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Do something different and head up, up and away to Northam this September



Balloons over the Northam grain silos

ALL eyes will be on the skies in Northam this September when the

National Ballooning Championships descends on the town in the heart of

the Avon Valley, creating a spectacular aerial display.

After successfully staging this majestic event in 2015, Northam Aero Club won the rights to host it again this year.

From 2 to 9 September, hot air balloon pilots from across Australia and around the world will descend on the Avon Valley, testing their skills at varying winds and altitudes. About 30 balloons will be in flight during the course of the event.

To see so many colourful balloons in the sky at the one time is a visual treat for spectators.

Enthusiasts can see the balloons flying across the rolling hills and valleys on competition days at dawn and again in the afternoon if weather conditions are suitable.

The event launches with the

Northam Balloon Fiesta and Balloon Glow on 2 September. The Fiesta will include a range of family attractions and the opportunity to see competition balloons in all their glory when they gather for a stunning display on the Henry Street Oval, fired up after dark and to music. Stay the night and see the balloons in flight the following morning. Practice days are 2 and 3 September and Competition Days are from 4 to 9 September.

The championships conclude with the key grab competition – a flying task departing from the Northam Airfield at first light on Saturday 5 September. Pilots fly from point to point, collecting foam keys from the end of 10 metre poles in several locations.

The competition course and best viewing spots will differ each day

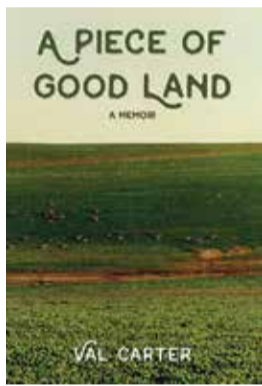
based on wind conditions. Spectators should check the event's Facebook page (Northam Nationals) to see where flights will be each day, or start at the Northam Aero Club at Withers Street, Northam to be directed from there to where balloons will take off from that day. Morning flights will be from about 6.30am to 9am.

For more information visit www.northamnationals.com, email info@northamnationals.com or receive updates on Facebook – www.facebook.com/northamnationals and Instagram @northamnationals.

A special TransWA event train will arrive in Northam from Perth at 4pm and will depart at 9pm. For accommodation information call the Northam Visitor Centre on 9622 2100 or email tourist@northam.wa.gov.au.



Book review - A memoir of life on the land in WA



A Piece of Good Land - A Memoir By Val Carter
Reviewed by Pat Paleya

IN 1955 Ron and Val Carter purchased a 3,600-acre block of virgin land 60 miles west of Moora. Travelling from Meckering a couple of times a

year to fence, clear and crop they were living in a shed in the company of snakes, bushflies and centipedes. It was so hot that they buried their vegetables to keep them fresh. It took them 12 years before they moved permanently to the block which had now become their home, a farm called Four Corners in the Badgingarra district. This pleasing memoir chronicles the experience of the Carters and family over many years and their association with the land, the community, and some interesting characters along the way.

Frank Fagne and Fred Weston became friends of the Carters and their

stories are told in great details in chapters six and eight respectively. Fred was known as a hermit, he lived in the bush and had several huts dotted around the scrub. He had spent time with the Aboriginals and shared their bush knowledge with the Carters. He was a little eccentric and would often ride his horse bareback and naked through the scrub.

Frank was a Bindoon Boys Town boy employed by Ron in 1956 when he was sixteen. He had been a child migrant and entered Bindoon when he was ten. After being institutionalised he took a while to adjust to family life on the farm but

a great bond was formed and continues to this day.

Val and Ron have their stories also in chapters two and three. Ron recalls that as a child if he was sick his dad would shoot a parrot for his mum to make soup, if no parrot then a plucked plover did the trick (Heston is so passé!). Val recalls making her bridesmaids' dresses and feeling very pleased with herself, but a week before her wedding there was a locust plague and they ate holes in the dresses. She recovered them with broderie anglaise – it worked. This is such a good read, chock full of facts, figures, anecdotes, humour and hardship, and significantly records

much history of Dandaragan Shire.

A Piece of Good Land is available from Vivid Publishing, P.O. Box 948, Fremantle, 6959, Phone: 9467 4143. Email: info@vividpublishing.com.au

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Aussie physiotherapist designs slower paced relaxing tours for older people



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SENIORS still want to travel and see the world, but often struggle to keep up with regular, fast-paced tours... or feel vulnerable travelling alone.

Trish Duke, a physiotherapist with more than 40 years' experience, has seen the need for holidays that are specially designed for people with physical challenges, such as arthritis, cancer, diabetes, visual impairment, strokes, cardiac and respiratory issues etc... or just don't want to be rushed from place to place.

Over the years, Trish has sympathised with patients

who were unsure about travelling and treated those who came back after a holiday worse for wear. So, she has designed tours at a slower pace, with minimal steps, walking, standing, slopes or rough ground.

Trish escorts 10-day tours to the Holy Land where she has travelled extensively for more than 10 years and loves the amazing archaeology, history, stunning scenery, diverse cultures and religions. The locally produced food is so fresh it almost jumps off the plate. Find out more at www.EasyIsraelTours.com.

Another tour is 14 days at the Dead Sea. History tells us that Dead Sea treatments are beneficial to people with any type of arthritis, psoriasis, vitiligo or respiratory complaints.

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