

# welcome



Located in the heart of the Great Southern region, just 3 hours south east of Perth, Katanning is a true multicultural community, the most ethnically diverse regional centre in Western Australia and possibly Australia. Featuring some 50 language groups, Katanning is proud to embrace the different cultural and religious backgrounds of its community.

Katanning is a Shire with scenic rural beauty and an ambience of regional town. The Shire has many attractions, both historic and modern that makes it a wonderful and welcoming place to visit.

The most popular time to visit Katanning and its surrounding region is during the wildflower season from late winter through to early October. At this time of the year caravans and campers come to see the landscape at its most spectacular.

Community events form the backbone of Katanning's social calendar. One of the most important community events on the social calendar is the Katanning Harmony Festival, where everyone comes together to learn more about the various cultures in town - the food, entertainment, historical stories, and shared experiences.

Although the town and its surrounds feature plenty of wide open space and walking trails, Katanning is the centre for many regional, and occasionally state, competitions and events to keep you entertained.

*did you know?*  
The first syllable of Twonkwilligup means 'ear' in Noongar, which was said to represent the shape of the pool there.

*did you know?*  
The Pioneer Women's clock located at the Heritage Rose Garden, is one of only two four faced clocks fully functioning in WA!

## KATANNING VISITOR CENTRE



The Katanning Visitor Centre volunteers have been providing a service to Katanning for over 25 years and are often to the first port of contact when visitors arrive in to town.

Call in to the Centre and speak to the friendly staff who will be able to help you plan your stay, provide free maps and offer advice on what to see and do in the region. Visitors can also purchase tickets to travel on the TransWA bus from the Centre.

The Visitor Centre has a good range of Katanning souvenirs if you are looking for a gift to send to a friend or overseas. Come and view the array of Katanning mugs, tea towels, key rings, magnets, pens, stubby holders & local books. The lovely volunteers are available every day to help you.

**14 AUSTRAL TCE**  
Phone/Fax (08) 9821 2634  
Email [visitors@katanning.wa.gov.au](mailto:visitors@katanning.wa.gov.au)  
Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm Sat 10am - 12 Noon

# community events

- January Australia Day Breakfast
- February Bush Poets Breakfast
- March Katanning Harmony Festival
- April Welcome to Katanning and Neighbour day
- August Katanning Youth Festival
- September ANZAC Service
- Great 5thn Merino Sheep Breeder Ram Sales
- Hidden Treasures Bloom Festival
- KAT MAC Vintage Fair
- Katanning Eco Week
- Katanning NAIDOC Festival
- National Police Remembrance Day
- October Katanning Agricultural Show
- Octane in October
- Together Exhibition
- November Remembrance Day
- December Christmas on Clive

**Australia Day Breakfast**  
Each year, the Katanning Lions Club celebrates Australia Day by hosting a community breakfast at the Lions Park, with entertainment for the whole family. All community members welcome.

**Bush Poets Breakfast**  
Come and enjoy breakfast, ballads and poetry at the annual Bush Poets Breakfast, hosted by the Katanning Royal Flying Doctors Group. Held on the third weekend in February at the Clay Target Club, the event kicks off at 7.30am and helps raise needed funds for the Royal Flying Doctors Service. Everyone is welcome!

**Katanning Harmony Festival**  
Come join us at the Katanning Harmony Festival to celebrate diversity, community participation, inclusiveness and respect for all the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live. The day features entertainment, international food, art, activities, cooking shows, a multicultural fashion parade and more. Held in March each year, the Festival promises colour, culture and excitement.

**Welcome to Katanning and Neighbour Day**  
New and old community members are invited to meet one another to strengthen communities and build better relationships with the people who live around us. Entertainment and refreshments provided.

**Katanning Youth Festival**  
Held as part of National Youth Week in April, the Katanning Youth Festival encourages young people from the region to share their ideas and thoughts, showcase their talents as well as have a go at something new and exciting.

