

It's Christmas again, same date every year
The Season of good times, good food and good cheer.
But this year has been different in so many ways
And I think our leaders deserve lots of praise
Gatherings cancelled, families, loved ones apart
Everyone has a story and some break your heart
But here in Australia we've fared better than most
One more advantage when you're a far flung outpost!

So Christmas this year may not be true blue
And some of your plans may have gone quite askew
But still count your blessings and be cheery because
There's no place we'd rather be than right here in Oz.

So lets trim the tree and put up the lights
And caution the kids on having big fights
Who's used all the wrapping and where is the string?
Dad call auntie Ethel, quick, giver her a ring
If she's coming over get a big bottle of sherry
She is easier to manage if she's just a little bit merry!

More mince pies, who will eat all of these?
They'll go, just watch, there'll be none left to freeze
It's all presents and crackers, turkey and prawns
Children awake, just as the day dawns
I truly love it but I'm not sure about you
But truth be known, deep down, I bet you do too!

Have a great Christmas,
stay safe and well and here's to a better year ahead.

*From Karen and Kurt
and the ever diminishing but super team Innovation.*



**WATCH OUT FOR A MAJOR CLEARANCE
AND GARAGE SALE
AT 14 KEMBLA WAY WILLETTON
IN THE NEW YEAR !**

**LOTS OF GREAT BARGAINS
OF FABRICS,
CURTAINS, HABERDASHERY, DESKS,
CHAIRS ETC ETC!
BEST BRING THE TRAILER.**



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From the boss's desk

You're deemed a local when you have two generations buried in the local cemetery!! Welcome to York!

Some Hope! But we are on the home stretch as we edge closer to our "Tree Change" and (semi) retirement.

The last few jobs to finalise, the world's biggest 'garage sale' and then the massive job of clearing the workroom before the bulldozers arrive!

And then we are officially "New Yorkies" perhaps not as glamorous as New Yorkers but in these turbulent and uncertain times we know where we would rather be.

We have the new house pretty ship shape, we have curtains and blinds and even some pelmets. Still waiting for the headboards, I thought as Kurt was fed up with scraping his head on the face brick (especially as he has very little protection on top) that they may have been a priority. I might get him a night cap, one of those old fashioned ones with a tassel on the end, that might move things along a bit! But all joking aside he has worked tirelessly and done marvels with the garden and everyone laughs when we tell them he has literally moved the garden from Willetton to York, not just the plants but most of the soil as well!! I have worked hard for years to build up this soil and I am not leaving it here to be covered in sand and built on! (he said)

So, like everyone around the world the last 9 months have been a time of great turmoil for us. Trying to finish the work we have, set up the business in York, sort out the new property and sell the house and workroom here in Perth and travel to York every weekend has proved quite a challenge! The planned retirement has turned into working 7 days a week again, just like the old days.

Anyway, we are nearly there, we have all survived and WA seems to have done better than most other places not only in Australia but around the world. Well done us!

After 43 years based in Willetton we are leaving a lot of loyal clients, many of whom have become good friends, plus a lot of hardworking staff who have been part of our team through four decades. We will miss you all and thank you for helping make Innovation such a great success story.

LIGHTS OUT

This will be our last printed newsletter, if you would like to be on our email list please send your details to Marie at
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YORK – THE OLDEST SETTLED INLAND TOWN IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

If you are looking for an alternative to 'Down South' or 'North of Perth' consider travelling to the area known as 'The Wheatbelt' Geographically it covers 154,800 square kilometres and stretches from Jurien bay south to Gingin east to Southern Cross North to Dalwallinu and south west to Lake Grace.

It is home to unique flora and fauna, captivating landscapes and some of the oldest buildings in historic towns scattered throughout the area.

York is just 96kms from Perth, the perfect day trip or, better still, a weekend break to check out the many hidden gems, at your leisure, that make up this fascinating part of WA.

SO, WELCOME TO YORK AND MEET THE OCCUPANTS OF 'YORK VILLAGE'

So, here I am at 78 Avon Terrace York in a slightly downsized version of everyone's favourite store INNOVATION. I am showcasing stunning fabrics including embroidered silks and linens, trimmings galore, cushions, doorstops, bags almost anything made from fabrics and leathers. I have timber boxes, earrings, and timber clutch bags made in East Gippsland. Lots and lots of gift ideas and all the usual Innovation services are still available.



Next door at no. 80 meet Sue of Oma's Cottage Creations, now if it can be crocheted you will find it at Oma's. The shop is full of beautifully handcrafted products for all occasions plus spices and flavourings and a range of wellness products for the whole family including the dog and the cat!

Meet Carol the Queen of Patchwork at her gorgeous shop at 82 Avon Terrace. She has everything you could possibly need for all your crafts. She has fabrics, wools, gift ideas and the lovely, cuddly range of Settlers Bears. (Every home should have at least one Teddy)

So, when you are visiting the Wheatbelt be sure to drop by and check us out, we would love to see you.

To find out what is on in York go to the visitor info website at York.wa.gov.au.



**YORK VILLAGE WILL BE OPEN
FOR LATE NIGHT TRADING IN DECEMBER.**

Thursdays 3rd, 10th and 17th December
from 5pm – 8pm.

Hassle free shopping, specials, giveaways and “Free gift wrapping”



Since moving, voluntarily, to Australia I have always thought it would be great fun to find out that the family had some convict links in the past! Fact is it is probably unlikely as my maiden name, Mercer, suggest we have European connections as the Mercers were originally silk merchants from Belgium, interesting given my present career path don't you think?

Anyway, I digress! A recent visit to the York Residency museum unearthed a connection that my family and I are not the only ne'er do wells that journeyed to Australia from the town of my birth, Ipswich, that's England not Queensland, albeit in some what differing circumstances to one John Acton Wroth.

John Acton Wroth 1830 - 1876 was born in Ipswich on the 17th December and was apprenticed to a local printer aged 17yrs. He became besotted with one Elvina Gartlett and he wanted to impress her that he was a fashionable young gentleman (we've all been there, don't deny it)! Using his printing skills he forged some orders for jewellery, stole some stationary and 'acquired' a gold watch and chain and some extremely classy looking boots! Unfortunately none of this had the desired result, he was discovered and in August 1848 he appeared in the Ipswich court, convicted and deported for 10yrs.



After arriving in the Swan Colony he was sent to the York Convict Hiring depot in York and there, amongst other things, he carried out clerical duties. Efforts to hook up with Elvina in England were fruitless and he found comfort in a local lass but, again, he was unlucky in love as her father accused him of kidnapping his daughter! He was carted off to Fremantle but the magistrate gave him the benefit of the doubt and he was once more a free man. He married and raised a family and lived as respected member of the community in Toodyay. He sadly died at a young age but as part of his legacy there is a plaque on St. George's Terrace to commemorate his contribution to WA and the diaries he kept of his journey to Australia and his early life are in the State library.

Residency Museum, home to many fascinating stories and well worth a visit. Who knows, you may find a connection too.

PLACES OF INTEREST
AND WORTH VISITING IN
YORK



- Town Hall housing the Visitor Information Centre
- The Motor Museum
- The Old Mill,
- The Sock Factory
- The Sandalwood Yards,
- The Suspension Bridge
- Mount Brown Lookout
- The Imperial Hotel
- Antique Treasure Troves and Galleries
- and the many eateries...