PUBLIC SILO TRAIL

Welcome to the PUBLIC Silo Trail: a self-drive art trail taking you on a journey of epic proportions through Western Australia’s largest outdoor art gallery.

Spanning 1,200 kilometres of unique landscapes, from green hilltop pastures to flat salt lake country, vast open plains to awe-inspiring outcoves, the PUBLIC Silo Trail has transformed towering grain silos across regional Western Australia into sites of world class art.

The trail traverses the agricultural towns of Northam, Merredin, Newdegate, Pingrup, Ravensthorpe and Albany, as well as Katanning, where silos, public walls and transformer boxes are adorned in colourful murals. Painted by internationally acclaimed artists and visible from afar and over treetops, the PUBLIC Silo Trail is an art that tells a story - about people and place.

This innovative initiative by Perth cultural organisation FORM in partnership with CBH Group, has transformed Western Australia’s regional heartland into an open-air art gallery of epic proportions. See where the journey will take you!

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

The PUBLIC Silo Trail has evolved from FORM’s award-winning PUBLIC festival of art and ideas (2014-2016) which created more than 180 artworks in public spaces across Perth and regional WA. It aims to enhance public spaces and increase the reputation of Western Australia as a vibrant and unique place to live and visit.

PUBLIC expanded beyond Perth’s city limits in 2015 through a partnership with the CBH Group, the State’s primary grain handler which has seen six towering silo sites and many walls across Western Australia, transformed with beautiful art.

This project was made possible through the joint-funding of the Australian Government through the Building Better Regions Fund, Lotterywest and Western Power. The project was also supported by each Local Government Authority and wider community along the trail.

EXPLORE WESTERN AUSTRALIA’S LARGEST OUTDOOR ART GALLERY

NORTHAM

HENSE and Phlegm

In March 2015 internationally renowned artists HENSE (USA) and Phlegm (NZ) revitalised 10 silos across Northam and Pingrup in just 10 days, creating Australia’s first ever painted silo mural and kickstarting a national trend. Phlegm rendered his signature whimsical characters in fantastical flying machines, while HENSE produced his customary abstract patterns in explosive blocks of fluoro colour.

Northam-Toodyay Road, Northam | 31°30’25.4”S 116°37’46.6”E

WARNING: This location is an active grain handling site. Please stay safely outside the main site or opposite the road.

NEWDEGATE

Brenton See

Native Western Australian wildlife took centre stage in Brenton See’s sky-high silo art at Newdegate in June 2018. Embellished on canvas are the region’s native Western Bearded Lizard, Mallee Fowl, Trigal Spotted Tree Frog and Red-tailed Phascogale.

Moley Street, Newdegate | 31°05’25.0”S 119°01’19.7”E

PINGRUP

Jolley Road, Pingrup | 33°13’19.3”S 118°50’54.5”E

RAVENSTORPHE

Amok Island

In August 2016 Fremantle-based artist Amok Island created Six Stages of Banksia baxteri, a 25 metre high artwork inspired mural on the CBH Group sites in Ravensthorpe.

Dance Street, Ravensthorpe | 33°54’58.4”S 120°02’20.0”E

ALBANY

The Yok and Sheryo

In March 2018, the dynamic artist duo The Yok & Sheryo took inspiration from Albany’s landscape to produce a thought-provoking work, featuring Albany’s native grass trees and kangaroo paw. The work is detailed with vibrant, beautiful floral and fauna symbols.

Viewing: Old Town Jetty, Boat Shed Carpark on Royal Princess Drive, Albany | 35°01’56.5”S 117°53’42.7”E

MERREDIN

Kyle Hughes-Odgers

In August 2017 Western Australian street artist Kyle Hughes-Odgers completed artworks across four 36-metre high silos outside the Wheatbelt town of Merredin. His work tells a story about Merredin, its natural environment in the colours, its diverse community in the artwork’s abstract forms and figures, its landscapes and agricultural history in the symbols.

