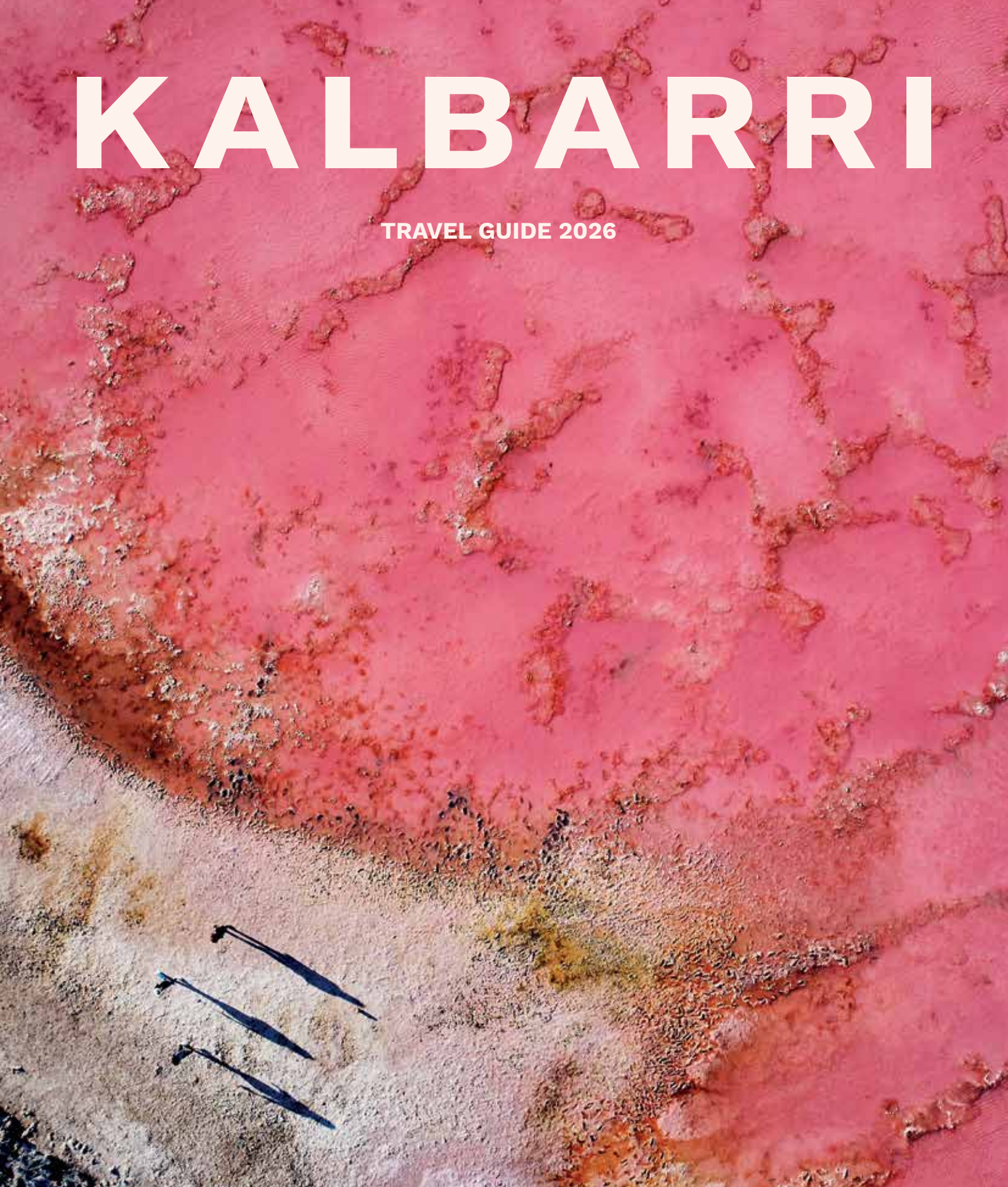


# KALBARRI

TRAVEL GUIDE 2026



Far away, closer.

# Welcome to Kalbarri

Once upon a place...  
Past the last bend in the road.

Lies a place where the land unfolds like  
a storybook,  
And gorges open like ancient smiles.

Where the river cuts lines of glistening  
silver through orange rocks, while the ocean  
sparkles secrets.

Red cliffs blush at sunset.  
A sea that sings to sleeping shells.  
And a sky so wide it feels like a dream.

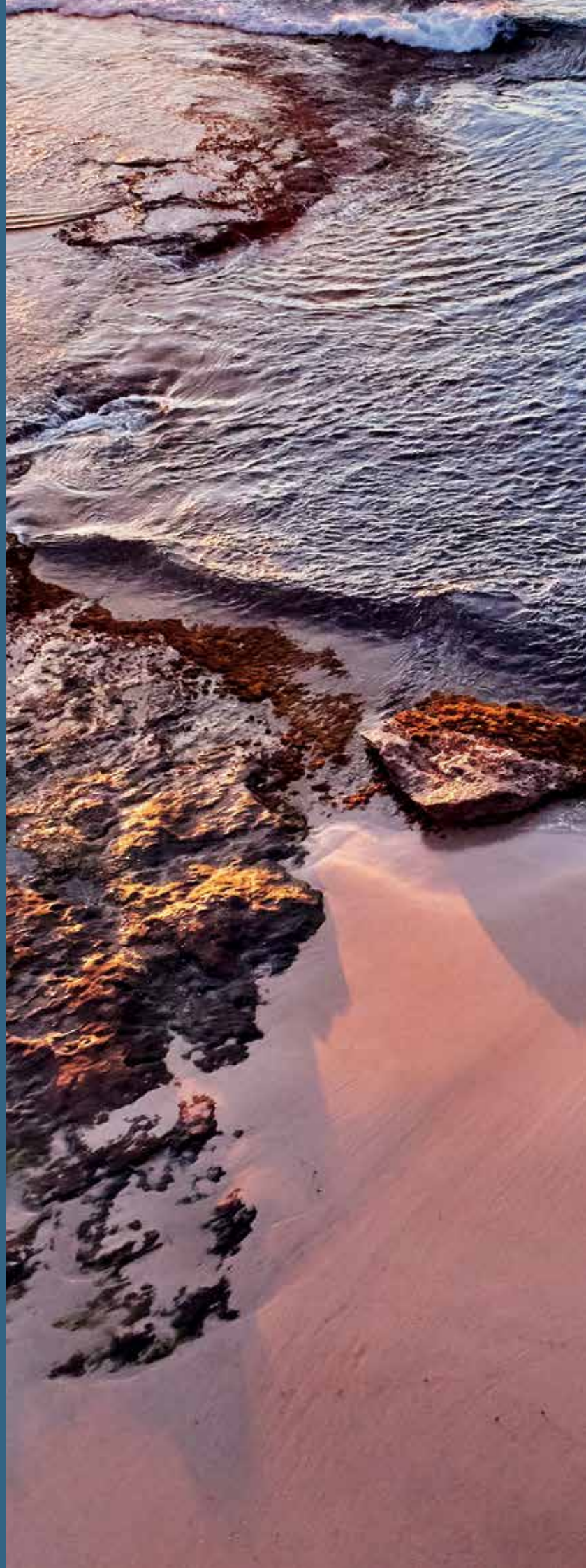
Where the desert and the ocean shake hands.  
Whales whisper to wallabies.  
And time kicks off its shoes.

