

Ready to go droving at Home Valley Station.

An authentic journey into our pioneer past

The new Kimberley Heritage Cattle Drive, managed by Home Valley Station, will take guests through the Kimberley on an authentic journey into the past. It will follow the old stock routes and use the same stock camp locations as the pioneers did when moving cattle from West to East Kimberley on the way to the port of Wyndham.

"We offer a window into the past, to a way of life that is now a great part of our cultural heritage, join us and live your dreams," says John Rodney, pastoral manager of Home Valley Station.

John, better known as JR, is the boss drover responsible for all guests and his team of drovers on horseback as they herd cattle along the famous Barclay Stock Route, from the Canning Stock Route to the Karunjie Track. This three-day journey, with three nights at camp and a night either end at Home Valley Station, is designed to educate, entertain and inspire guests as they experience the remote pastoral landscapes and history of northern Australia that have strong associations and values for local indigenous communities.

The full package, including accommodation, meals, horses and equipment, is \$3805 per person, twin-share, or \$4045 single. Details: www.hvstation.com.au, chris@hystation.com.au or 9161 4322



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The Young Australian Tourism Association is a membership-based, not-for-profit organisation supporting youth in the tourism industry in WA. It runs mentor programs, conferences and helps with work experience, job opportunities and professional development. It aims to be the link between the tourism industry and professionals of tomorrow.

It has two major initiatives — its annual one-day conference at Burswood Entertainment Complex on

June 1, and the launch of its mentor program in August. The conference includes high-profile speakers and "speed networking".

Under the mentor program, the mentee and mentor have four meetings over eight weeks, giving the youngster more insight into the industry. The program runs from August 31 to November 11.

Details: www.yata.com.au, chairperson@yata.com.au and 0418 787 694.

Rock legend and hot chef to spice up Ord Valley muster

Rock veteran Jimmy Barnes (pictured), celebrity chef Curtis Stone and the Melbourne **International Comedy Festival** Roadshow are just three of a smorgasbord of entertainment at this year's Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster.

The popular annual celebration of the East Kimberley runs for 10 days and this year's coincides with the 50th birthday of Kununurra.

The Muster, from May 12 to 22, includes the Airnorth Kimberley Moon Experience on

the banks of the Ord River — a music festival that includes not only a performance by Barnesy, but also features Vanessa Amorosi, the Pigram brothers and Alex Lloyd and Kevin Mitchell, frontman of Perth indie band Jebediah.

In total, the Muster comprises 30 events, with a focus on local music arts and culture, and State Tourism Minister Kim Hames noted this year's "outstanding line-up" would prove a hit and visitors alike.

Tickets are now on sale and available from Ticketmaster 136100, www.ticketmaster.com.au and the Kununurra Visitor Centre.

GROW YOUR MIND

The big picture of WA's landscape will be the focus at the Australian Garden History Society's seminar, Understanding Place: The Resource of Landscape, on

The seminar is at the University Club of Western Australia, Hackett Drive, Crawley, from 8.40am to

Speakers include Richard Aitken, architect and author of The Garden of Ideas: Four Centuries of Australian Style; landscape planning specialist Juliet Ramsay; Craig Burton, who won the Walter Burley-Griffin Award for Urban Design last year; and landscape architect and botanist Marion Blackwell, who designed the grounds of Murdoch University. She will talk about the evolution of WA's specialised flora.

Tickets at \$150 include The Garden of Ideas presentation by Mr Aitken and a cocktail party. They are \$100 for AGHS and National Trust members and \$80 for students

Details: See www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au to buy tickets by March 2.

Conditions apply and deals are subject to change without notice. Prices are subject to change and availability.

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