**ANZAC Day**  
On ANZAC Day, Katanning Lions Club hosts a ceremony of remembrance, gratitude and national pride for all our men and women who have fought and died in all wars. A Dawn Service is held at Prosser Park, followed by a cooked breakfast at the Scout Hall.

**Rababank Katanning Merino Sheep Show and Sale**  
Each year the Great Southern Merino Sheep Breeders Association hosts the Katanning Merino Sheep Show and Sale at the Katanning Leisure Centre Ram Pavilion on the third Thursday of August. This is a major event for Katanning and showcases the best of the Western Australian merino industry.

**Hidden Treasures Bloom Festival**  
Hidden Treasures shares with you the wonderful attractions throughout 9 Shires in the Great Southern region, an area bursting with natural and historic treasures! The Bloom Festival consists of over 30 events from mid-September to mid-October and is the perfect time to visit as many rare species or orchid and wildflowers are in bloom.

**KAT MAC Vintage Fair**  
Checkout the displays of vintage tractors, trucks, cars, motors, stationery engines and other heritage items. Plus enjoy the food, drinks, BBQ and Camping at Kupara Park.

**Katanning Eco Week**  
Eco friendly practices and consumer awareness of environmental issues have increased and are having a huge impact on the environment. Eco Week is held in September and provides the community with access to a range of workshops and educational opportunities to learn and develop skills in renewable energy sources, sustainable living, recycling, composting, and cost saving for the home and community.

**Katanning NAIDOC Festival**  
NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Held in September each year the event aims to promote the Aboriginal culture within the wider community and raise awareness and respect of its people and history.

**National Police Remembrance Day**  
The Memorial service at Police Pools pays tribute to Australian Police Officers who have been killed on duty or have died as a result of their duties since the advent of policing in Australia. 29 September is a day to recognise the unique nature of the police service and the dangers that police face in their daily pursuits.

**Katanning Agricultural Show**  
Held on the fourth Saturday of October at the Katanning Leisure Centre, the Katanning Agricultural Show is a fun day out for the whole family and includes a sideshow alley, exhibitions, entertainment and more!

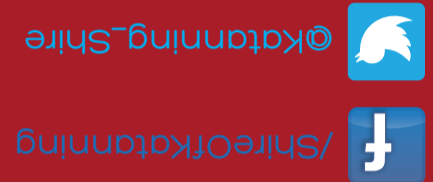
**Octane in October Car Show & Auction Night**  
Held in October every year and hosted by the Katanning Speedway Club, the event features a Show 'N' Shine competition for cars and bikes of all makes and models, with the afternoon seeing a super cruise through the Great Southern as well as a visit to the local speedway to see some demo cars hit the track and take to the burnout pad. In the evening the club holds an auction night and trophy presentations, with locally donated items going under the hammer. With food, full bar facilities and families welcome it's a great night out for everyone.

**Together Exhibition**  
The 'Together Exhibition' is an annual event which showcases the talents of our local artists. Held at the Public Art Gallery.

**Remembrance Day**  
On Remembrance Day the Katanning Shire hosts a service at the Katanning Rose Garden urging all Australians to observe one minute of silence at 11 am on 11 November to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

**Christmas on Clive**  
The 'Christmas on Clive' celebrates the festive season with the closure of Clive Street and the welcoming of a street party. Performers, face painting, stalls, buskers, amazing competition giveaways and of course Santa! The event provides an opportunity for the community to come together in a safe and fun carnival style environment. Christmas on Clive is a vibrant family-friendly afternoon celebration and a chance to pick up some last minute Christmas gifts from the shops & stalls!

Thank you for visiting Katanning, see you next time!  
and share together!  
I Australians in this country we'll live in!  
Together we acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal people who are the custodians of the Noongar people and the Noongar traditional owners of the land on which we acknowledge the past and present. The Shire of Katanning respectfully children to Katanning country.  
Hello, welcome all men, women, Koolingar Kenany Boodja,  
Kaya, wondoo boodja, mornun, Yorgia.



