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The small townships of Trayning, Kununoppin and Yelbeni developed with the establishment of many businesses and in 1923 came the establishment of the local government body the Kununoppin-Trayning-Yelbeni Road Board. Our logo to this day acknowledges the three townships within the Shire. Local vehicle license plates also carry the KTY prefix. Social life flourished and the first country trotting club in the state was registered in 1923. The original grandstand still exists.

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The mid 1950's onwards saw an increase in salinity levels throughout the Wheatbelt and drought and low wool prices caused many to leave the land. In 1961 local government changed from the Road Board to today's Shire structure and although increasing community facilities were provided the district continued to experience drought in the 1980's and 1990's and with failing farms, the loss of population in the region.

After World War 2 world demand for wool and wheat was high and there was a production boom that lasted till the mid 1950's. Main roads were bitumenised during this period and rural holdings increased in size.

Life was also hard though and drought and locust plagues inhibited development and expansion until the late 1930's. Just as steady rains started to again produce good crops World War 2 broke out and as the men entered Military service there was a shortage of labour. food, clothing, machinery, petrol and fertiliser. A wartime airstrip was built at Kununoppin.

Accommodation

Trayning Hotel/Motel
Railway Street, Trayning
Phone: (08) 9683 1005
Fax: (08) 9683 1008

Meals available 6pm—8pm—7 days a week.

Counter snacks available. Good food, cold beer, friendly service.

Clean, comfortable, air conditioned motel units at affordable rates.

Trayning Caravan Park

For bookings contact Shire Offices 9am—5pm Mon-Fri Sutherland Street, Trayning
Phone: (08) 9683 1001
Fax: (08) 9683 1040

Clean ablutions, showers and laundry facilities available. Four powered sites.

Cleared, level, gravel site with shade.

Fuel/Grocery/

Newsagency

(LPG unavailable)

Trayning Traders (Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat & Sun till noon)

Twine Street, Trayning
Phone: (08) 9683 1003
Fax: (08) 9683 1103

Grocery, Hardware, Fuel, Gas, Newsagent

Yelbeni Store (Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat & Sun till noon)

Goomalling/Merredin Road
Phone: (08) 9682 5041
Fax: (08) 9682 5047

Grocery, Hardware, Fuel, Gas, Newsagent

Food

Frankies Diner (take away food)

Railway Street, Trayning
Phone: (08) 9683 1033

Lunch: 11:30—2pm (except Sun)

Dinner: 5pm—8pm (except Sat)

Burgers, chips, chocolates, cold drinks and much more. Good food, great prices.

Trayning Hotel/Motel (see accommodation above)



Toilets

Kununoppin: Rear of hall and recreation ground

Trayning: Near information bay, Railway Parade and Caravan Park—(see accommodation above)

Yelbeni: Rear of hall

Banking

Commonwealth Agent:

Trayning Post Office

Cnr Coronation and Mary

Sts, Trayning

Phone/Fax: (08) 9683 1130

EFTPOS at Trayning Hotel,

(see accommodation above)

A Brief History of the Shire

Prior to 1859 there was irregular aboriginal occupation within the area. It is thought that Trayning was neutral ground used for meetings of different tribes.

European exploration of what is today known as the wheatbelt began in 1830. In 1846 the northern outskirts of the Trayning district were explored by the three Gregory brothers although expeditions were initially unimpressed with the land as there were few permanent water sources. Pastoral development was considered unlikely to succeed so the period to the end of the 1850's saw limited interest from the governments of the day.

In 1866, Assistant Surveyor Charles Hunt was instructed by the government to establish water sources and a road to make the region more accessible. The construction of wells and dams by Hunt paved the way for the establishment of the pastoral industry in the Central Wheatbelt and later in the Trayning district.

The name 'Trayning' was given to the district after the 'Trayning Well' and the name for the well was derived from two aboriginal names 'Durri-riring' or 'Duranning' as it was shown on an 1869 map. The words mean 'to crawl', and 'a camping place' and over time became known as 'snake crawling in the grass near campsite'. The importance of these wells was so great that early pastoralists lined them with stone ensuring their longevity.