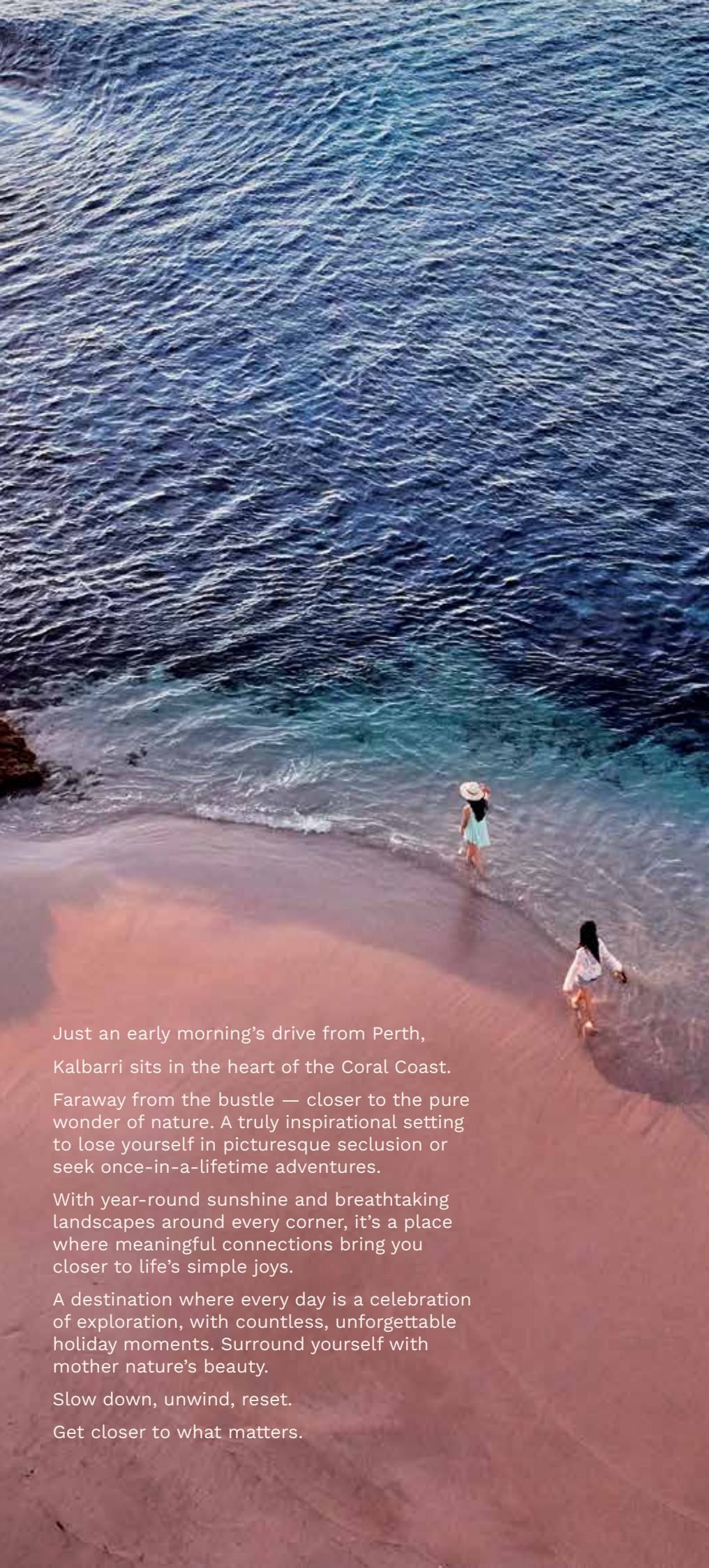
Epic nature.  
New nostalgia.

The best of WA,  
all in one magical place.

## KALBARRI

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Just an early morning’s drive from Perth, Kalbarri sits in the heart of the Coral Coast.

Faraway from the bustle — closer to the pure wonder of nature. A truly inspirational setting to lose yourself in picturesque seclusion or seek once-in-a-lifetime adventures.

With year-round sunshine and breathtaking landscapes around every corner, it’s a place where meaningful connections bring you closer to life’s simple joys.

A destination where every day is a celebration of exploration, with countless, unforgettable holiday moments. Surround yourself with mother nature’s beauty.

Slow down, unwind, reset.

Get closer to what matters.

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# Get closer to nature's magnificence

Distinctly nestled between two incredible, vast landscapes, Kalbarri brings dramatic scenery, and opportunities to bask in nature's glory, at every turn.

To the South, you'll find spectacular cliffs towering over the ocean below, and awe-inspiring rock formations, forged over 400-million-years ago.

And to the East, the timeless inland river gorges of Kalbarri National Park. Getting closer to nature here, is a given.

It took over 400 millennia to create this truly one-of-a-kind destination, where seclusion takes on a whole new meaning.

And while you marvel at the surrounds, also keep an eye out for the unique, native wildlife. Including the elusive Thorny Devil.

You could be snapping pics, or strapping up for a hike, because up here, the world is yours to explore. Gorgeous gorges, endless winding riverbeds, and vast sandplains bursting with over 1200 species of wildflowers, are all waiting to enthrall.

So too is the majestic coastline. Boasting some of the best natural beaching experiences possible.

World-class surf breaks, crystal clear water for swimming and snorkelling, scenic trails and lookouts beside the towering cliffs, and even frequent visits from local dolphins and whales.

# Top things to see and do



## SKYWALK

You'll be walking on air.

This new, world class attraction, with platforms suspended 100 metres above the gorges, promises views across Kalbarri National Park that will take your breath away. A magical experience.

## NATURE'S WINDOW

This famed frame never fails to deliver a picture-perfect vista. As a renowned, iconic WA landmark, it captures the imagination and is the pinnacle of stunning sunrise pics.

## MEANARRA HILL LOOKOUT

Taking sightseeing to new heights. Kalbarri's highest elevation is over 200m above sea level, with electrifying 360-degree views of Kalbarri and the Murchison River.

## KALBARRI RIVER / BEACH FORESHORE

An idyllic beachside setting. Where you can wander the shallows of clear, tranquil waters, fire-up a BBQ, cool down in Chinaman's Beach, or let your little ones go wild in the nature playground.

## PELICAN FEEDING

Breakfast with these big beaked beauties. Including the viral sensation known by locals as 'Naughty Boy'.

For nearly 50 years, these friendly, feathered locals have been doing a meet and greet with a fishy treat at the foreshore every morning at 8.45am. Come and say hi to them and our dedicated volunteers. (Gold coin donation).

## BLUE HOLES

Immersive encounters with creatures of the not-so-deep. This protected fish habitat is a popular drawcard for fans of swimming and snorkelling, due to the abundance of thriving, colourful marine life.

## RED BLUFF LOOKOUT

Head up, when the sun's going down. For a sunset you won't forget, visit Kalbarri's highest elevation along the coast, soaring 100m above sea level. It's one of the many spots to take in the serene Kalbarri sunset.

## NATURAL BRIDGE - ISLAND ROCK BOARDWALK

Sunset stroll or midmorning meander, this easily accessible boardwalk (in the Coastal National Park) presents sweeping ocean views. You'll probably see a few dolphins and whales enjoying it too.

## HIKING TRAILS

If hiking's to your liking, you'll love this.

Head inland and be rewarded with spectacular scenery descending to the river on the Class 4, Z-Bend River Trail, Four Ways Trail or Loop Hike. And soak up the colossal coastal views on the Class 3, Bigurda Trail, Mushroom Rock, and Rainbow Valley Nature Trail.

