

# HERITAGE ATTRACTIONS

SOUTH WEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



**WORKING LIFE**

**FOLLOW  
THE TRAIL**

**Your passport to the past**

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# A WINDOW INTO THE WORKING LIFE STORY

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Start your journey on the South West Working Life Heritage Trail with a visit to the Bunbury Visitor Centre in the city's historic railway station building.

First built in 1893 and reconstructed in 1904 as a result of fire damage, the building stands today as a monument to Bunbury's bygone era.

Located within the Centre is the *Working Life Display Hub*.

Here you will find a theatrette and exhibits which feature the various Working Life sites from around the region and memorabilia from days gone by.

The friendly staff at the Centre will help to plan your journey to the Working Life sites of your choice.

Bunbury Visitor Centre  
Carmody Place, Bunbury  
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Email: [welcome@bunbury.wa.gov.au](mailto:welcome@bunbury.wa.gov.au)



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## THE REGION'S PAST

Follow the Working Life Heritage Trail and be transported to a fascinating era of steam engines, working lighthouses and pioneers.



Alongside pristine beaches and nestled between towering trees you'll find 22 heritage-themed sites offering a window into the region's past and the life of its early settlers.





Busselton Jetty

Watch a steam engine demonstration, explore a replica mine and walk the longest wooden pier in the southern hemisphere. It's all part of Working Life, your passport to the past.



Bunbury Railway Station c1940

If you want to discover what life on a pioneer dairy farm was all about, or how the people of yesteryear lived, simply follow the Working Life Heritage Trail.

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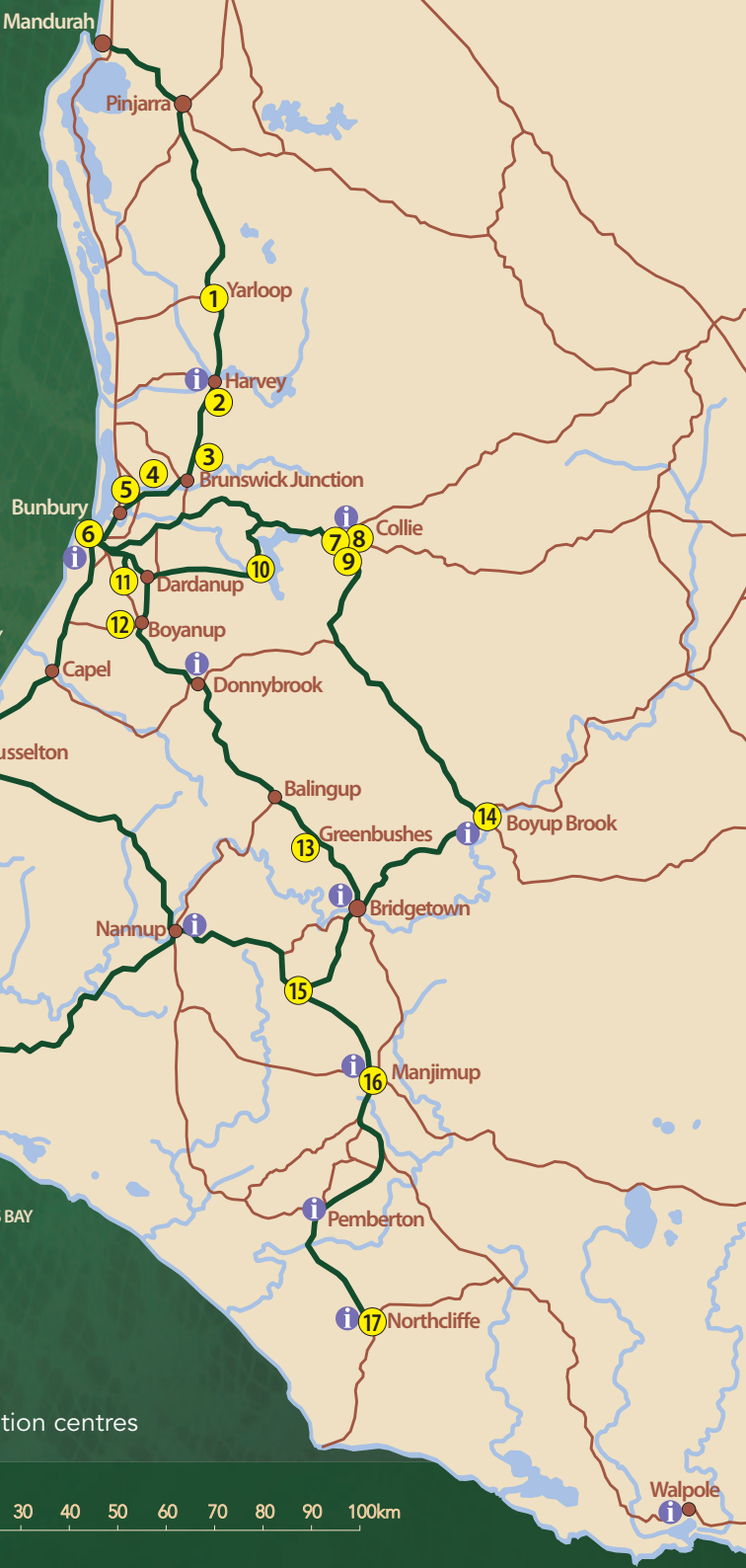
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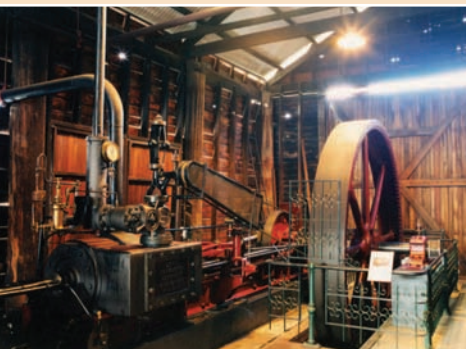
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# YARLOOP WORKSHOPS

