

HAWES HERITAGE TOUR

Over \$3,000 was raised on August 17th to assist in the restoration of SFX Cathedral when a busload of people led by Tour Guides Pat Mills and Peg Faithful experienced a **Hawes Heritage Tour**. They were able to visit some of Hawes' less accessible buildings as well as his most visited outside Geraldton – Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church and Presbytery in Mullewa.

The first stop on the tour was the San Spirito Chapel at the Geraldton Cemetery which houses the tomb of one of the earliest priests in the Diocese Fr. Lecaille. After morning tea at the scenic Lavender Farm Café, the group visited Our Lady of Fatima Church in Nanson before travelling to Mullewa. Their first stop in Mullewa was the Pioneer Cemetery where they were welcomed by the local Tour Guide Delores Bone. Delores showed the group the tomb that Hawes had built for his Altar Boy Selby Arnold who was drowned in a dam in 1924. After being served lunch by the ladies of the Mullewa Parish Council, the group was shown through the Church and Priest's House by Delores and her assistant Tour Guide Rob Lefroy. On the return journey to Geraldton the group visited St James Church at Kojarena which the O'Brien Family were instrumental in having built in the 1930's.



Rachel Gardiner, Meldie O'Malley and Leanne Voss at Our Lady of Fatima Church at Nanson where their husband and father, Ron O'Malley, received his early education.



Rob Lefroy introduces the group to the home of Monsignor Hawes in Mullewa.



The group listening to a very informative talk by Delores Bone at the Pioneer Cemetery in Mullewa.