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(08) 9821 9999  
WA 6317  
KATANNING  
16-24 AUSTRAL TERRACE



# history

Katanning lies at the heart of the Great Southern region providing the residents and surrounding communities with a commercial, cultural and political centre. Katanning was originally known as Ke'tungup and was the junction of three Aboriginal tribal grounds long before European settlement.

The first Europeans to explore the Katanning area were Governor James Stirling and Surveyor General John Septimus Roe who travelled through the area in 1835 en route from Perth to Albany. In about 1870, sandalwood cutters moved into the area but they did not settle. It was not until the arrival of the Great Southern Railway from Perth to Albany in 1889 that the township came into existence.

With the opening of the Great Southern Railway in 1889 Katanning attracted settlers for both commercial and agricultural ventures. The town site was initially developed by the same company that built the railway, the Western Australian Land Company. The state government purchased the railway and the townsite in 1896 and later formally gazetted the town in 1898, when the population of the town was 226.

The Porcelli statue of Plesse, one of the town's founders is in front of the Railway Station.

*did you know?*  
Katanning is a town of 'firsts'. It was the first town in WA to have a 'roller' flour mill. Many other flour mills 'ground' their grain. The Katanning Shire sold the building to Dome for just \$1 in 2014.

*how to get to Katanning?*  
Katanning can be accessed off the Great Southern Highway or Albany Highway.

**western australia**

**Perth**  
**Mandurah**  
**Williams**  
**Bunbury**  
**Collie**  
**Manjimup**  
**Denmark**  
**Albany**  
**Jerramungup**  
**Mount Barker**  
**Katanning**

*heart of the great southern*

**shire of katanning**

WOODANILLING  
KATANNING  
NYABING  
PINGRUP  
MURADUP  
KOJONUP  
BROOMEHILL  
GNOWANGERUP  
ONGERUP  
TAMBELLUP  
BORDEN  
JERRAMUNGUP  
FRANKLAND  
TENTERDEN  
CRANBROOK  
ROCKY GULLY  
STIRLING RANGE NATIONAL PARK  
BLUFF KNOLL  
WELLSTEAD  
BREMER BAY  
MT BARKER  
PORONGURUP NATIONAL PARK  
DENMARK  
ALBANY  
VALLEY OF THE GIANTS TREE TOP WALK  
city of albany  
shire of jerramungup  
shire of denmark  
shire of plantagenet  
shire of broomehill-tambellup  
shire of kojonup  
shire of gnowangerup  
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shire of kent  
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--- MAJOR ROAD  
--- MINOR ROAD

# KATANNING

*heart of the great southern*  
welcomes you

**tourist map and information guide**

# experiences

## KATANNING MINIATURE RAILWAY

Corner of Clive St and Great Southern Highway

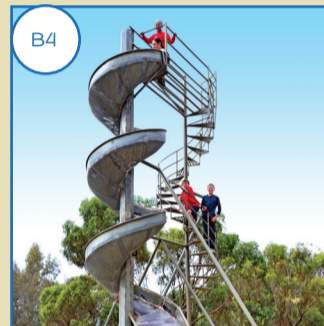


Treat the whole family to a fun train ride on our Steam & Diesel Loco's around the 700 metre track through the trees and over the creek. With two trains in operation, they are sure to bring a smile to any child's face. Enjoy a Devonshire tea, cool

drink and ice cream from the station tearooms or sit outside and watch the trains go by. Covered shoes must be worn on the train ride.

## ALL AGES PLAYGROUND

Corner of Clive St & Great Southern Highway



This unique collection of playground equipment is sure to delight the young and adult at heart. Giant slides, swings and oversized horses as well as a junior playground area will delight many visitors. The playground is a

## KATANNING FARMERS MARKET

Shearing Shed, Katanning Leisure Centre, Pemble St



The Katanning Farmers Market hosts a wide range of stalls, selling fresh produce, plants, crafts and more. Enjoy a cuppa and sausage sizzle over morning tea!