Open daily 10am – 4pm (Steam days held on the second Sunday of the month from March to November)

Railway Parade, Yarloop



The steam era comes alive at Yarloop Workshops.

Here you will journey back in time to see the lovingly preserved timber and railway workshops and experience a fascinating working steam engine collection.

Step inside the unique heritage-listed property on the site of the first mill in the Yarloop area and be amazed.

Yarloop Workshops tells the historic story of the timber industry. Originally housed in the remains of the old mill buildings, the workshops were gradually developed from just after 1900 until they became the centre of Millars' milling operations in the South West.

The workshops maintained the steam locomotives of the extensive and complex Millars railway system developed to transport the felled timber and to service the other 26 South West mills.

In addition, the workshops manufactured some rolling stock and mill equipment and serviced stationary steam engines that drove the mills.

In 1930 more than 100 people worked at the workshop and Millars employed an additional 500 for their operations in the Yarloop area.

The workshops were particularly noted for the construction of replacement parts (necessary to avoid the delays in acquiring these from the United Kingdom) and still house an extensive collection of wooden patterns. The workshops demonstrate early manufacturing and production techniques used in the South West from 1898 to 1978.

Phone: 08 9733 5215 [www.yarloopworkshops.com.au](http://www.yarloopworkshops.com.au)

# HARVEY HERITAGE PRECINCT

Open daily 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday

9.30am – 4pm Saturday and Sunday

Cnr James Stirling Place and South Western Highway, Harvey

## **Internment Shrine**

The memorial shrine is the only road-side shrine of its kind in Australia.

During World War II, German and Italian migrants living in allied countries were interned in camps such as the Harvey Camp No 11.



In 1941, one of the prisoners instigated the construction of an altar made of stone, depicting the Catholic faith. The shrine still stands today and was enclosed in a chapel in 1992. Collect the key to the shrine from the Harvey Visitor Centre.