## PINK LAKE

You'll be tickled pink to tick this off your list. Hutt Lagoon (Pink Lake) is an essential stop on everyone's to-do list in Kalbarri. Depending on the time of day, the lake transforms from bubble-gum pink to a lilac purple. The Port Gregory lookout is an ideal vantage point.

# Itinerary ideas

## ONE DAY

### DAY 1 MORNING

#### INLAND NATIONAL PARK

- Z-Bend Lookout
- Nature's Window
- Kalbarri Skywalk (Kaju Yatka)

### DAY 1 AFTERNOON

#### COASTAL NATIONAL PARK

- Island Rock-Natural Bridge Boardwalk
- Eagle Gorge
- Pot Alley (walk to beach)
- Red Bluff Lookout
- Sunset at Meanarra Hill Lookout or along Kalbarri River Foreshore

## TWO DAYS

### DAY 1 MORNING

#### INLAND NATIONAL PARK

- Z-Bend Lookout
- Nature's Window
- Kalbarri Skywalk (Kaju Yatka)

### DAY 1 AFTERNOON

#### INLAND NATIONAL PARK

- Hawks Head Lookout
- Ross Graham Lookout
- River Trail
- Meanarra Hill Lookout

### DAY 2 MORNING

- Pelican Feeding at 8.45am
- Swimming or snorkelling at Blue Holes
- Tour: choose one of Kalbarri's many morning tours

### DAY 2 AFTERNOON

#### COASTAL NATIONAL PARK

- Island Rock-Natural Bridge Boardwalk
- Eagle Gorge
- Pot Alley (walk to beach)
- Red Bluff Lookout
- Tour: choose one of Kalbarri's afternoon or evening tours

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## THREE DAYS (OR MORE)

Choose from the previous itineraries and add more...

- Sunrise at Nature's Window
- Inland National Park Class 4 Hikes: Z-Bend River Trail | Four Ways Trail | Loop Hike
- Coastal National Park Class 3 Hikes: Bigurda Trail | Mushroom Rock-Rainbow Valley Trail | Red Bluff to Beach Trail
- Swim, surf, snorkel, explore the beaches: Jakes Beach | Blue Holes | Chinaman's Beach | Back Beach | Red Bluff Beach
- Explore Murchison River: Hire a small boat or canoe/kayak and explore the lower river area
- Experience one of the many Kalbarri tours available
- Day trip to Port Gregory, Pink Lake (Hutt Lagoon), Convict Ruins and Horrocks
- Day trip to 4WD Lucky Bay
- Explore the town of Kalbarri and foreshore
- There is a different spot for every day to take in Kalbarri's stunning sunset

## Seasonal attractions

### HUMPBACK WHALE MIGRATION

June to October

### WILDFLOWER SEASON

Late July to mid-November  
(peak season August - September)

# Tours and activities

Whether you're an adventurer or would like something more gentle or something in between — Kalbarri has a wide range of tours and activities that will get you closer to the spectacular.

## ABSEILING

### **Kalbarri Abseil**

Adventuring the gorges in the stunning Inland National Park.

## CANOE TOURS

### **Kalbarri Adventure Tours | Kalbarri Canoe Safaris**

Adventuring on the Murchison River up in the Inland National Park gorges and safari touring on the lower Murchison River in Kalbarri's natural outback.

## RISE ABOVE IT

### **Kalbarri Scenic Flights**

An array of flight experiences that give you a special view of the wonder of Kalbarri from the air, including flights out to the remarkable Abrolhos Islands and spectacular Shark Bay.

## DO IT YOURSELF

### **Kalbarri Bar-B-Cruiser | Kalbarri Boat Hire**

Be the captain of your own self-drive BBQ pontoon and enjoy a relaxed day on the Murchison River. Hire a boat or water vessel, spend the day fishing and exploring the picturesque river and surrounds.

## FEELING CREATIVE

### **Blue Tongue Photography Tours**

Expert photography tours showcasing Kalbarri's stunning landscapes – for beginners and experienced photographers alike. No fancy camera needed to capture incredible images.

## QUADBIKE AND BUGGY TOURS

### **Kalbarri Quadbike Safaris | Wago Beach Quad Bike Tours**

The best of both worlds is covered with an inland tour that takes you through the beautiful unspoilt Murchison River area and a fun adventure along Wago Beach — one of Kalbarri's unique and pristine coastlines.

## RIVER AND OCEAN CRUISES

### **Kalbarri Wilderness Cruises | Reefwalker Ocean Discovery | Rock Lobster Tours & Charter | Kalbarri Offshore Adventures**

Enjoy a gentle and informative tour up the Murchison River and a range of ocean adventures, from sunset cruises to lobster/crayfish experiences, and seasonal whale watching tours.

## DISCOVER

### **D'Guy Journeys | Murchison House Station Tour | The Murchison Experience**

Relax with an outback bush dining experience, explore the story of one of WA's oldest working stations, complete with morning tea on the verandah. Or join tours showcasing Kalbarri's top attractions by day – and its famously dark skies for unforgettable stargazing at night.

## TAKE A STROLL

### **Kalbarri Golf Club | Kalbarri Bowls Club | The Salty Putter | Shopping & Services listed on Town Map - pg 22 & 23**

Play a round of golf or enjoy a bowls match, try mini golf, or wander through Kalbarri's retail precincts offering boutique shopping, surf and fishing gear, gifts and souvenirs.

## TIME TO DINE

### **Restaurants & Dining Options listed on Town Map - pg 22 & 23**

Kalbarri has plenty of options for breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner – dine in or takeaway. From cafes and bakeries to restaurants, pubs, and micro-breweries, there's something to suit every taste.



For bookings and a closer look at all our tours and activities please check our website **kalbarri.org.au** or pop into the Kalbarri Visitor Centre where our friendly staff can advise and assist you.



## PELICAN FEEDING ON THE FORESHORE

Every morning at 8:45am, Kalbarri wakes to one of its sweetest rituals. Down on the foreshore, just across from The Pelican Café, our volunteers gather as the pelicans glide in, right on cue, for a light breakfast treat and a chat.

It's simple, joyful, and wonderfully Kalbarri. You'll hear stories, learn a little about our feathered locals, and if the stars align, you may even be chosen to offer a fish.

The experience is free, with gold coin donations appreciated to help cover the cost of fish and keep this enduring legacy going.

*Please note: Pelicans are wild creatures with routines of their own. While we hope to see them daily, and our volunteers do their best to be there, nature sometimes has its own plans.*

### **How it all began**

This quirky Kalbarri tradition took flight in 1975, when local fisherman Cliff Ross cleaned his catch on the foreshore and a few curious pelicans wandered over for scraps. Five decades later, the pelicans still return, they know this stretch of the Murchison River foreshore well. You'll often spot them resting on nearby rock island or gathering around the boats in search of fish.

What began as a fisherman's daily chore is now one of Kalbarri's most-loved moments—a small, gentle ceremony between people, place, and pelicans.

# Kalbarri National Park

## INLAND RIVER GORGES

Trail through the exhilarating expanse of Kalbarri National Park. Where rugged terrain meets majestic beauty. It's no wonder thousands visit each year. The area covers an area of 186,000 hectares, so if you're hoping for seclusion, you will definitely find it.



## HIKES

### Z-BEND RIVER TRAIL

Class 4 | 2.6km return (approx 2.5 hrs).

Accessed from the Z-Bend lookout path, this demanding hike has river access, loose rocks, steep descents and ladder climbs. Plus, of course, stunning scenery at every turn.

### FOUR WAYS TRAIL

Class 4 | 6km return (approx. 3 hrs).