## KATANNING AQUATIC CENTRE

3rd Saturday each month 8:00am - 12pm (08) 9821 1293



## KATANNING ART GALLERY

Austral Tce



The Katanning Gallery, located within the Katanning Library, is one of the largest galleries within the Great Southern and hosts a diverse range of shows throughout the year. Of special interest is the annual *Together Exhibition*, hosted in September, which showcases the many and varied talents of artists within the area. The Gallery is available to hire for exhibitions.

Monday to Saturday (08) 9821 4310 gallery@katanning.wa.gov.au

## KATANNING ARTS AND CRAFTS

Corner of Dore St & Baker St



Come down to the Katanning Arts and Crafts building, and get creative! Bring your own art work from home or just come for a coffee and chat with the group and view the display of artwork created.

\$3 members & \$5 non-members

- BYO Art or come have a cuppa and chat 1st Saturday each month 10am - 2pm.
- Pottery, Tuesday 9.30am - 12pm
- Needle Craft, Wednesday 9.30am - 1pm
- Patchwork, Thursday 9.30am to late afternoon
- Evening patchwork 1st & 3rd Monday 6pm
- Sewing 2nd & 4th Monday each month
- Art group, 1st Friday each month
- Paper Crafts, 2nd & 4th Tuesday 6pm

Judy (08) 9824 1071

## KATANNING LEISURE & FUNCTION CENTRE

4 Pemble St



“WA's leading regional recreation and functions complex”

The Katanning Leisure and Function Centre is ideally suited to host sports events of all types.

Conducted within the centre are regular group fitness classes and a gymnasium providing your health and fitness needs.

Surrounding the centre are several high quality outdoor sports venues and an equestrian dressage arena with stables. Other facilities include Machinery Restoration Group Display and Shears Shed.

Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 8.30pm  
Friday 8.30am - 7pm Saturday 9am - 4pm  
(08) 9821 4399

## KATANNING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Austral Terrace



The Katanning Public Library has an extensive range of books, audio books, e-books and DVDs. It has regular children's activities including story time, rhyme time, lego club, school holiday fun and community events.

It also provides photocopying, faxing and public access computers.

Monday to Saturday (08) 9821 4300 katlib@katanning.wa.gov.au

## KATANNING MEN'S SHED

behind Katanning Stock & Trading, Albion St



The Men's Shed is a place for all men to meet, socialise and work on meaningful projects at their own pace, in their own time in the company of other men. Participants are welcome to utilise the equipment provided in the shed or just come and have a yarn and a cuppa.

Entry \$3 Wednesday 9am - 12pm  
Ron Smith (08) 9821 2197

## KATANNING REGIONAL ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Austral Terrace



The Katanning Regional Entertainment Centre is an impressive heritage listed building that is being restored to its former glory, offering a superb setting for functions. It has a 250 seat theatre with disabled access. The stage is complete with

a magnificent grand piano for concerts, plays and other entertainment. The Centre hosts a variety of performances throughout the year and is also available for private bookings.

(08) 9821 9999

## KOBEELYA

Brownie Avenue



Kobeelya meaning 'place of peace' was built in 1902 as a home for the Plesse family. It became a private boarding school for young ladies from well-to-do families and offered equestrian facilities in

the curriculum. It is currently used by the Baptist Church and has accommodation and a function centre.

Situated in the Coach House on the grounds of the former school, the Kobeelya School Museum houses an extensive collection of memorabilia, offering visitors a fascinating insight into the daily life of a unique girls boarding school.