## **Stirling Cottage and Gardens**

The Stirling Cottage is a replica of James Stirling's cottage The Hut. Built on the banks of the Harvey River, it was also the house that author-illustrator May Gibbs lived in as a child.

The replica cottage is surrounded by the Harvey River and beautiful replica Heritage Gardens which feature an elegant 19th century-style fountain.

## **The Hidden Valley**

Discover the story of the Harvey Valley by visiting a display at the Harvey Visitor Centre. The display reveals the story of three historic homesteads – Nicklup, Jardup and Glentana.

The houses and surrounding farmland were inundated by water when the new Harvey Dam was built in 2000-2002 as part of the Stirling-Harvey Redevelopment Scheme.

The original Harvey Weir, built in 1916 and raised in 1931, was also inundated by the new dam.

Phone: 08 9729 1122 [www.harveytourism.com](http://www.harveytourism.com)

Email: [info@harveytourism.com](mailto:info@harveytourism.com)

# WHITE ROCKS FARM

Open daily 2pm – 4pm by appointment only  
South Western Highway, Brunswick



White Rocks is a dairy farm situated in the Brunswick area, traditionally a major centre for the dairy industry.

White Rocks has always been a dairy farm and was settled in 1887 by the present manager's great grandfather John,

who with his family milked five or six cows by hand, making butter and cheese for sale to neighbours.

Gradually as more land was cleared the herd grew. In 1894 the Perth/Bunbury railway came through the bottom of the property. With the option of this fast transport to Perth (it only took six or eight hours) it was possible to sell milk direct to vendors in Perth in 10 gallon cans wrapped in wet bags.

An old cottage built in 1891 has become a family museum and houses memorabilia from past generations. A blacksmith work area and tools are in an adjacent shed, together with a wash house. In a school room, transported from the old Brunswick school, is a collection of butter churns and cheese making paraphernalia.

Having seen how dairying was conducted in the past, visitors are shown how it is done now. There is a modern rotary 50 stand dairy where up to 600 cows are milked in under two hours by two people.

The farm also raises dairy-fed veal which is marketed as White Rock Veal to top restaurants in several states, and is exported to Singapore, Mauritius and China.

White Rocks Farm specialises in tours for secondary schools. Many top schools and colleges in Perth regularly take their Year 12 geography students through the farm.

Phone: 08 9726 1085 for appointment  
Email: [dwanderpartridge@gmail.com](mailto:dwanderpartridge@gmail.com)

# ALVERSTOKE

Open by appointment  
484 Clifton Road, Brunswick Junction

Visit Alverstoke, step back into the past and see heritage buildings, vintage farm machinery, old tools, saddlery, horse-drawn equipment, and a large display of school memorabilia.



Alverstoke was established in July 1842 by Marshall Waller Clifton, who named it after his birthplace in Hampshire, England.

He and his wife Elinor, along with their family of 13 children, developed it into the first farm in the district, growing wheat, barley and potatoes, and producing milk and cream from their dairy herd.

The heavily timbered bush was cleared and a sawmill was established in 1844.

A number of thatched buildings were erected and most are still standing having been restored.

These include an original cottage and stables (c1842), dairy, barn, homestead (1886), and the Clifton School.

A Heritage Rose Garden contains over 200 roses including Bourbons, Teas, Gallicas, Hybrid Musks and Rugosa varieties.

The Heritage Function Centre – restaurant and barn – are available for weddings, bus tours and corporate events.

Alverstoke is situated on Clifton Road, Brunswick Junction, approximately 18 kms north of Bunbury and 4 kms west of Brunswick.

Phone: 08 9726 1073 for appointment  
Email: [alverstoke@westnet.com.au](mailto:alverstoke@westnet.com.au)

# FEATURED WOOD GALLERY AND MUSEUM

Open daily 10am – 4pm  
12 Piggott Drive, Australind



A lifetime of working with wood and a passion for collecting has resulted in the creation of the Featured Wood Gallery and Museum in Australind.