Starting at the Z-Bend car park, this strenuous hike descends to the river with the return leg offering even more challenges. If you enjoy geology and landforms, this adventurous trail will enthrall.

### LOOP HIKE

Class 4 | 9km return (approx. 4 hrs).

Starting at Nature's Window, fit and well-prepared hikers can continue further into the gorge system for the 9km Loop Trail. It's a challenging but impressive hike. Be aware that heat stress has resulted in fatalities on this trail. Hiking in the river gorge is not recommended over the hotter months of November to March. From November to March hikes must begin before 7.00am.

SEE LOCATION MAP ON PAGE 13



## Did you know?

Z BEND  
@aerature\_au

The Murchison River is the second longest river in WA, at 820 kilometres long, with a catchment area of 82,000km<sup>2</sup> (larger than Tasmania).

The mighty Murchison starts its journey near Meekatharra, travelling across dry plains, hills, salt lakes and gorges, with many rivers forming this colossal catchment area.

Cyclonic activity in the north of the state drops heavy rain, creating floodwaters that reach Kalbarri up to three weeks later. In extreme flood events, muddy brown water can be seen emptying into the ocean, creating a stark contrast between blue water and brown. These floodwaters carry an amazing array of nutrients that nourish and restore the river system.



Z BEND RIVER TRAIL

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Where is the Skywalk and Nature's Window?** The Skywalk and Nature's Window, along with the Z-Bend Lookout, are all in the Inland National Park.

**How far is it to the Skywalk and the Inland National Park?** The Inland National Park is approximately 35 minutes East from the town of Kalbarri.

It is 11km to the turn-off for the Inland National Park and then 20km into the roads that lead to the Skywalk, Nature's Window and the Z-Bend Lookout.

**Are the roads sealed / do you need a 4WD?** All the Inland National Park Roads are sealed and easy driving / no 4WD is required to get to the Skywalk, Nature's Window or the Z-Bend Lookout.

**Can I take my caravan into the National Park?** You are NOT permitted to tow anything into the Inland National Park. Unhitch caravans, boats etc. in town.

**Can I take my dog/pet into the National Park?** Dogs and domestic pets are NOT permitted into Kalbarri's National Parks.

**Is camping allowed in the National Park?** There is NO camping permitted in Kalbarri's National Parks.

**What does it cost to go to the Skywalk?** Entry to the Skywalk is included in your National Park Pass – the National Park Pass is per vehicle. Passes can be purchased at the park entrance, Parks & Wildlife Headquarters or the Visitor Centre (the Visitor Centre has One Day Passes and Five Day Passes available for purchase – for longer passes please visit the Parks & Wildlife Headquarters which is on the road to the Inland National Park – 6314 Ajana-Kalbarri Rd, Kalbarri).

**What are the Inland National Park opening hours?** The Park is best visited in daylight hours – sunrise to sundown – as there is no artificial lighting. Please take care to look out for wildlife when driving at dawn or dusk.

### **Hiking the Loop Hike, Four Ways Trail or Z-Bend Trail:**

These are all Class 4 Hikes – trails are often rough with few, if any, modifications.

Moderate to high level of fitness required. Hikers should be self-reliant as there are few encounters

with others. Weather can affect safety. Make sure you start early, carry enough water and wear comfortable, appropriate footwear.

**Please Note:** There is no drinking water available in Kalbarri's National Parks. Always carry your own, well-stocked supply (3 to 4 litres per person, per day – especially during the summer months).

A café is located at the Skywalk – open daily (please check seasonal hours and closures).

Shade shelters, toilets and picnic areas are available at the Skywalk, Nature's Window and Z-Bend Lookout carparks.

### **Temperatures in the Inland River Gorges reach 50°C (122°F) plus in summer.**

Carry and drink 3-4 litres of water per person per day as fresh drinking water is not available in the park. Wear long-sleeved, loose clothes and a hat. Hike early in the morning, 6am-7am. Temperatures climb quickly and are well into 30°C plus from 7am onwards during the warmer months. Always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

### **WALK TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS**

- Class 1 Disabled accessible.
- Class 2 Easy walking on modified or hardened surfaces. Gentle slopes with few, if any, steps.
- Class 3 User requires a moderate level of fitness. Trails may be slightly modified and can include unstable surfaces.
- Class 4 Trails are often rough with few, if any, modifications. Moderate to high level of fitness is required. Hikers should be self-reliant as there are few encounters with others. Weather can affect safety.

# Kaju Yatka

## 'WALK TO SKY'

You'll feel like you're floating on air. With views that enthrall and inspire. It's easy to see why this magical, world-class attraction is so popular.

Two cantilevered viewing platforms hang in mid-air, 100 metres above the gorge, giving you the perfect vista to absorb the untouched expanse below.

## KALBARRI SKYWALK

Inspired by the region's Aboriginal heritage and beauty, local Indigenous artists have created interpretive artwork as an important part of the Skywalk experience.

This includes the Beemarra serpent, central to the dreaming story of the Nanda people, sandblasted into the walk path to guide visitors. And message sticks welded with Aboriginal art to make a 'forest' near the entrance of the Skywalk. Over 1000 tonnes of sandstone were excavated during construction and then reused to create the surrounding tiered landscape. Made of 117 tonnes of weathering steel and able to support a weight of 1000kg/square metre, these impressive lookouts provide the ultimate scenic photo opportunities.

### At a Glance

- Skywalk entry is included in your National Park Pass.
- Recommended to visit during daylight hours.
- A flat 300m return pathway takes you to the Skywalk, fully wheelchair accessible.
- Kalbarri Skywalk Café is open on site (check for seasonal opening hours).
- Seating, shaded areas and toilets on site.
- Information and artworks about the history of the traditional custodians of Kalbarri National Park, the Nanda people, as well as the geology and flora and fauna of the area.
- 36km drive from the Kalbarri township on a sealed road.
- Please refer to Kalbarri National Park FAQs on page 11 for more information.

We recognise and acknowledge the Nanda people as the Traditional Custodians of Kalbarri National Park and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We recognise their continuing connection to Country, culture, land, and waters.

# Nature's Window

Walk down a picturesque trail to one of WA's most iconic natural attractions.