Open by appointment. Free entry, donations accepted  
(08) 9821 2244 manager@kobeelya.org.au

## KATANNING SALEYARDS

Lot 500, Nyabing Road



Come and enjoy the largest undercover sheep saleyards in the southern hemisphere, while enjoying food from the onsite canteen. Officially opened by WA Premier Colin Barnett, on 28 May 2014, the Saleyards houses 1008 selling pens under a roof of more than 44,000sqm and is the only saleyards in Australia with water in the selling pens capable of trading 12 million sheep annually.

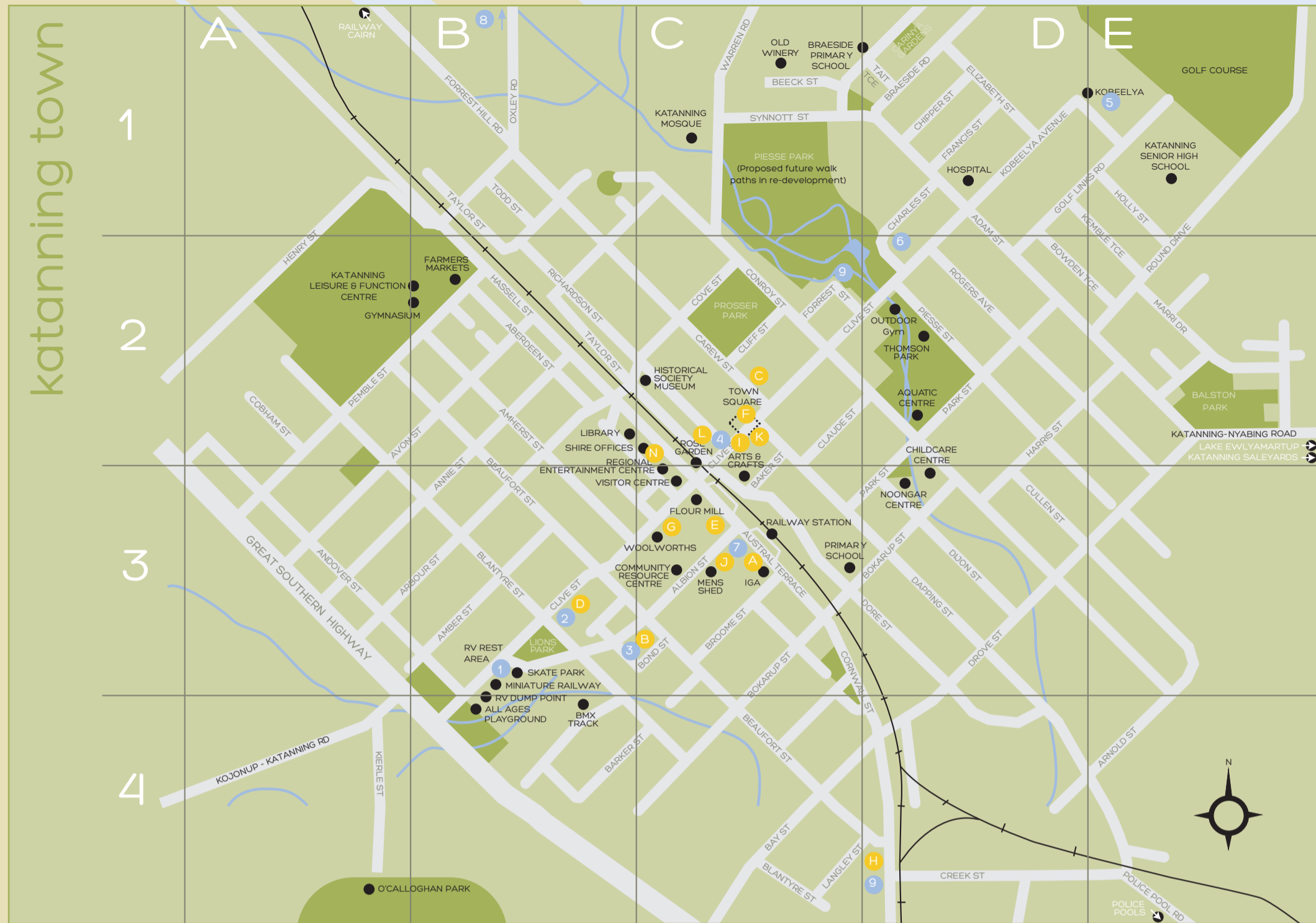
Free entry. Tours Available  
Cafe open Tuesdays from 6.00pm for dinner and Wednesdays 6.30am-11.00am  
Rod Bushell 0417 969 371