The museum is a labour of love for owner John Ablett,

who has spent more than 25 years gathering an eclectic collection of antique, heritage and other collectibles from Australia and around the world.

The museum exhibits – arranged in a tableau style – are built around seven themes, starting with the Ablett family's woodworking heritage. John Ablett's family arrived in Australia in the 1840s, producing four generations of carpenters and joiners.

The newest display is on the Gallipoli campaign, which included members of the Western Australia 10th Light Horse.

Local Noongars have provided input and advice on a large Aboriginal display depicting their 50,000 year old culture in the region.

The diorama on Ned Kelly and his gang, Australia's best-known bushrangers, features a replica of Ned's famous steel armour which visitors are invited to try on.

The international display of The North American Great Plains tribes includes a full-size tipi, as well as chiefs in full headdress. Displays also depict the American Civil War and the history of the American West.

The old Bunbury Jetty exhibit rounds out the experience. The Jetty played a major part in exporting timber and wool around the world.

Phone: 08 9797 2411 [www.featuredwoodgallery.com.au](http://www.featuredwoodgallery.com.au)

Email: [enquire@featuredwoodgallery.com.au](mailto:enquire@featuredwoodgallery.com.au)

# KING COTTAGE MUSEUM

Open daily 2pm – 4pm, group bookings by appointment  
77 Forrest Avenue, Bunbury

Once a home to four generations of the King family, King Cottage is now a museum that provides people with the opportunity to step into the lives of some of Bunbury's earliest residents.



Housing an extensive collection of historic items, the cottage's history stretches back as far as the 1800s.

It was built in the 1880s by Henry King, who had come to WA in 1855. The home was originally on five acres of land on the outskirts of the town.

The bricks were made by Henry King, who was a brickmaker by trade, and he built the house with the help of his sons. The pattern in which the bricks were laid on the front facade is known as Flemish bond while English bond was used on the end walls.

As a museum, it is an excellent example of a home in which an average family, such as the Kings, lived during the period from 1880 to the 1920s. It represents a snapshot of the social history of the era.

The rooms display artefacts associated with this period, as well as special displays of clothing, photographs and other items from the collection.

Outside displays include wheeled vehicles, maritime items, small farm machinery and tools, laundry items and butter making equipment. In addition to continuing exhibits, regular themed displays show visitors items from the extensive collection.

Phone: 08 9721 7546  
[www.bunburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.bunburyhistoricalsociety.com)

# COALFIELDS MUSEUM

Open daily 10am – 4pm  
161 Throssell Street, Collie



The Coalfields Museum on Throssell Street provides a unique glimpse into Collie's early days.

The museum is housed in the historic buildings of the 1900 and 1930 Road Board offices.

The buildings were converted into a

museum and opened in 1971. Almost single-handedly, coal miner Stan Cull established an attraction which ranks with the best of country town museums.

A Jeffrey coal cutter was one of the first machines used on the coalfields and is featured in the simulated mine along with the horse drawn skips and the crib cabin.

Taking pride of place is a restored barrel organ made in Italy. The organ is a forerunner of a juke box and it entertained the old timers at Fontanana's Wine Saloon by the Federal Hotel in Throssell Street.

A massive letterbox (pillarbox), a relic of the penny postage days, is rare having been cast in the Ledger Foundry in Perth in 1903.

The Wall of Remembrance is in memory of our Collie boys who served in the Great War.

Many more household items are on display in the museum including bottles, radiograms, phonographs, gramophones, wirelesses, a baker's cart, mining equipment, Coolgardie safe, IcyBall refrigerator, Lynch's Rock and Mineral display, Fred Kohler woodwork, Gastaldo Homestead items, Della bus, all time great fireman Dudley Magill's bust, and many historical photos.

Call in and have a look around – pets are welcome on a leash.

