

# Cluster Muster - Mingenew





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Yeehaaa Kulin! 🙌🐎



**ABC Great Southern**

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For the third year in a row the Kulin Bush Races has sold out in less than a minute! 🐎🐎🐎

The event brings thousands to the small Wheatbelt town each year

More local news: [bit.ly/3VDBJQy](https://bit.ly/3VDBJQy)



**NEWS UPDATE**

**KULIN BUSH RACES SELLS OUT OF  
TICKETS IN RECORD 38 SECONDS**

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# Julian Ross

'When the members of a community come together for a common cause, without purely financial or commercial motives, when they co-operate and collaborate to save or preserve something that is important and valuable to the community, they can unlock something very powerful'







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**Social hub:** Coorow residents Emma Gladman, Victoria Syme, John Stacy, Trevor Just, Tim Broun and Bruce Cunningham are ready to set to work on the local hotel, which now belongs to the town's population of 240. Plans are afoot to restore the 1930s building to its former grandeur. PICTURE: MAL FAIRCLOUGH

## A local hotel owned by local people

■ By Andrew Gregory

THE tiny Wheatbelt town of Coorow grasped its future in its own hands by buying the local hotel last month.

An award-winning community organisation plans to restore the 1930s establishment to its original condition.

Coorow Community Land Incorporated committee members said the old watering

came from a grant from the Federal Government's historic hotels program.

The hotel is the meeting point for the town, situated on the cusp of the Wheatbelt and Mid-West regions, about 270km north of Perth.

Unlike most city hotels, it was a place to entertain the whole family with a games room and playground at the rear.

Now that its ownership is secured, the

town — at the third Community Clean-Up Day.

Chairman John Stacy said the hotel needed a lot of work because it had slowly deteriorated over the years.

Small rural communities like Coorow relied on sporting events and the local hotel for their social gatherings, according to Mr Stacy.



## Ongerup locals buy pub, service station, supermarket and cafe to keep town alive



# Imperial Hotel being Reopened by the Broomehill Village Coop





Community Owned and Operated

# Royal Hotel

SEA LAKE























## The Community Champions in Sea Lake that Reopened the Pub as a Co-operative





# This was their Motivation and Vision





## Alison McClelland, Sea Lake Hotel Co-operative



*'We've got a lot of young people here, and a lot of succession farmers, so we needed a town that has facilities, a place where they want to bring their kids up and keep the community going...it's about future proofing the town for the next generation.'*

## Sea Lake Pub- This was their Goal









# Victorian town of Sea Lake transformed from 'ghost town' to international tourism hotspot

ABC Wimmera

/ By Danielle Grindlay and Jennifer Douglas

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-01/victoria-selfies-sea-lake-chinese-media-weibo-farmers-wife/11998822>



# Gnowangerup 2018



# GNP 360 Co-operative Launch



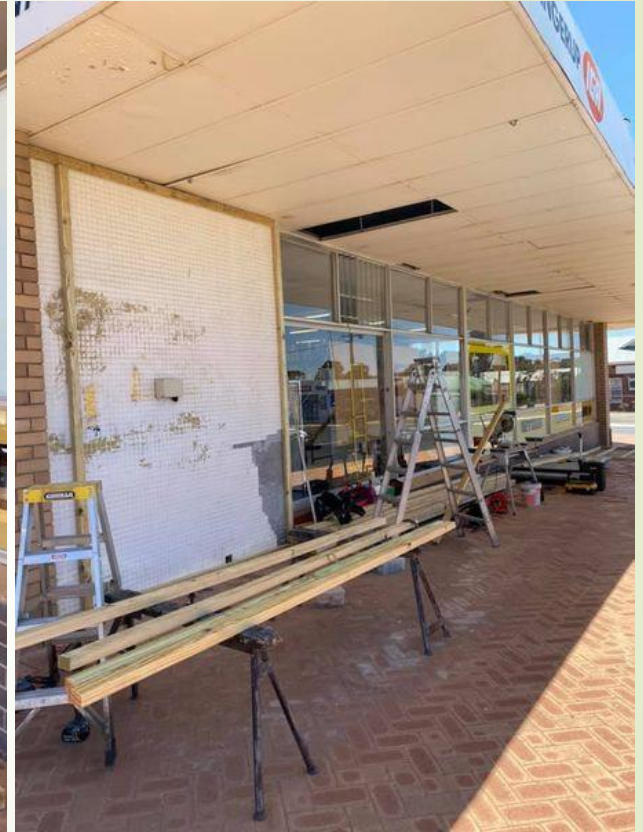




Investing in our future by considering the “Whole Picture”