Great Eastern Highway, Merredin | 31°23’07.2”S 118°15’03.2”E

KATANNING MURALS

In November 2017, WA artists Brenton See, Chris Nixon, Darren Huthers and Mic McKea, along with Tuurram Karrn, Jabbaal arrived in the Wheatbelt town of Katanning to paint a series of colourful murals on walls and transformer boxes throughout town. These smaller works complement the broader Trail through distinctive and colourful artworks on a street level.

Discover Katanning’s many colourful walls and transformer boxes for yourself at publicsilotrail.com/katanning.

STORIES FROM THE SILO TOWNS

Stories From the Silo Towns is a social documentary project highlighting the character of Western Australia’s rural residents, through a catalogue of stories, first person interviews, portraits and film, it seeks to capture the intimate values and everyday experiences of the people who call regional Western Australia home. These stories allow us an insight into the people and industries that are part of the fabric of Western Australia. Pick up your copy for $25 at the Visitor and Community Resource Centres at each of the silo towns.

TO READ THE STORIES, VISIT PUBLICSILOTRAIL.COM/STORIES

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About FORM

FORM is an independent, non-profit cultural organisation that develops and advocates for excellence in creativity and artistic practice in Western Australia.

We see creativity as a catalyst for positive change, and we believe that the best, most vibrant places to live are the ones that nurture dynamic, creative communities, showcasing cultural diversity, insist on quality, and are shaped with people in mind.

Find out more at form.net.au

For more information on each of the towns along the Trail and what they have on offer, please contact the local Visitor or Community Resource Centres.

Northam Visitor Centre (08) 9622 2000
Merredin Visitor Centre (08) 9041 1666
Karratha Visitor Centre (08) 4324 144
Pingrup Community Resource Centre (08) 9820 1101
Newdegate Community Resource Centre (08) 9871 1791
Albany Visitor Centre (08) 6820 5700
Hopetoun/Ravensthorpe Visitor Centre (08) 9883 3062

OUR FAVOURITE STOPS ALONG THE TRAIL

While travelling the Trail, why not pull over at some of the regions most unique attractions? Here are some of our favourites:

BILYA KOORT BOODJA CENTRE FOR NYOONGAR CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE

Misson Avenue, Northam

Opened in 2018, the centre explores the rich Aboriginal stories and local histories of the Nyoongar Ballardong region.

THE CUMMINS THEATRE

31 Batas Street, Merredin

One of the oldest buildings in Merredin, the Cummins Theatre is open for guided tours.

HAINSWORTH BUILDING AND SKATEPARK

Mitchell Street, Newdegate

With the internal space exhibiting traditional tea rooms and the general store set up of the 30-70’s, the Hainsworth Building sits 100m down the road from the newely opened Newdegate Skate Park.

DUMBULEYNG

Absolon Street

A small town with big fame, Donald Campbell broke the world speed record in 1964 on Lake Dumbleyung. Discover this fascinating history at the Bluebird memorial, shop local at co-op Dumbleyung Market and marvel at Lake Dumbleyung from Puxxyl Hill lookout.

THE PREMIER MILL HOTEL

Corner of Clive Street and Austral Terrace, Katanning

A relic of the 19th century parliamentarian Henry Piesse, the Hotel was once housed a cordial factory, flour mill, power station and winery. Now beautifully restored, this luxury hotel is steeped in history, and is a ‘must-stay’ when in Katanning. Don’t forget to sample a local Coorong lager brewed on site.

RAVENSTORPHE WILDFLOWER SHOW

Dunm Street, Ravensthorpe

During the annual September celebrations, Ravensthorpe celebrates the unique flora of the South East Coast of WA.

THE NATIONAL ANZAC CENTRE

67 Ports Road, Mount Clarence, Albany

An award-winning cultural pilgrimage, immerse yourself in Anzac legend, overlooking the stunning King George Sound.

We’d value your feedback!

To help us improve in our ability to deliver relevant and interesting creative projects to regional Western Australia, we would love to hear about your PUBLIC Silo Trail experience. By completing our survey, your responses will help us understand your experience, how your visit has contributed to the region and it will help us to demonstrate the value of projects like these. To start the survey enter the below URL into your internet browser.

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