Phone: 08 9734 1299

# COLLIE HISTORICAL RAIL PRECINCT

Open Monday & Friday afternoons, or by appointment  
Forrest Street, Collie

The significant role rail played in the emergence of Collie as a source of coal for Western Australia is highlighted at the Collie Historical Rail Precinct.

Collie Coal was discovered in 1883 but was not immediately exploited because of the dominance of the eastern states coalfields and the lack of a railway to transport the coal from Collie to Bunbury.



The South West railway line was completed in 1893 and the line from Brunswick to Collie in 1898. Access to rail transport launched Collie and the coal industry on a sound basis and boosted settlement in the district.

Many West Australians are unaware of the important role that CY O'Connor played in establishing the Collie coalfields. He pushed hard for the building of the line from Brunswick to Collie and argued convincingly for the use of local coal so that WA would be independent of the unreliable Eastern States coal.

The old railway goods shed at Collie is the sole original remnant of the once important Collie Yards which at their peak contained eleven lines and ranked second only to the Fremantle rail yards in size and importance.

Occupying the same block as the old goods shed is the Bill Weir Rolling Stock shed. This is where the restoration of rolling stock takes place, ranging from the 'the ganger's favourite' the Kalamazoo to the First Class Sleeping Coach AZQ415 and all types of wagons and coal trucks in between.

The Collie Historical Rail Precinct is run by the Collie Heritage and Men's Shed group.

# REPLICA UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

Tours at 1pm daily by appointment (subject to tour guide availability)

156 Throssell Street, Collie



Step back in time with a retired underground miner and discover what life was like for the miners of yesteryear.

The mine contains a coal skip, mining equipment and memorabilia from the days of underground

mining. Try lifting some of the drills and marvel at the stamina of those early underground miners!

Retired miners will share their stories of life working underground, bringing coal to the surface which was vital for the early railways and power production and has been used to power Western Australia for well over 100 years.

The impressive iron gates which adorn the front of the mine were originally used on a cattle transport ship owned by Johnston and Lynn. Johnston later became the owner of Amalgamated Collieries who used the gates on their Bullfinch mine. The gates were later donated to the Collie Rotary Club.

The replica coal mine was constructed in 1983 by the Collie Rotary Club to commemorate the centenary of the discovery of coal. Underground mining ceased in 1994, with all mining now done by open cut.

Tours, by appointment through the Collie Visitor Centre, are normally at 1pm. The mine can cater for small tour groups of up to 30 people, and is a popular attraction with school groups. Flexible tour times for groups can be arranged. Advance bookings for the mine tours are essential.

Entry fees apply.

Phone: 08 9734 2051 (Collie Visitor Centre)

Email: [info@collierivervalley.org.au](mailto:info@collierivervalley.org.au)

# WELLINGTON DAM

Open all hours  
Wellington Dam Road, Collie

Take a stroll around the historic Wellington Dam, situated in the Wellington National Park near Collie, and imagine what life was like for the people who lent their hands to its construction during the Great Depression.



The building of the dam in 1932 was part of a drive to fund public works to provide jobs for thousands of people desperate for work in the 1930s. A dam on the Collie River was proposed as a way to extend the South West irrigation network and to encourage further expansion in agriculture.

More than a hundred workers, many with wives and children, made their way to live in a tiny settlement of tents pitched in a forest clearing (now the cafe and surrounding car parks). Their labour is seen today in the wall of the dam, which measures 366 metres across, 34 metres high and stores about 186 million kilolitres of water when full.

When the dam overflows it creates a spectacular lace curtain effect – a must-see if you have the opportunity.

Also of interest is the power station down the river. This was the first such power facility built by the State Government and one of only two operational hydro power stations in Western Australia.

The Wellington National Park, with its magnificent towering jarrah and marri forests, is a place of beauty and sets the scene for relaxing camping retreats for the whole family at Potters Gorge and Honeymoon Pool. Fishing for trout and redfin perch is a well sought after activity, with marron fishing popular with families in summer.

