stop and enjoy country hospitality and scenery that reflects Australia's true farming lifestyle, as you journey along your 'Pathways to Wave Rock'.

### A Piece of History

Narembbeen must be the only town in Australia to come into existence solely so a pub could be built. If the good citizens of Ernu Hill (a siding 5 km south of Narembbeen) had been happy to have a hotel, there would have been no need for Narembbeen.

The first European explorer into the Narembbeen area was Surveyor General J S Roe who, on 11th October 1836, camped near a rocky outcrop which, because he had seen erinus the day before, he named Ernu Hill.

In the 1850's a small number of European settlers moved into the area. When the explorer Henry Maxwell erfroy travelled through the area in 1863 he visited Charles Smith who had settled near Ernu Hill, naming his 60,000 acre (about 24,300 ha) property Narembbeen.

The only other Europeans in the area at this time were the tenacious sandalwood cutters who passed through looking for the precious wood.

The whole area was sparsely populated until the beginning of the twentieth century when land was opened up and farmers moved in to graze sheep and grow wheat on their small 1000 acre (about 405 ha) holdings. The area around Ernu Hill and Narembbeen was surveyed in 1910.

As late as 1917 the township of Narembbeen did not exist and even in 1920, after the arrival of the railway line, it was nothing more than a siding for Ernu Hill.

Between 1920 and 1922 the importance of the two sidings reversed. In 1920 Ernu Hill was the largest centre but the local community, when confronted with the possibility of building a hotel, opposed the plan and suggested a coffee palace or temperance hotel.

The idea of creating a town at the Narembbeen siding was the brainchild of prominent Perth lawyer, Henry Hde and Perth politician, Paddy Connolly. When the men realised the problems that were being created by the teetotal community at Ernu Hill they purchased 30 acres (about 12 ha) of land at Narembbeen, used their influence with the local politicians, got permission to build a pub and then sold off the rest of the land to prospective residents of their 'private town'. Although local government was established and administered by a Road Board in Narembbeen in 1924, the private town status was not rescinded until 1969.

The pub, which still stands today, was all that was needed to overwhelm the struggling nearby settlements and become the centre for the whole area. By 1925 Narembbeen had a population of 2100.

In 2010 Narembbeen celebrated 100 years of agricultural settlement.

## Pathways to Wave Rock

Roe Tourism Association is a collaborative non-for-profit partnership between the Shires of Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Narembbeen and Quairading. Roe Tourism Association works together with the community and local business to promote the 'Pathways to Wave Rock' Self Drive Trail and the many extraordinary experiences which the region has to offer. Visit www.pathwaystowaverock.com.au

### Roe Audio Tour

The Roe Audio Tour is a collaboration of historical stories, local and visitor information read by locals from Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Hyden, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Narembbeen and Quairading. Presented as a Podcast and available to download for free on any Podcast App on your smart device.