For more information on visiting the Shire of Trayning please contact:

Shire of Trayning
Railway Street
Trayning WA 6648

Phone: (08) 9683 1001

Fax: (08) 9683 1040

Email: admin@trayning.wa.gov.au

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency 000

Ambulance (Trayning)..... (08) 9683 1130

Ah: .. (08) 9683 1023

Doctor and Hospital (Kununoppin) (08) 9683 2044

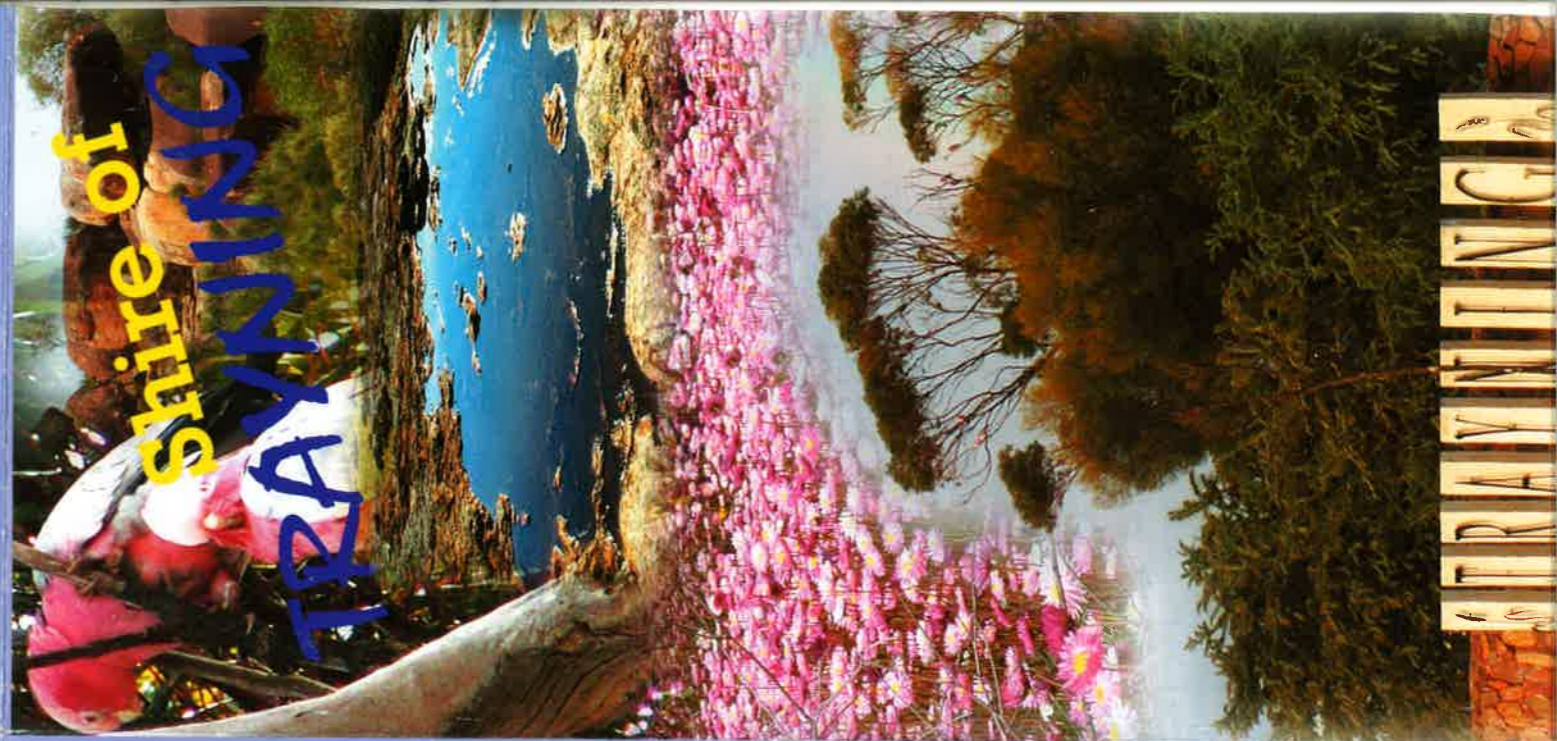
Fire Station (Shire Office)..... (08) 9683 1001