**Vision: “To help build a strong and vibrant atmosphere through incubating, nurturing and supporting sustainable new business and community ventures in Gnowangerup.”**

IGA  
Before







**IGA after**

# Artwork on IGA





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# THE HORSEPOWER HIGHWAY

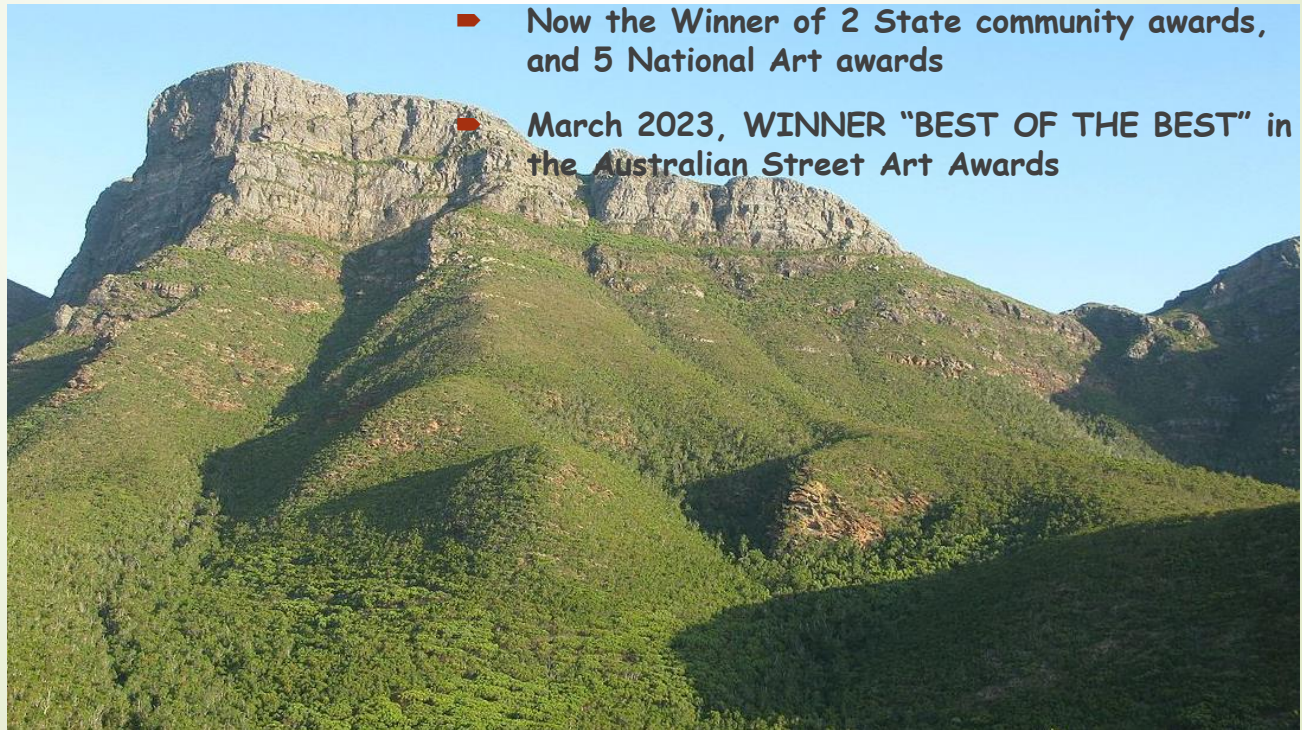
FOLLOW THE TRAIL THROUGH GNOWANGERUP  
TO THE STIRLING RANGE NATIONAL PARK



GNP 360°

# The Horsepower Highway is a trail....

- Their X-factor—the Stirling Range National Park
- LOCAL stories, LOCAL history and their UNIQUE 'thing'
- Initial development & funding came entirely by individuals & businesses, within Gnowangerup
- Wider community groups & tourism bodies became interested & the trail has gained momentum
- Now the Winner of 2 State community awards, and 5 National Art awards
- March 2023, WINNER "BEST OF THE BEST" in the Australian Street Art Awards







