

WAYZ-GOOSE AT WOODBRIDGE

Proposed Programme: to host a traditional “Wayz-Goose” Fair at Woodbridge for children aged 5 – 12 years during the October school holidays. It will include games on the lawn areas such as quoits, skipping, sack race and croquet, a craft activity – making a peg person to take home, there will be folk dancing and a tour of the historic property. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy some old-fashioned fun on the banks of the river.

Authenticity and Integrity: A Wayz-Goose was a type of fair found in England many years ago. As part owner of the West Australian Newspaper Mr Harper hosted a Wayz-Goose fair at Woodbridge for the families of his employees in the years after the house was first built in the 1880’s.

The fair will include:

- games on the lawn such as quoits, skipping, sack race and croquet
- a craft activity - making a peg person to take home
- folk dancing
- a tour of the historic property

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy some old-fashioned fun on the banks of the river.

Audience: Specifically children aged 5 – 12 years to participate in the activities but we are promoting the concept of quality family time with a picnic and games.

Objectives: The purpose of this programme is to

- enhance the profile of Woodbridge, to encourage visitors to come to the historic venue and enjoy old-fashioned activities whilst learning about a significant heritage property.
- provide children and their families with a fun-filled school holiday activity that is engaging and educational for a wide range of ages and is inexpensive.
- engage young children in old-fashioned pursuits – games and fun without modern technology and to encourage social interaction and physical and creative activity.

Medium: the Wayz-Goose will combine a number of different delivery mediums. To cater for the varying ages of participants and to ensure the educational message is included there will be a formal introduction to Woodbridge that will include the historical significance of the Wayz-Goose celebration. Activities are hands on and can be modified to suit different ages and abilities. There are opportunities for children to utilise both fine-motor and gross-motor skills through physical activity outdoors, craft and tours indoors.

Excerpts from The West Australian 16th March 1895



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Resources:

1. Non-consumable:

- Games to play: horseshoes, croquet, quoits, skipping ropes, egg and spoon games, guess the number of gumnuts, penny shove, sacks, lengths of calico (three legged race).
- Folk dancing: music system and music.
- Portable gazebos to provide shade. Some seating (plastic chairs) outdoors.
- Sufficient tour brochures for the property.

2. Consumable:

- Peg person resources: wooden pegs, white pipe cleaners, textas, fabric pieces (squares and strips), wool, glue pots and PVA glue.
- Tour: copied sheets for the rats and ghosts.
- Certificate of participation for attendees.

3. Human:

- Education and Learning staff to welcome visitors, deliver introduction, oversee the timetable, coordinate activities and transitions, and assist with all aspects of the event including tours and setting up and packing away all necessary resources.
- Woodbridge Volunteers to open the house at the normal scheduled time of 1pm and to assist in the tours of the house.

Education Component:

- Engage children through enjoyment, inquiry and creativity in order to foster greater awareness of the Trust's role in preservation of heritage properties and disseminating information about our history.
- Encourage empathy and appreciation of our past through involvement in a celebration that took place on this site many years ago.
- Cultivate an interest in and enjoyment of history.
- Foster a desire to protect and value our heritage properties for future generations.

Partners and Stakeholders: Meetings have been held with experienced Education and Learning presenters to maximise all educational opportunities and to carefully consider all logistics. The support of the volunteers has been sort through the National Trust Liaison Officer.

Date and Time:

Thursday 9th October and Friday 10th October 2014

10:00am – 2:00pm

The second week of the holidays was selected to avoid competition with other major school holiday events, including the Perth Royal Show. The morning session was selected to take advantage of cooler weather and to be able to utilise the volunteers to assist with tours from 1pm when they open the house to the public.

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Logistics of running the Programme:

- Bookings and payment must be in advance by telephoning the National Trust office
- Cost is \$10 per child
- An information pack and admission ticket will be emailed after payment has been received
- Numbers are capped at 30 children on each day
- Two Education and Learning staff are required to run the event from set up to pack away
- A parent or guardian must be present with children at all times
- The house will remain locked until the volunteers open it at 1pm
- Only the Billiards room will be open for activities in the morning
- Toilets will be made accessible on an as needs basis
- Families are asked to bring their own refreshments and picnic rugs
- Children are encouraged to come dressed in old-fashioned clothes

Evaluation:

- At the time of booking residential postcodes will be recorded and how the person booking heard about the programme to gauge the most effective form of advertising
- Success of the event will be measured through
 - Survey monkey: email to participants after the event – this will survey parent responses
 - To gauge the response of children a simple sliding scale to complete at the end of the event

Promotion: Schools in the surrounding area have been contacted to assist with the promotion of the event through posters displayed prominently at their school, flyers being made available and in many cases the information has been included in school newsletters distributed to their parent bodies. A “press release” has been prepared for publication in appropriate local newspapers. Posters will be displayed on community noticeboards at surrounding public venues. The event will be advertised on the Trust website and shared on social media through Facebook pages specifically catering for family entertainment such as Perth Kidz.