Ah: .. (08) 9683 1154

Police (08) 9683 1004

State Emergency Service (08) 9683 1001

There is a flying doctor airstrip located at Kununoppin



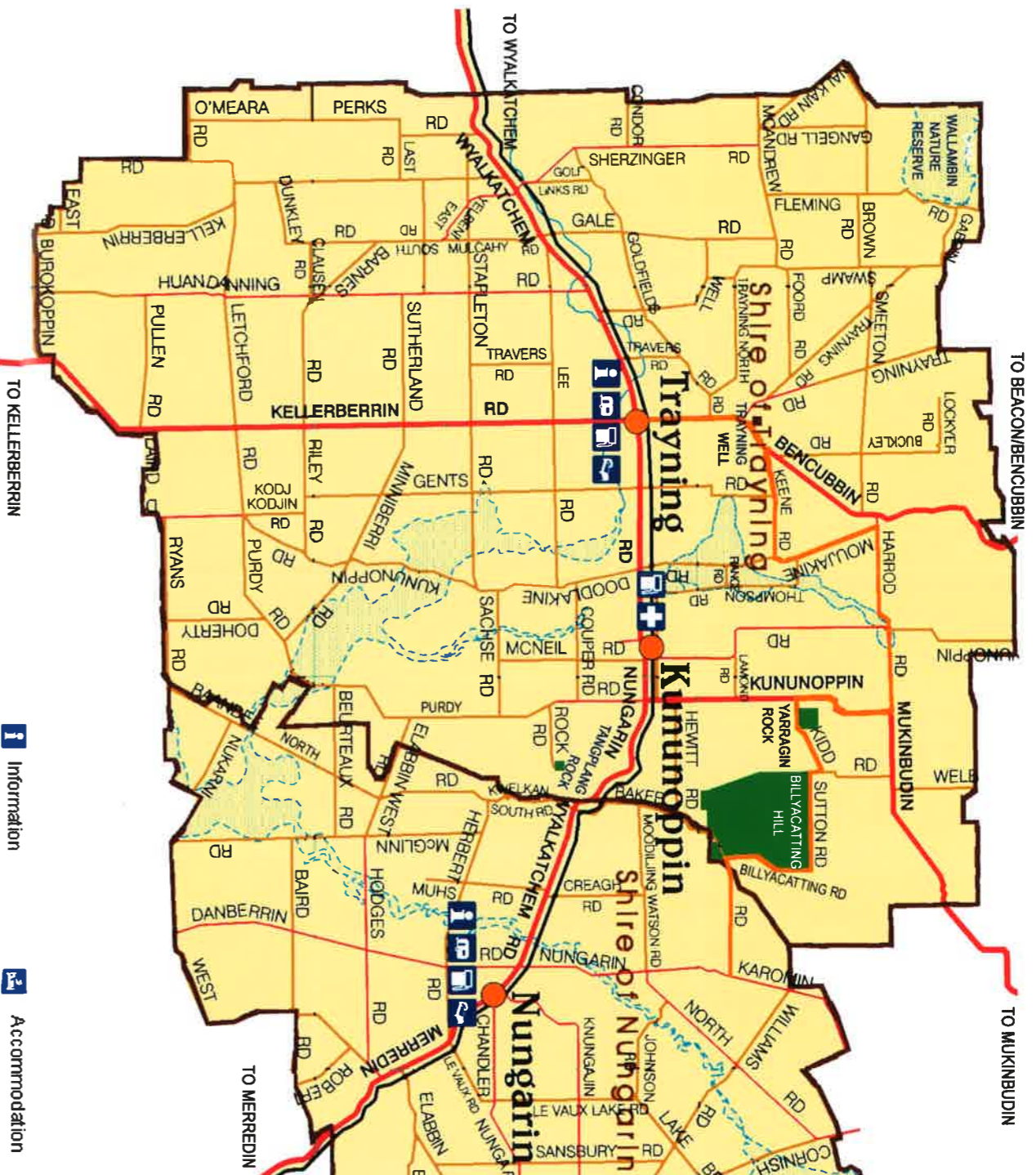
Town Attractions

The three towns of the Shire offer much for the visitor to see. Kununoppin is known for its beautiful trees and relaxed bushland setting. Take a wander down the main street and see the sculptures created from farm scraps. Walks in the area are second to none and bushwalks are a

delight during wildflower season.