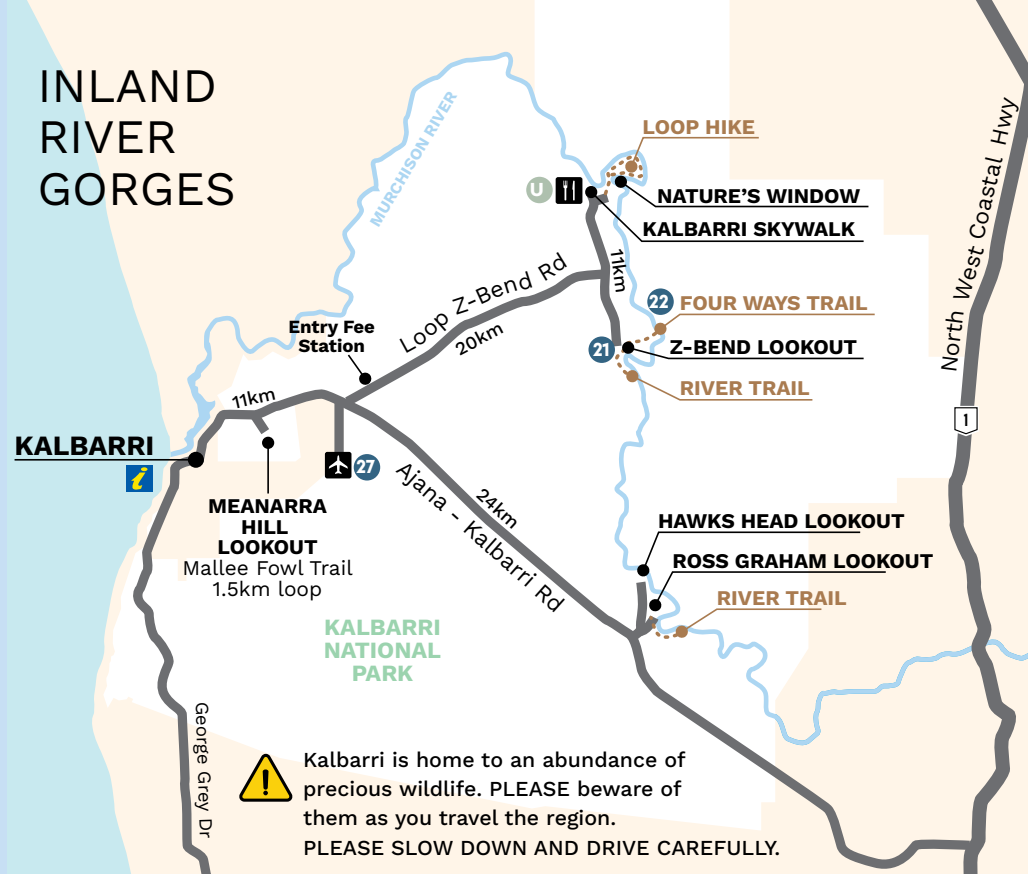
**Class 3, 1km return.**

Perfectly framing the river, this is one of the most photographed sites on Australia's Coral Coast. Please be careful near edges and do not climb on the fragile rock. Do not climb through or on top of the window or hang off the ledges. Always obey the Parks and Wildlife signage to help preserve a sustainable future for all to enjoy, and for your safety.

## At a Glance

- Entry is included in your National Park Pass.
- Recommended to visit during daylight hours (early morning or later afternoons to avoid the heat).
- Walk down a double staircase, follow the path, the area approaching the Window is rocky and uneven (enclosed shoes are recommended).
- This area is much hotter than the township, it is essential to always carry water with you to avoid dehydration (even in the cooler months).
- This is a cliff risk area, be careful when small children are in tow.
- 36km drive from the Kalbarri township on a sealed road.
- Seating, shaded areas and toilets located in the carpark area, 500m from the Window.
- Please refer to Kalbarri National Park FAQs on page 11 for more information.

## INLAND RIVER GORGES



## LOOKOUT ATTRactions

### KALBARRI SKYWALK



Class 1, 300m return. See page 12.

### NATURE'S WINDOW



Class 3, 1km return. See page 13.

### Z-BEND LOOKOUT



Class 3, 1.2 km return.

Considered by many to offer the most breathtaking view of the park, the gorge plunges 150m down to where red river gums create a striking contrast against the earthy Tumblagooda sandstone. View the Eurypterid tracks with informative signage to explain these ancient sea scorpion impressions.

### HAWKS HEAD

Class 1, 200m return.

Hawks Head is aptly named after the shape of the rock structure seen from the lookout. Enjoy the views from the picnic area or wander down the sealed path to the lookout above the river.

### ROSS GRAHAM LOOKOUT

Class 3, 200m return.

Named after the first school teacher in Kalbarri, Ross Graham was a devoted conservationist who was a key player in the exploration of the Murchison River. This lookout offers breathtaking views over the gorges. Take a short walk from the lookout down to the river's edge and relax under the shady canopy. (River Trail, Class 3, 600m return)

# Along the Coast

These dramatic coastal cliffs are a source of endless scenic splendour, for walkers, hikers and avid photographers.

## HIKES

### RED BLUFF TO BEACH TRAIL

Class 3, 1.4km return (approx 45 mins).

Hike down from Pederick lookout to Red Bluff beach. Take in views across the Indian Ocean, impressive rock formations and reward yourself with a refreshing swim at the bottom. This track is steep with loose surfaces.

### MUSHROOM ROCK AND RAINBOW VALLEY NATURE TRAIL

Class 3, 3km loop (approx 2 hrs).

Embark on a contrasting journey of discovery along an ancient coastline, on this 3km loop walk between Mushroom Rock and Rainbow Valley. Learn about rock formations, including red and white banded sandstone and fossilised burrows of worm-like creatures that lived 400 million years ago. At dawn or dusk you'll meet Bigurdas, a type of small kangaroo that feeds amongst the coastal heath and rocky outcrops.

### BIGURDA TRAIL

Class 3, 8km one-way (16km return) (approx 4 hrs) or shorter if you join the trail at Island Rock or Grandstand.

Bigurda is Nanda for a small kangaroo. Connecting Eagle Gorge to Natural Bridge, this sandy trail provides outstanding coastal views and of course, impeccable photo opportunities. From winter through to the end of spring, you'll witness a vast array of wildflower species. Some parts of the trail have uneven surfaces with loose stones; it hugs the coastline close to the cliff edge so watch your step.

### THE BOARDWALK

Class 1, 1.2km return.

This raised boardwalk connects Natural Bridge to Island Rock, accessible from either car park. A convenient seat along the way provides a stunning place to sit, relax and enjoy the views. If time permits, continue on the Bigurda Trail.



# LOOKOUT ATTRACTIONS

## RED BLUFF LOOKOUT

Class 1, 1km return.

From the highest elevation of the National Park cliffs - with 100m of soaring cliff face - you can explore and learn about the area's history with interpretive signage along the way.

## POT ALLEY

Named by local lobster fishermen after losing one-too-many pots to this hazardous cove, it's the ideal place to absorb the awesome, rugged beauty of this coastline. You can even take a winding, rocky walk to the pristine beach. Swimming is not recommended; the lifebuoy reflects the danger of this coastline.

## EAGLE GORGE

A secret, secluded beach, soaring seabirds and whales calmly cruising by — it really is as magical as it sounds. The stepped rocky path to the secluded beach is somewhat of a challenge, but well worth the effort.

## SHELLHOUSE GRANDSTAND

The tale is told of fishermen at sea believing they could see a shell-shaped house on the side of the cliff — hence the name. Tip: the terraced rockface is at its most spectacular when the glowing sunset light strikes the sandstone cliff.