Snowy Mad Max & Deisel....the 'fun' guys





*Women...  
the backbone  
of a rural  
community*















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welding crew Source: Mark Fulgueras and Florian Franco



Painting the installation Source: Mark Fulgueras and Florian Franco

# 13 Filipino Immigrants





WINNER "BEST OF THE BEST" -  
Australian Street Art Awards 2022



# **Communities Reinventing Regional Australia Co-operatively**

**-A Handbook and a set of workshops on  
utilising the Co-Op model to retain or  
create services in rural and remote  
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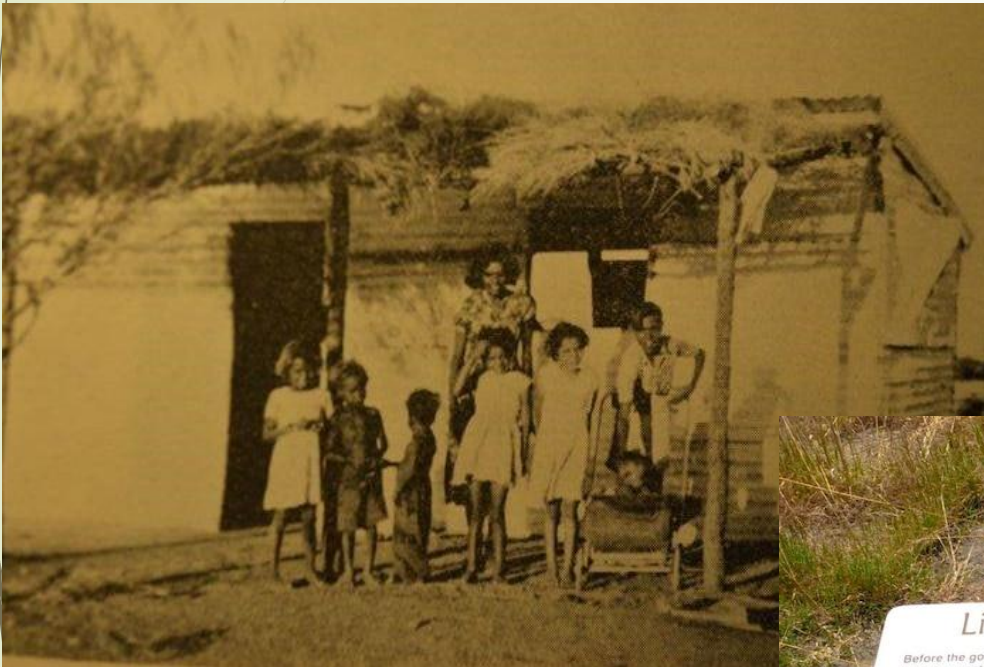
# Next Cluster Muster - Carnamah







# Littlewell



## Living in the Camp The Humpies

Before the government constructed housing on the Littlewell site, the Cameron family used found materials and resources from the bush to construct their own homes. They called them 'humpies'. These photos were taken in April 1957.



My grandfather Joe Cameron had five daughters and one step daughter. When they got married he'd build them a little humpy. He'd use old scrap iron which he found lying around and cut posts in the bush. Then he wired up the frames. He was very creative. The humpies had one bedroom and a kitchen.

Our mother used to make a bush broom. She'd cut some twigs from a tree and tie them to a stick. She'd sweep the dirt floors and around our house. If there were any footprints around the house she'd know that someone had been visiting.

We'd sleep on beds made of cyclone wire stretched over a wooden frame. Sometimes we slept on the veranda. And if the old people had been telling ghost stories around the campfire the kids would move their beds close together because they'd get scared.

(Thomas Cameron)





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