



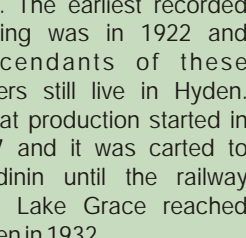
Hyden is situated 340km east of Perth, Western Australia, via the Brookton Highway or 350km via York, all sealed surfaces. More than 100,000 tourists visit Hyden every year and the colours of the surrounding areas and rocks are a photographers delight. In Spring, dozens of varieties of wildflowers produce carpets of colour and more than 40 different species of birds from the smallest wren to the large wedgetail eagle can be seen.

The Hyden and District communities are well known for their initiative in establishing the Medical Centre, Recreation Centre, Swimming Pool and other similar projects. An airstrip, capable of taking large aircraft has been built and will boost tourism even further. A town not to be missed!!

History of the area

While the aborigines were the first inhabitants to the area, it is believed that they gave the district a wide berth during the past century & a half. Many stones used by the aborigines have been found on their campsites throughout the area and painted hand marks can still be seen on rocks at the Humps.

The Sandalwooders are believed to be the first white men in the area. The earliest recorded farming was in 1922 and descendants of these settlers still live in Hyden. Wheat production started in 1927 and it was carted to Kondinin until the railway from Lake Grace reached Hyden in 1932.



Legend of Mulka's Cave

The name Mulka comes from an Aboriginal Legend believed to be associated with the cave. Mulka was the illegal son of a woman who fell in love with a man with whom marriage was forbidden.

It was believed that as a result of breaking these rules she bore a son with crossed eyes. Even though he grew to be an outstandingly strong man of colossal height, his crossed eyes prevented him from aiming a spear accurately and becoming a successful hunter.

Out of frustration, Mulka turned to catching and eating human children, and he became the terror of the district. It was said he lived in Mulka's cave, where the imprints of his hands can still be seen, much higher than that of an ordinary man.

His mother became increasingly concerned about Mulka, and when she scolded him for his anti-social behaviour he turned on his own mother and killed her. This disgraced him even more and he fled his cave, heading south.

All the aboriginal people of the district, outraged by Mulka's behaviour, set out to track down the man who had flouted all rules. They finally caught him near Dumbleyung, 156km south west of Hyden, where they speared him. Because he did not deserve a proper ritual burial, they left his body to the ants; a grim warning to those who break the law.

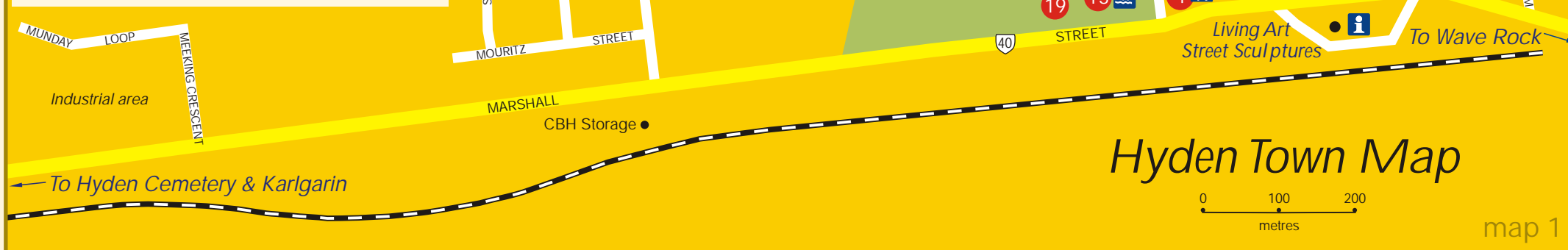
Grain Handling Facilities

The expansion of farming activities in the 1950's in the area necessitated CBH to expand their storage facilities by the building of a 2700 tonnes permanent roof bulkhead. As the original facilities became outdated and as more farmers settled in the area, CBH built the first reinforced concrete storage facility west of the town to accommodate the larger tonnage of wheat, barley, oats, lupins and peas being grown in the district. A second 'A' type reinforced concrete storage facility was built in 1980, giving a total storage of 64,000 tonnes. These storage systems are among the most advanced in the world. They are sealed to create an inert atmosphere using CO2 to control the invasion of grain pests.



