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*"The Great Southern -
Out of sight ...
but never out of mind."*

Rail trail heralded by cyclists

The Denmark-Nornalup Heritage Rail Trail was officially opened in April.

The trail covers almost sixty kilometers over three different sections. Parts of the trail are open to walkers, horse riders, and cyclists.

The most popular section of the trail runs from the Denmark River mouth to Hay River (approx. 12km). This section of the trail has a high quality surface suitable for walkers, hybrid bikes and mountain bikes. Heading in the opposite direction, the Denmark River mouth to Parker Road section (33km) is recommended for keen cyclists and horse riders.

If you would like a copy of the recently released trail brochure, which includes a detailed map of each section, please email OutOfSight! Tours: OutOfSightTours@westnet.com.au

Day of action to protect whales

Hundreds of locals and tourists participated in the nationwide Day of Action to Protect Whales at Ellen Cove in Albany on the 12th of May. The event was organized to draw attention to the continued hunting of whale species in the Southern Ocean.

There is growing concern that the majestic humpback whale which is frequently spotted off the waters of Albany and Denmark during the annual migration season is being threatened by commercial whalers. Whale populations are also under pressure from the degradation of the world's marine environment.

Up until the 1970s, Albany had its own whaling industry. Today, however, the region plays an important role in whale conservation and education. It is hoped that the Day of Action will be the start of Albany's very own whale festival.

The whale watching season runs from June to October with both Humpback and the more special Southern Right whales coming close to shore for calving. Further information about whale watching in the Great Southern can be obtained from Tourism WA's 'Ocean Giants Lookout Kit'.



Whales spotted off the cliffs

World's largest barometer on display

Denmark's much anticipated new Visitor Centre opened its doors to great fanfare in May.

One of the unique features of the rammed earth building is a purpose built tower which houses Denmark's latest tourist attraction - the world's largest barometer! A spiral staircase has been constructed around the barometer to enable visitors to view it from all angles.

The Centre, located on the corner of the South Coast Highway and Ocean Beach Road, provides improved accessibility for tourists to the township.

The Centre hosts a large wine exhibit, gift shop, interactive displays and art and craft gallery. Centre staff can provide visitors with expert advice about what to do and see while they are in the area. For further information go to: www.denmark.com.au.

2007 Vintage looks promising

Winemakers across the Great Southern harvested grapes much earlier than normal this year, almost by a month! The reason for the early season can be traced back to last spring when they had a very dry September and October and so the flowering of the vines was early this year. It's too early to say how this year's vintage compares to previous years but winemakers are excited and believe there could be something special in the mix. Despite lower crop yields, some winemakers were reporting higher quality yields. The smaller berry sizes and lower bunch weights this season are expected to increase colour and flavour intensity. Stay tuned.



Celebrating the end of the harvest with a glass of sparkling wine at Somerset Hill Winery

Easter walk to Monkey Rock a big hit



Two of the hikers who participated in the Easter walks organised by the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk and OutOfSight! Tours

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