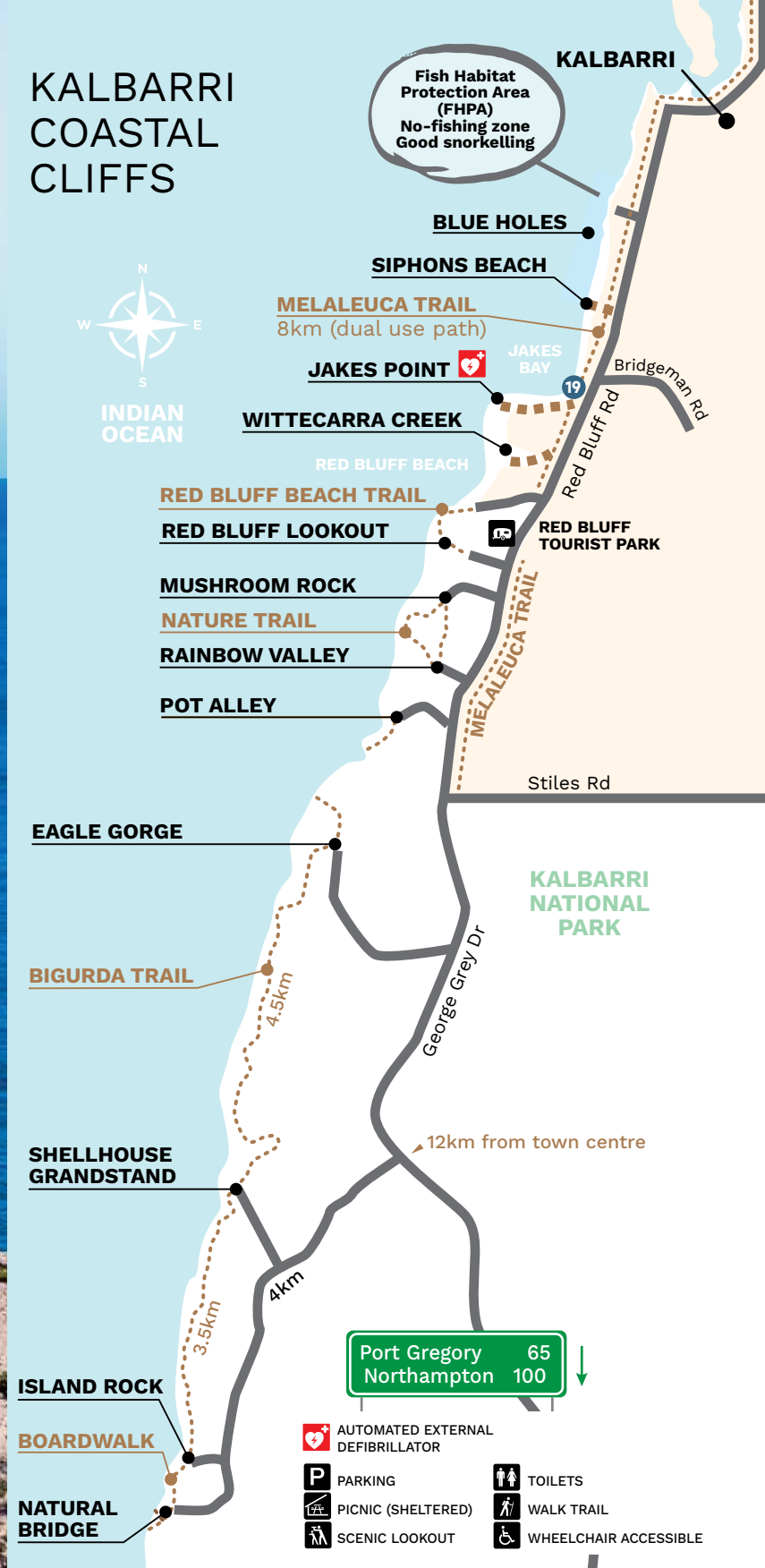
## ISLAND ROCK

The resilient Island Rock was once part of the shoreline but now stands as a solitary sea stack against the pounding ocean waves. Viewing platforms are close to the car park and never fail to deliver jaw-dropping views of this geological marvel.

## NATURAL BRIDGE

Take a short stroll from the carpark and you're presented with even more stunning coastal views under a relaxing shade shelter.

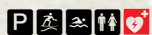
# KALBARRI COASTAL CLIFFS



Please keep to paths and lookouts where provided. Beware of slippery rocks and big seas with massive wave surges.

# Sea, Salt & Sun

## JAKES BEACH — NATIONAL SURFING RESERVE



The dolphins love this beach almost as much as the surfers.

There's a reason why it's one of WA's most famous surf breaks and a drawcard for surfers from all over the world. The elevation creates a natural grandstand to watch surfers (and dolphins) riding these world class waves, and the iconic lefthander is a National Surfing Reserve.

Plus, because it's a safe surfing option, Jakes Bay is the ideal training ground for the next generation of talent.

There are also family-friendly areas protected from the prevailing summer winds.

## CHINAMAN'S BEACH

Where the river meets the sea — and serene swimming meets fabulous fishing. These calm sheltered waters are ideal for kids, and the rocks perfect for the keen anglers. There's also a wheelchair accessible platform for fishing, but please note, no fishing is permitted on the beach.

## BACK BEACH

Take a 10-minute stroll from town, and you'll find yourself exploring rockpools at low tide. Keep strolling and the trails will lead you to Chinaman's Point and the Zuytdorp memorial lookout.

## SIPHON BEACH

A long stretch of tranquil shoreline graced with a beautiful reef break, that turns any early morning saunter into a magical experience. It also marks the southernmost boundary of the Fish Habitat Protection Area (FHPA).

## WITTECARRA BEACH

For 4WD fans, who don't mind throwing in a line or two, it doesn't get much better than this. This stretch of coastline from Wittecarra south to Red Bluff is 4WD access only.

## RED BLUFF BEACH

Wander over the winding rock platforms, hit the surf, or cast off for the catch of the day — this pristine, white sandy beach is perfect for all that, and much more. You can even marvel at the changing colours of the Tumblagooda sandstone.

## BLUE HOLES

Snorkellers, here is where you mask up and glide through an underwater world of wonder. Keep an eye out for:

70 species of finfish (dart, moon wrasse, racoon butterfly fish and humbugs), 10 types of sponge, 11 species of coral, plus, crustaceans, like the western rock lobster, banded hair shrimp, and beds of oysters.

It's also a glorious setting for a simple, serene swim.

Part of an inshore limestone reef system, this area was declared a Fish Habitat Protection Area (FHPA) in 2007.



# Pink Lake

(HUTT LAGOON)

Hutt Lagoon was given its colourful name by explorer George Grey who camped on its edge in 1839.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Where is the Pink Lake?** The Pink Lake is 60km south, a 45-minute drive from Kalbarri next to the township of Port Gregory. All roads are sealed to the Pink Lake.

**Where is it best to view the Pink Lake?** On the Port Gregory side, from Kalbarri travel down George Grey Drive (60km), turn right onto Port Gregory Road (drive just 5km) — there is a dedicated carpark area that is the official Pink Lake Lookout (unsealed).

\*Please pull over safely on the roadside when viewing the lake.

**Is the lake pink?** Yes. It contains the algae *Dunaliella salina* which produces high amounts of carotenoids, pigments that give the water its striking pink hues. The lake can shift between shades of pink, red, and even purple depending on the weather conditions.

**What is the best time of day to view the lake?** The lake is best viewed when the sun is high above it to radiate the spectrum of colour. Generally, between 10am and 2pm when there is limited cloud cover, year-round.

# Kalbarri's Wildflowers

Get closer to over 1,200 species of wildflowers, the Kalbarri National Park is renowned for its incredibly high diversity.

Some of these species are unique to Kalbarri and found nowhere else. There's always something fabulous flowering, but the main wildflower season is between early July and mid-November (weather dependent).

During peak wildflower season in August and September, the landscape is transformed into a kaleidoscope of colour. Explore the sand plains for starflowers, kangaroo paws, feather flowers and orchids, and more. Further east towards Galena Bridge, discover carpets of pink and white everlastings. One of the later flowers to emerge is the aptly named smelly socks (white plume grevillea). These distinctive plants growing along the roadside display pink buds at the end of long stalks that open out to big, beautiful, white flowers that release a sickly-sweet smell at dusk to attract nocturnal insect pollinators.

Take note too, of the native pine trees growing along the roadside. They're sandplain cypress (*Callitris*).

The Kalbarri Visitor Centre will keep you up to date with what's flowering where. Tip: Pop in to see the friendly staff for a wildflower update.