## THE FLOUR MILL

Corner of Austral Terrace & Clive St



The Flour Mill was one of the town's first major industries and was constructed close to the centre of the town in 1891 by brothers Frederick Henry Plesse and Charles Austin Plesse. This in turn encouraged the local farmers to grow wheat which was at the heart of the town's early economic success. Most of the mill equipment is still in place, but is now closed due to redevelopment. It has recently been purchased by Dome, and will be converted into a café and boutique rooms. Opening early 2017



## KATANNING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Corner of Richardson St and Taylor St



Originally Katanning's first government school which opened in 1896, the Museum is full of interesting artefacts and quaint memorabilia along with some fascinating records of Katanning's early history

Open by appointment. Free entry, donations accepted  
Gerry (08) 9821 1648

## ACTIVE WALK TRAILS



If you're in town for a few days, why not pick up a walking map from the Katanning Visitors Centre and go for a leisurely stroll on one of the 3 walk paths in town. Walking distances range from 3.7km to 46km. Katanning



Get fit outdoors in the fresh air and for free with Katanning's own outdoor gym. Located opposite Plesse Park on Clive Street.

## HERITAGE ROSE GARDEN

Austral Terrace



Located opposite the Town Hall, the garden incorporates a Noongar Time Walk, Malay mosaic, the Pioneer Women's clock and roses dating back to 1830. This picturesque garden offers visitors a place to relax with large slab benches and a shaded gazebo

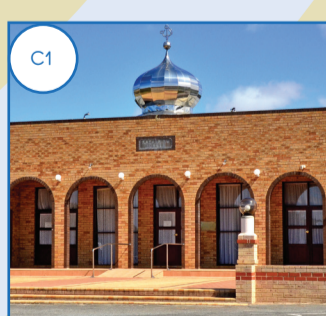
## PIESSE PK COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA

Clive St

Currently under development, the Plesse Park Community Recreation Area will be a major community gathering point for picnics, barbecues and family activities. The jewel in the crown of Plesse Park is the enhanced dam, fed by a natural stream and topped up with recycled water from the sale yards.

## KATANNING MOSQUE

Andrews Road



Built by their own labour, and opened in 1980 by Tunku Abdul Rahman, Katanning's large Cocos Malay community originated from the Cocos and Christmas Islands. They form the congregation of this mosque. The Islanders have contributed to the diversity of the community and maintain their unique cultural identity by operating their own Mosque.

## LAKE EWLYAMARTUP

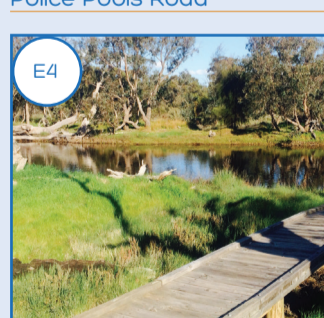
Langaweira Road



Water-skiers, kayakers, sailors, swimmers, picnickers and birdwatchers alike will enjoy a visit to this 100 ha recreation lake. Located 17km east of Katanning on Langaweira Road. This lake has water for most of the year and is home to 95 species of birds. New picnic and boating facilities, toilets and a bird hide have recently been completed.

## POLICE POOLS NATURE RESERVE

Police Pools Road



Avid bird watchers should head to the Police Pools in Twonkwillup Nature Reserve. Originally it was a police outstation from 1863. The reserve hosts a rewarding walking trail through shady and peaceful bush, featuring a boardwalk and an abundance of wildlife.

