

Jon Doust's life experiences and study of history has given him a view of where things have been, where they are and where they ought to be. This, plus the legacies gifted to him by his businessman and farmer father, community caring mother and Noongar speaking environmentalist grandfather, led him to an interest in everything from saving remnant bushland, to social housing, water security, homelessness, tourism, stimulation of business districts, drug and alcohol addiction and a lifelong commitment to embracing of First Nations' history.

Jon settled permanently in Albany fifteen years ago, although, given his mother's people began their Western Australian journey here, and he visited most years of his life, he sometimes feels he has never lived anywhere else.

His knowledge of local history and an ability to entertain while informing led him to work as a tour guide for cruise ship passengers and other visitors to Albany. He has specialised in the National Anzac Centre tour, Discovery Park, Whale World, and the history of early Albany. Six members of his father's family were in the 10th Light Horse Regiment and about forty from both sides were involved in WW1. One Albany uncle survived Gallipoli and he and his brother both came home from France.

At Curtin Business School's Centre for Entrepreneurship, he guided business owners and managers in their dealings with staff, family and customers. He also worked with people from all professions to enhance their speaking and communications skills.

He has spoken at, and MCed conferences, concerts, and events on all mainland Australian states. For ten years he MCed an annual choral concert at the University of WA's Octagon theatre and the annual blues music concert in Albany at Wignalls Winery.

Over the past thirty years he has been a regular and irregular guest on ABC Radio stations in Perth and interstate.