

## Kardinya

The name is believed to be of Aboriginal origin meaning “the place of the Karda” (Racehorse Goanna). Kardinya’s first subdivision occurred in the early 1960s but further development was a decade later continuing until the late 1980s. Much of this area was originally farming land renowned for its piggeries, but part was a pine plantation developed by the Forests Department and University of Western Australia Endowment Land.

Welby Vineyard was established by George Welby in 1922 in the North Lake Road and South Street vicinity (originally Willagee). This was the only commercial winery situated in the City of Melville and produced excellent sherries, ports and muscats. The 1938 vintage wines won several awards at the Perth Royal Show. In 1945 the Welby’s retired to East Fremantle and the Watsons took over the property. The winery closed in 1964 and the land was subdivided into housing lots.



A319\_1 Welby Winery now Kardinya Shopping Centre

Part of Kardinya was originally Somerville Pine Plantation and University of WA Endowment land hence several streets are named after the varieties of pine trees grown in the pine plantation such as Aleppo, Canary, Maritime and Monterey. Maritime is the common name for Pinus Pinastera, which was the most commonly planted variety. Other streets are named after University of WA personnel. Examples include Dr. J.P. Ainslie, who was a member of the UWA Senate; Dr. James S. Battye was a long time member of the Senate and Chancellor 1936- 1943; Sir Frank Callaway Professor of Music & W.G. Woolnough, a Professor of Geology 1913- 1919.

Early residents and people who served in the area also have streets in their honour. Bellairs was an early resident of Melville; Mary Jane Dixon a land owner in 1897; Ernest J. Hanrahan a teacher at Ardross Primary School; G. Ronald Limb was a Methodist Minister in the area in 1933; Richard Robert Piercy was a member of the Roads Board and an early Kardinya landowner and pig breeder.

A listing of heritage significance on the City of Melville’s Municipal Inventory List is the Emma George Park, formerly known as Stone Park in Stone Court. This site was part of the George family estate before subdivision. The family used this land as a tennis court and planted many of the existing trees.