

There is More to Life

By Isabel



We finally arrived back at the Winjan Centre and everybody helped to unload the bus and put everything away.

This journey was the greatest experience of my life that I'd ever expected to experience.

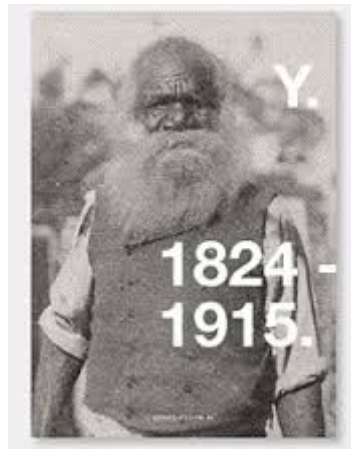
I saw things that I didn't even think really existed, until I got to see them for myself.

It has given me the confidence I needed to realise I can do something for myself, besides just for my family. I have another purpose in life.

Following a 7 day tour to Shark Bay as part of her Indigenous Tourism studies, Isabel wrote a 10 page report assignment. This is the final paragraph of the report.

Tutor may like to read the following information to the student:

Winjan Aboriginal Corporation is in Coodanup - part of Mandurah.



George Winjan's native name was Yaburgurt. His European friends called him 'George', and Winjan himself tacked this name onto his father's name, (Winjan) in imitation of the European way.

George Winjan was a member of the Binjareb Bilyidar Nyungars who, as a young child, was believed to have survived the 1834 Pinjarra Massacre (a battle which killed or injured about half of the tribe's adult male population, as well as women and children).

George camped with his wife in the bush behind Sutton's farm, another historic Mandurah location, which is now in Hall's Head. He was the leader of the remainder of his people.

He earned the respect of the whole Mandurah community and served as a mediator between the black and the white communities. He died in 1915 and is buried in Christ's Church, Mandurah. His life can be viewed as an early example of reconciliation.

Old Winjan (George's father), is believed to have ruled the whole South-West tribes. Although Pinjarra was his headquarters, Mandurah was his birthplace. Old Winjan died in 1884.

At this link, you will find a multi-page **educational resource** memorialising Yaburgurt: <http://www.ourknowledgeourland.com.au/gallery/yaburgurt-memorial-educational-resources/>

Activities

Find the words from the story!

g	w	i	n	j	a	n	j
h	e	l	p	e	d	f	o
c	x	a	e	s	r	i	u
e	i	w	v	t	e	n	r
n	s	a	e	h	a	a	n
t	t	y	n	e	l	l	e
r	e	f	a	m	i	l	y
e	d	w	a	s	s	y	x
g	r	e	a	t	e	s	t

winjan

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journey

Fill in the gaps by copying the word from the story.

It has given me the I needed to

I can do for myself,

just for myI have another

in life.

Nouns & Verbs

Nouns are names of things - like bus and life.

Verbs are action words - like arrived and helped.

Put these words in the appropriate column. Say the word. Then ask yourself: *Is it a thing, or an action?* (It might be both!)

centre journey helped experience put life
 expected saw think see confidence
 realise do family purpose

Nouns	Verbs
bus	arrived

Past & Present Tense

Can you fill the gaps by changing the tense?

Past Tense	Present Tense
We finally arrived back	We finally arrive back
Everybody helped	
I saw things	
It has given me	It gives me
	I can do something
	I have another purpose
I didn't even think	