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Just to let you know that the only reason I dragged my family to the goldfields recently was because I wanted to see the sculptures at Lake Ballard. I remember seeing a documentary on them and have always wanted to see them....

We stayed in Kalgoorlie and what an amazing place. Absolutely nothing that interested me much on the drive and suddenly Kalgoorlie appears like a mirage!!

We only rushed through Menzies to get to Lake Ballard. A cursory glance around the town and I couldn't see that there would be much to hold our interest anyway. However, I never knew we had all those ghost towns around that area. We all wanted to go exploring further north to see these ghost towns but time would not allow. Definitely another trip.

I loved Lake Ballard. My 2 kids however preferred playing in the mud (their philosophy was: "Seen one sculpture seen them all.")

I can imagine in summer it might be a bit unbearable. We went in winter. I noticed a few people ventured on the lake but came off pretty quickly because of all the mud accumulating on their shoes.

I think there should be more free exhibitions like this in regional areas. It gives us less adventurous people a reason to leave the comfort of the city and explore our great State.

Regards  
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