## THE BADGEBUP CHURCH

Katanning - Nyabing Road



This exquisite St Peters Church is found on the road between Katanning and Nyabing. It was built in 1922 and heritage listed in 1996. It is well worth a stop to have a look!

## accommodation

- 1 RV REST AREA, ALBION ST 9821 9999
- 2 NEW LODGE MOTEL, 172 CLIVE ST 9821 1788
- 3 KATANNING JUMBUCK MOTEL, 38 ALBION ST 9821 1657
- 4 FEDERAL HOTEL, 111 CLIVE ST 9821 1010
- 5 KOBEELYA, BROWNIE AVENUE 9821 2214
- 6 WOODCHESTER B&B, 19 CLIVE ST 9821 7007
- 7 ROYAL EXCHANGE HOTEL, 66-68 AUSTRAL TCE 9821 7550
- 8 EMERALD GARDENS, 186 KATANNING-DUMBLEYUNG RD 9821 1027
- 9 YELLOW GUM B&B, 9 FORREST ST 0428 513 764, 9821 1120
- 10 BP ROADHOUSE AND CARAVAN PARK, 68 CORNWALL ST 9821 1155

## food

- A EMU LANE CAFE, AUSTRAL TCE 9821 2784
- B KATZ A LA CARTE RESTAURANT, 38 ALBION ST 9821 1657
- C HUNG WIN CHINESE RESTAURANT, 6 CAREW ST 9821 2086
- D NEW LODGE MOTEL, 172 CLIVE ST 9821 1788
- E THE GRANGE CAFE, 7/38 AUSTRAL TCE 9821 8098
- F KETTLES ON CAFE, 73 CLIVE ST 9821 5360
- G CHICKEN TREAT, 132 CLIVE ST 9821 4411
- H BP ROADHOUSE, 68 CORNWALL ST 9821 1155
- I WAKEZ ROCK 'N' DINER, 94 CLIVE ST 9821 1996
- J OSCARS RESTAURANT, 66-68 AUSTRAL TCE 9821 7550
- K THE DAILY GRIND, 90 CLIVE ST 9821 7779
- L LORETTA AT THE FEDDY, 111 CLIVE ST 9821 7128
- M SALEYARDS CAFE, KATANNING-NYABING RD, 0428353198  
OPEN TUESDAY DINNER, WEDNESDAY FOR BREAKFAST ONLY.
- N FUXING FAMILY CHINESE RESTAURANT, 12/38 AUSTRAL TCE 9821 1813

## SOME PLACES TO REMEMBER IN KATANNING

- C3 F. H. PIESSE MEMORIAL  
Following the death of Frederick Henry Plesse, the founder of Katanning, in June 1912, the residents of Katanning commissioned Porcell to create a statue in his memory. It stands in front of the Railway Station.
- C2 KATANNING WAR MEMORIAL  
Commemorates the fallen of both World Wars. Unveiled on Anzac Day 1921 WW1 names are inscribed on a brass plaque on the memorial. The names of the fallen from WWII were added in 1950. See it in Prosser Park.
- C3 F. H. PIESSE STONE MEMORIAL  
In recognition of Plesse's contribution to federation, as the delegate for WA, a stone was laid at the Katanning Town Hall to honour this.
- C3 THE TOWN CLOCK  
Built in 1955 the plaque honours the early district women who played a vital role in the town and farming area. It stands at the corner of Clive St and Austral Terrace.
- A1 RAILWAY CAIRN  
The Great Southern railway line joined in Katanning in 1889, and a cairn was unveiled on the site on Forrest Hill Road next to the railway in 1939.
- E4 POLICE POOLS MEMORIAL  
The stone memorial was erected by the Katanning Historical Society in 1939, and is the site of the first police outpost in 1862.