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## History & Heritage

### LYNTON HISTORICAL SITE

Lynton town site was established in 1853 as a Convict Depot providing labour for mining and agriculture developing in the area. The ruins of this town can be seen from the Port Gregory Road, and still standing is part of the jail, magistrates' quarters and hiring depot. Lynton Station has Captain Sanford Homestead, with views of the ocean and Pink Lake. The Old Barn incorporates a museum where you can take in this unique piece of Australian history.

### WARRIBANNO CHIMNEY

An unsealed road takes you to the site of the original lead smelter for Geraldine Mine. It was one of the first to be built in WA over 150 years ago after lead was discovered by Augustus Gregory while he was exploring the area for pastoral development. The site still retains solid stonework and foundations from its working days. Nowadays it's adorned with wildflowers when in season and is a great spot to visit if you have enough time.

### NANDA DREAMTIME STORIES

The Nanda people (Wurdimarlu), the traditional custodians of the Kalbarri region, are the saltwater people of this land. They hold deep cultural knowledge and traditions, including stories from the Dreamtime, which explain the creation and shaping of the land.

One such story tells of Beemarra, a serpent who travelled down the Murchison River during the spiritual Dreamtime. Drawn by the sound of the waves, Beemarra followed a creek and then moved underground, creating a tunnel to reach the coast.

At the Kalbarri Coastal Cliffs, Beemarra was startled by the thundering waves and returned to the safety of the Murchison River. The path she took is remembered in the landscape as a tunnel through a red sandstone outcrop.



**1629** Two survivors of the Batavia shipwreck were marooned on the coast as punishment for their role in the mutiny at the nearby Abrolhos Islands. Many believe they were left at the place now known as Wittecarra Creek, the first permanent landing of Europeans in Australia.

**1848** Lead, traces of silver and copper were discovered on the Murchison River by the Gregory brothers.

**1853** Lynton Convict Hiring Station established at Port Gregory.

**1859** Ex-convict Joseph Horrocks opens Gwalla Mine at Northampton.

**1921** One of three aeroplanes participating in Australia's first commercial air service crashed not far from Murchison House Station. The pilot and mechanic were tragically killed, and their graves are located at the station.

**1943** Port Gregory shelled by a Japanese submarine on the 28th January, during WWII. The submarine arrived at a position about 7 km off the coast of Port Gregory and fired about 10 shells towards the town! None of the shells fired at Port Gregory caused any damage.

**1712** Dispatched from the Netherlands to the trading port of Batavia, the Dutch East India Company ship Zuytdorp became wrecked against the cliffs North of Kalbarri. The crew were never heard from again. On board were about 200 passengers, crew and a rich cargo, including 248,000 silver coins.

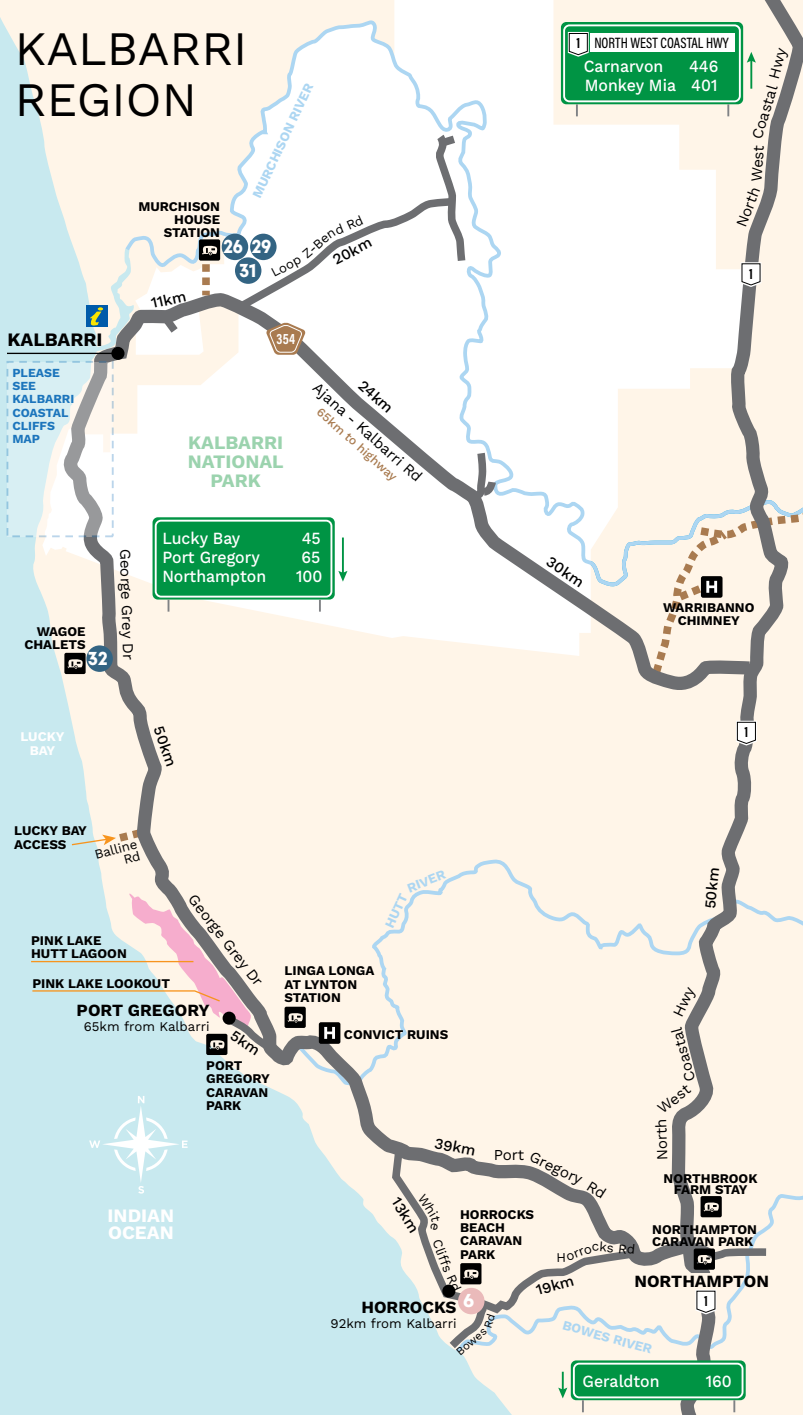
**1849** Geraldine Mining Corporation commenced mining operations on the Murchison River.

**1858** Murchison House Station was founded by Charles Von Bibra to provide meat and wheat to lead miners at Galena, beef to the growing Perth market and remount horses to British Army in India. The original homestead was built with help of convict labourers.

**1927** The wreck of the Zuytdorp was discovered between Tamala and Murchison House pastoral stations by workers fencing and trapping dingoes.

**1951** Kalbarri became a popular fishing and tourist spot in the 1940's and by 1948 the state government declared Kalbarri a townsite. Lots were soon surveyed and the town was gazetted in 1951.

# KALBARRI REGION



## More to Explore

### LUCKY BAY

This beautiful 4.9km stretch of sandy beach is protected by reef and is a popular destination for snorkelling, swimming and fishing. A 3km unsealed road suitable for all vehicle types leads to a nature-based camping area (fees apply). The beach is accessible for 4WD vehicles only (recommended for experienced off-road drivers only). Lucky Bay is closed during heavy rain/flooding.