Places to Eat

- Country Kitchen Restaurant / takeaway (in Wave Rock Visitor Centre) 9 - 5pm daily Tel: 9880 5182 Map 3
- 6. Gum Tree Cottage Restaurant takeaway Tues & Thurs only, 10 - 5pm Tel: 9880 5015 Map 1
- 8. Hyden Travel Stop Restaurant takeaway Open 7 - 9pm daily Map 1
- Terra Vista Italian restaurant Open Fri, Sat, Sun Tel: 9880 5242 Map 1
- 4. Wave Rock Bush Bakehouse Restaurant / takeaway Open 6-3pm daily Map 1
- 3. Wave Rock Hotel / Motel Bush Bistro 11.30-2pm, 6-9pm daily Sandalwood 6-9pm evening booking only Tel: 9880 5052 Map 1



Accommodation

- 1. BLUE BELLS COUNTRY COTTAGE Fully self contained cottage 10 minutes from Wave Rock Sleeps six people. Air conditioned Telephone: (08) 9880 5158 Map 1
- 2. CARAVAN PARK / CABINS Powered and unpowered sites for caravans & tents. 6 modern self contained cabins, Pool, Linen required, Linen hire. Telephone: (08) 9880 5022 Map 3
- 3. HYDEN HOTEL/MOTEL 57 air-conditioned units including 3 executive suites. Excellent dining. Pool, hot tub, gym, lounge games Telephone: (08) 9880 5052 Map 1
- 4. TRESSIE'S MUSEUM and CARAVAN PARK New modern park in a quiet location. Telephone: (08) 9889 5043 Map 2
- 5. WAVE ROCK BED AND BREAKFAST Air conditioned, cooked and continental breakfast served Telephone: (08) 9880 5158 Map 1
- 6. WAVE ROCK RESORT Self contained cottages. Telephone: (08) 9880 5400 Fax: (08) 9880 5018 Map 5
- 3. BUSH BISTRO 11.30am - 3.00pm & 6.00pm - 9.30pm Map 1
- 4. BAKERY & CAFE Telephone: (08) 9880 5678 Map 1
- 5. CATHOLIC CHURCH Map 1
- 6. GUM TREE COTTAGE & GARDEN CENTRE, PAMELA JAYS PATCHWORK Tuesday & Thursday 10.30am-4.30pm. Telephone: (08) 9880 5015 A/H: (08) 9880 8020 Map 1
- 3. HYDEN MOTEL BOTTLE SHOP Monday to Saturday 11.30am - 11.00pm, Sunday 2.30pm - 8.30pm Map 1
- 7. GROCERY SHOPS Monday to Friday 8.30am - 6.00pm, Saturday 8.30am - 1.30pm Map 1
- 8. HYDEN TRAVEL STOP/ROADHOUSE Everyday 7.00am - 9.00pm (Restaurant - Open daily, Takeaways - last order ½ hour prior to close) Map 1
- 9. POST OFFICE / BUSH VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE Groceries, chemist, fashion, lotto, liquor store Map 1
- 10. K & J MOTOR SERVICE (RAC) Monday - Friday 9.00am-5.00pm Map 1
- 11. MEDICAL CENTRE & AMBULANCE Map 1
- 12. SILVER CHAIN NURSING POST Telephone: (08) 9880 5021 Map 1
- 13. SPORTING COMPLEX/SWIMMING POOL Map 1
- 14. TOWN HALL Map 1
- 15. WAVE LINE TYRES Map 1
- 16. HYDEN TELECENTRE - Public Access Internet / Email Telephone: (08) 9880 5088 Monday - Friday 9.00am-5.00pm Map 1
- 17. HYDEN LIBRARY Map 1
- 18. VISITOR & INFORMATION CENTRE Map 1
- 19. SKATE PARK & YOUTH CENTRE Map 1
- 20. RETIREMENT VILLAGE Map 1
- INFORMATION CENTRE (See Wildflower Shoppe) Map 3

Local Services

- 1. ANGLICAN CHURCH Map 1
- 2. BJ & JA HASLAM (Butchers) Map 1

Lake Magic

Lake Magic is situated about one kilometre to the north of Wave Rock. The water in the lake is clear but salty and the lake base is made of gypsum and is surrounded by beach sand around the perimeter.

In an endeavour to cater for the visitor who would like to get away from it all in a home away from home situation, three local farmers have invested in their town and built fourteen self contained cottages at the side of the lake as the first stage of the Wave Rock Resort.