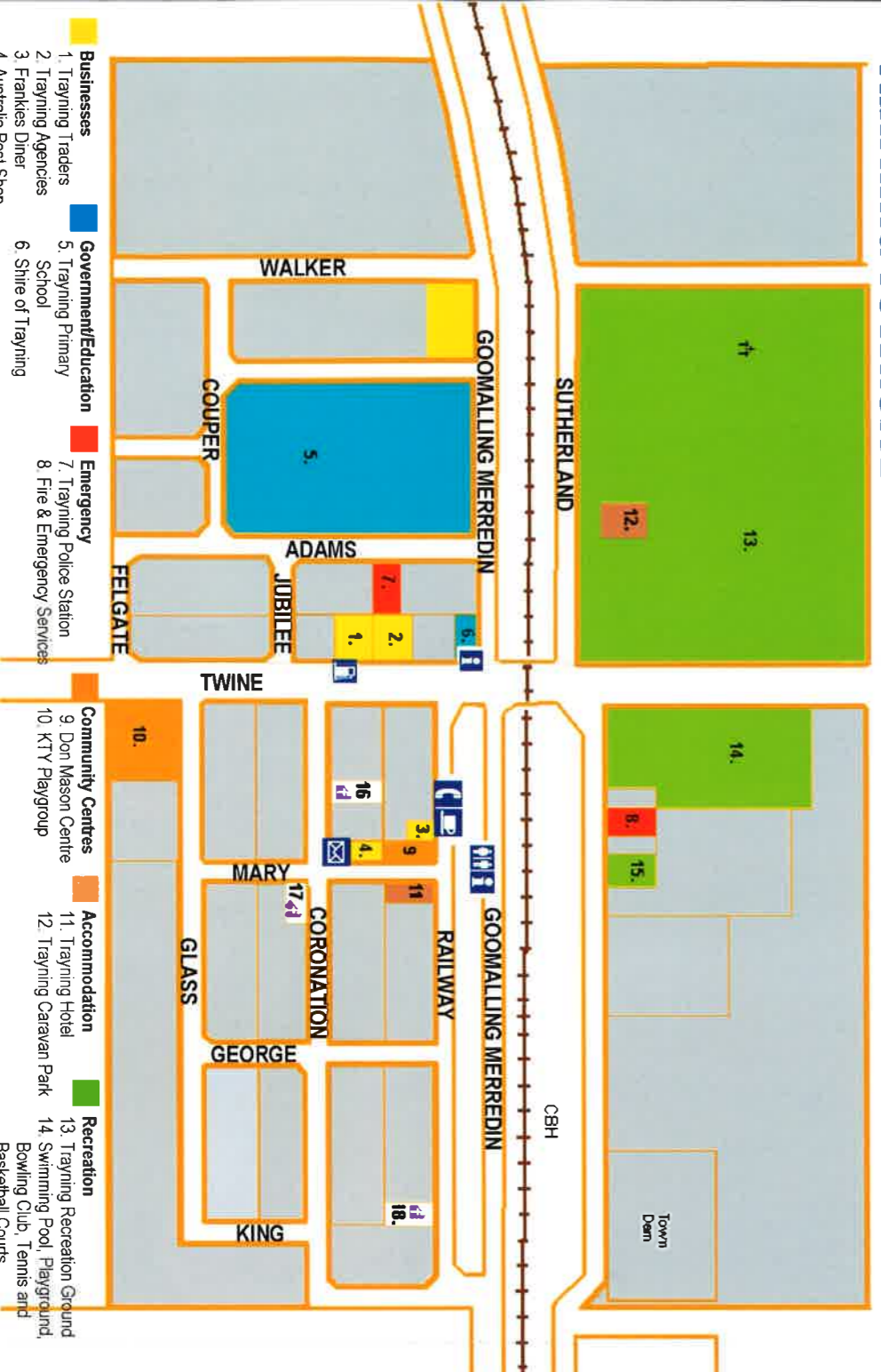
Yelbeni has its own unique heritage museum which provides an insight into district life in days gone by. (Pick up the key from the local store opposite the museum.) Take care driving on the roads in the area which are often frequented by echidnas.

Trayning is a place to relax. The town has a great aquatic centre, playground/barbecue facility, and tennis and basketball



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| | Fuel | | Cafe |
| | Telephone | | Public Toilets |
| | Hospital | | Picnic Site |
| | Hiking | | Historic Site |
| | Museum | | Birdwatching |
| | Wildflowers | | Scenic Route |

TRAYNING TOWNSITE



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| Businesses | Government/Education | Emergency | Community Centres | Accommodation | Recreation |
| 1. Trayning Traders | 5. Trayning Primary School | 7. Trayning Police Station | 9. Don Mason Centre | 11. Trayning Hotel | 13. Trayning Recreation Ground |
| 2. Trayning Agencies | 6. Shire of Trayning | 8. Fire & Emergency Services | 10. KTY Playground | 12. Trayning Caravan Park | 14. Swimming Pool, Playground, Bowling Club, Tennis and Basketball Courts |
| 3. Frankies Diner | | | | | |
| 4. Australia Post Shop | | | | | |

courts all located in the same area. Trayning is also the hub of the local wheat delivery system with its towering silos and vast "pig pens" which hold the annual crop. The silos are one of only three of this design in the wheatbelt. The towns are spaced just 12kms apart so its easy to get to any one or all three of them in a short space of time.

Shire Attractions

The Shire of Trayning has a number of reserves where visitors can picnic, hike and enjoy both the scenery and wildlife. There is a wealth of biodiversity at Billyacattling Hill where wildflowers and fauna are plentiful. There is also an enormous range of birds in the shire from the town corellas, galahs, miners and ringnecks through to the more exotic red-capped robins, blue wrens, spotted harriers, red-tailed black cockatoos and eagles.

Lizards can often be photographed sunning on the granite outcrops which are found throughout the Shire. (Refer to map at left). Another good place to walk is along the disused railway line between Trayning and Walkatchem.

Trayning Well mentioned previously in this brochure is located just a few kms north of the townsite.

The best time for wildflowers is July-Dec. Remember summer temperatures can be very hot so wear a hat and always carry water. We hope you enjoy your visit.