### PORT GREGORY

The town of Port Gregory lies south of Kalbarri near the mouth of Hutt River. This picturesque fishing village is encircled by five kilometres of exposed reef. Originally established to serve the Geraldine Lead Mine and whalers, it soon became clear it wasn't suitable for large vessels. Rich in history, Port Gregory was once bombed by a submarine during WWII. Further down the road is Lynton Station, home to the Governor's mansion and stone convict ruins. Great for fishing and swimming and locals say the road in gives you the best view of the Pink Lake.

### HORROCKS

Named after convict Joseph Horrocks, who was transported to Western Australia in 1851 for forging and uttering (the use of a forged document). This small coastal town is a scenic family holiday spot with safe swimming and fishing, windsurfing and kiteboarding. South of Horrocks lies the Bowes River, with good shore fishing and surfing at the river mouth.

### NORTHAMPTON

One of the oldest settlements in Western Australia, gazetted in 1864 and classified as a historical town by the National Trust of Australia in 1993. Be sure to check out Ewe Turn, a beautiful community arts project which includes over 50 hand painted ewes, lambs and kelpies installed throughout the townsite.





# Visitor Essentials

## BY CAR

Kalbarri is a comfortable 6–7 hour drive from Perth via the inland Brand Highway or the coastal Indian Ocean Drive.

Tip – Be sure to take the Port Gregory/George Grey turn off at Northampton. A scenic coastal drive to Kalbarri, that takes you right past the Pink Lake of Hutt Lagoon.

## BY AIR

Nexus and Qantas fly from Perth to Geraldton airport. Kalbarri is a further 1 hour 50 minute drive north (160km).

## BY COACH

TransWA services Kalbarri three days per week departing from Perth on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, then returning on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Call 1300 662 205 or visit [transwa.wa.gov.au](http://transwa.wa.gov.au)

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Coach bookings for TransWA can be made with the friendly team at the Kalbarri MEEDAC office located at Shop 4, Kalbarri Marine Centre, 166 Grey Street.

## TRAVELLING WITH DOGS

Kalbarri has many river and beach areas designated for dog exercise, and lots of dog friendly businesses that will gladly welcome your furry friend. Please note that dogs and domestic pets are not permitted in the Kalbarri National Parks. Local casual dog sitters can be found via the Facebook Page – *Kalbarri Info Noticeboard*.

## TIPS FOR CARAVANNERS

A free dump point is located in the Light Industrial Area, adjacent to the Shire depot, Porter Street. Potable water is also available here.

Camping in car parks and road stops is not permitted within the town site or Kalbarri National Park. Fines may apply. Long vehicle parking is located at the rear of the Visitor Centre.

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## SEASONS

### SUMMER

A warm time of year with an average overnight temperature of 19°C, daytime temperatures around 33°C and maximums do reach as high as 45°C. Popular activities include swimming, barbecues and boating.

### AUTUMN


A transition from hot summer days to clear blue skies with little wind. The stunning weather makes this a popular time of the year to visit. Perfect fishing weather and an ideal time for a family holiday. Average daytime temperature of 28°C, overnight 18°C.

### WINTER

The landscape explodes into a kaleidoscope of colour with the onset of wildflower season, bringing cooler weather with a daytime max of 22°C and 10°C overnight. A great time for hiking, caravanning and wildflower viewing.


### SPRING

With humpback whale season in full swing and average daytime temps of 26°C, Kalbarri comes alive during September and October. November quietens down, making it an ideal time for the traveller seeking solitude.



MEANARRA HILL LOOKOUT  
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## LOOK OUT FOR THIS ATTRACTION

**MEANARRA HILL LOOKOUT** (4km from town) 

This limestone capped peak is visible from several different locations around Kalbarri. The road is sealed, and you can take the short walk to several lookouts with plenty of shade and seating. A great place to enjoy the sunset! For the more adventurous there is also the 1.5km Mallee Fowl Trail. At 207m above sea level this is the perfect vantage point for 360° views of Kalbarri and the Murchison River flowing into the Indian Ocean. An audio 'Welcome to Country' and interpretive signage about the landscape and traditional owners, the Nanda people, is also on display at this magnificent lookout.

# Kalbarri Town Centre

## ACCOMMODATION

- Anchorage Holiday Village
- Horrocks Beach Caravan Park\*
- Kalbarri Tudor Holiday Park
- Linga Longa at Lynton Station\*
- Tasman Holiday Parks Kalbarri
- Murchison House Station\*
- Northbrook Farm Stay\*
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- 12 Pelicans Nest
- 13 Salt - The Studio
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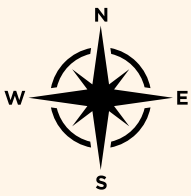
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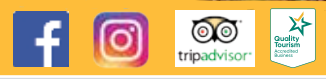
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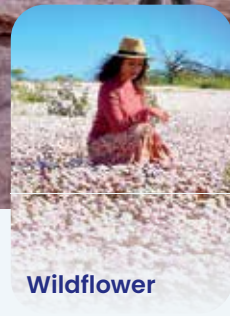
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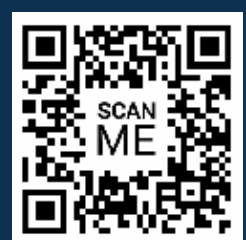
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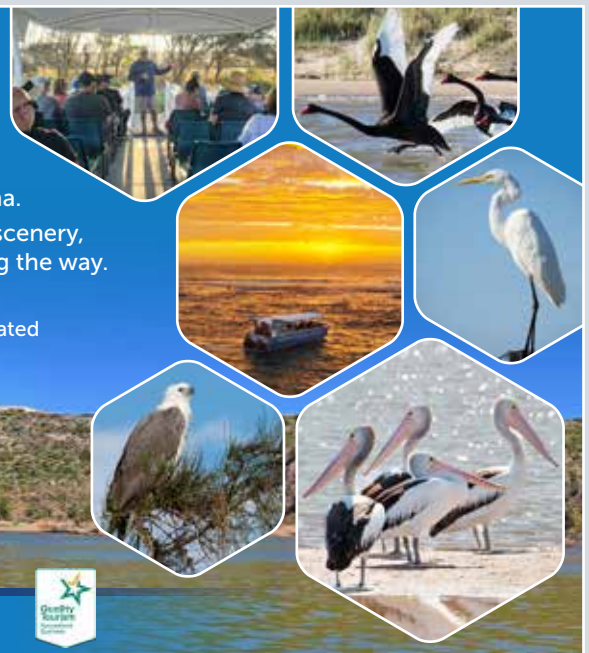
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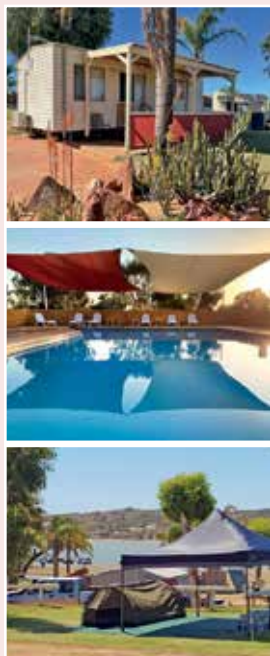
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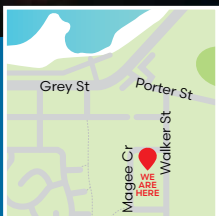
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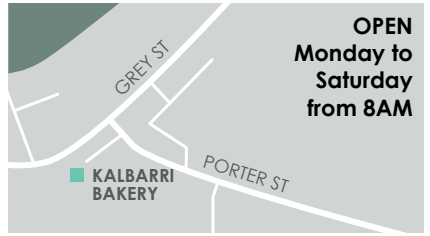
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