Orchids

Orchids flower through the district in spring and reshoot again the next year, avoiding the drought of summer. Varieties include Spider, Donkey, Bee, Cowslip, Ant, Dragon and different Sun Orchids

Flowering Plants

During spring the bushland and road verges display a variety of colours. The following are just a few of the many flowering plants which grow in the district. Verticordias, Cricket Ball Hakea, Pigface, Bottlebrush Grevillea, Blue-eyed Smokebush, Granite Bottlebrush, Tinsel Flower and Flame Grevillea.



Pioneer Town

Situated near Wave Rock, The Kiosk/Pioneer General Store has items that have been kindly donated by many people. There is a variety of displays, including a General Store of the early 1930's, with items such as tobacco tins, cigars, pipes and general grocery items; chemist items such as bandages, dressings, veterinary items and cameras etc. The Bar Display comes from the German Embassy in Fremantle, Perth. There is a pedal organ as used in the early 1950's, a bottle collection dating as far as 1870, photo albums of the early Hyden history, crystal from 1850 and the kitchen display is from the early 1900's.



Sporting Facilities

People of Hyden and surrounding districts have derived much benefit from the building of the Community Recreation Centre. Officially opened by the then Minister for Lands, Mr David Wordsworth in November 1980, the new centre, costing \$115,000 replaced a single roomed, galvanised iron-framed shed, which had served the community for many years. The new centre was financed by equal donations from local residents, the Department of Community Recreation and the Kondinin Shire Council. The Centre houses an office, Arts & Crafts Room, modern kitchen, main function room, showers & toilet facilities for the sporting clubs. It also includes toilet facilities for the disabled. The facilities are also used by the Primary School for varied activities, including cultural entertainment provided by visiting artists.

Please note: Camping is only permitted at the Caravan Parks.

Ranger patrols regularly. Please refrain from lighting fires.

FINE: \$500

To assist in improving tourist facilities at Wave Rock a Shire of Kondinin charge per person applies.

Formation of the Rock

Wave Rock, a granite cliff, is 15 metres high & 110 metres long. Its rounded like shape has been caused by weathering and water erosion which has undercut the base and left a rounded overhang. Water from the springs running down the rock during wetter months dissolve minerals adding to the colouring of the wave. In 1960, crystals from Hyden Rock were dated as being 2700 million years old, amongst the oldest in Australia.



State Barrier Fence (Rabbit Proof Fence)

The State Barrier Fence South Section (previously known as the Rabbit Proof Fence) passes to the east of Hyden. The Fence was originally erected between 1901 and 1907 in a desperate bid to hold back the invading rabbits that were spreading across Australia from their place of introduction near Geelong, Victoria in 1859. So destructive were these introduced pests, that if left unchecked, agriculture in Australia would not have been possible. The Fence is located between Starvation Bay, west of Esperance on the South Coast, to the Ninety Mile Beach, east of Port Hedland, spanning a distance of 1827km. It used 8,000 tonnes of materials in its construction and in addition to this, posts were cut from the adjoining bush wherever possible.

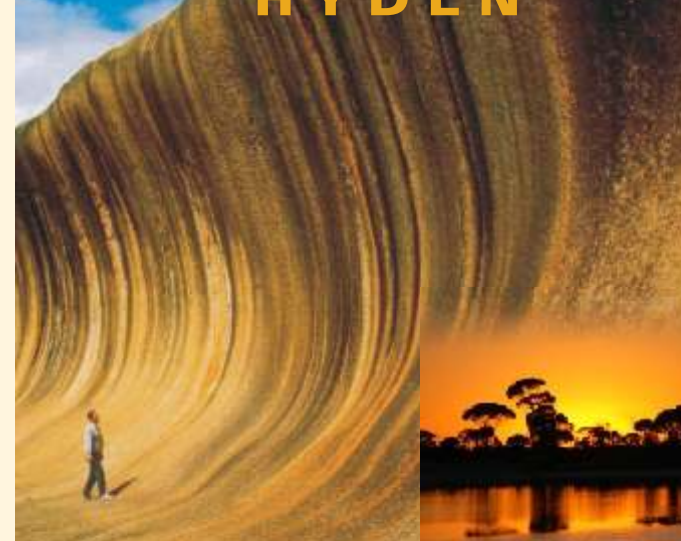


Hippos Yawn

Hippos Yawn consists of an unusually shaped granite tor that was formerly part of the larger outcrop. The second most visited site, it is connected to Wave Rock and the car park by a loop walking track, approx one kilometre long. Vehicle access is also provided.



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- wildflowers
- lake magic
- wildlife park
- hippos yawn
- mulka's cave
- lace collection
- rabbit-proof fence