Phone: 08 9734 2051 (Collie Visitor Centre)  
Email: [info@collierivervalley.org.au](mailto:info@collierivervalley.org.au)

# DARDANUP HERITAGE PARK

Open Sunday & Wednesday 9.30am – 4pm

Group bookings by appointment

416 Moore Road, Dardanup



Gary Brookes' passion for restoring and preserving industrial and agricultural machinery led to the establishment of this world-class facility.

With shed after shed full of beautifully restored

items it is not hard to spend a full day reflecting on a bygone era. The International Shed is home to a rare 1913 truck and more than 40 tractors and dozers including a W12 and a TD24. Other sheds are full of Massey Harris and Ferguson equipment, Fordsons, Caterpillars, Chamberlains, TC12 Euclid and loads of memorabilia.

A free tractor-trailer ride around the Park will take you to our working print shop, settlement-style dairy, shearing shed, replica mill settlement or many other interesting exhibits.

The relocated Bunbury Army Drill Hall now houses a very extensive military display with everything from medals to huge missiles and an impressive Leopard Tank.

A majestic 1903 Marshall traction engine has pride of place and seeing the 50hp and 100hp Tangye engines running side by side is a sight to behold.

On the first Sunday of every month you can relive the magic of steam when our 1898 Marshall steam engine is used to cut timber in our fully operational steam powered saw mill.

The park was chosen by the Caravan and Motorhome magazine as one of Australia's top tourist attractions in 2008. With a huge sealed car park, delightful tearooms, craft and souvenirs shop and disabled facilities this beautifully presented park is a must-see attraction.

Phone: 08 9728 0552 or 0429 793 362

[www.dardanupheritagepark.com.au](http://www.dardanupheritagepark.com.au)

# SOUTH WEST RAIL AND HERITAGE CENTRE

Open by appointment  
Turner Street, Boyanup

For nearly 100 years, Boyanup was an important railway junction on the West Australian Government railways system. The line from Bunbury split to serve the agricultural areas as far south as Northcliffe and the coastal areas as far as Flinders Bay (Augusta).



As a rail junction, Boyanup was home to railway fitters and other staff, with two of the railway cottages still standing next to Fitters Park, although not now in railway hands.

The station buildings were demolished in the early 1990s and the loading bank is the only remnant of a once busy goods yard, which forms part of the Boyanup Railway precinct.

With the relocation of the railway infrastructure from the centre of Bunbury to Picton in the mid 1980s, a new home was required for two vintage steam locomotives, Leschenault Lady and Koombana Queen.

The Boyanup railway yard, no longer the busy place it had once been, was chosen as the venue and the South West Rail and Heritage Centre (formerly known as the Boyanup Museum) was opened in 1986.

A section of the once great Bunbury roundhouse and the 70metre long goods shed were rebuilt on the site and artefacts, both railway and related to life in the South West, were collected and put on display.

In recent years, the museum site had been closed to the public while much-needed renovations and improvements were made. Today, that work continues but most of the site is now open by appointment for visitors to explore.

# GREENBUSHES DISCOVERY CENTRE

Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10am – 2pm  
or by appointment  
Blackwood Road, Greenbushes



A mine blast reverberates through a softly lit tunnel, and radio chatter and truck noises add atmosphere as you descend into the Discovery Decline.

Take a journey underground through a multi media display

featuring people who work in underground mines and the equipment they use.

This modern replica adds a “wow” factor as you learn about Greenbushes – Western Australia’s oldest gazetted minerals field and the longest continuously mined field in the State.

Try on miners’ gear, pore over old maps, find out about the discovery of tin in 1886 and the town’s development as a producer of the strategic minerals tantalum and lithium.

Find the large hollow tree and enter the Discovery Forest, a virtual indoor forest which highlights forest ecology, indigenous culture, plantation industries, timber milling and timber products.

Get dried in our kiln or take a load of logs to the mill in our simulated truck. See animals and plants in the Land Dome and play our interactive games.

Take an amble along the main street on the Heritage Amble where you can explore the history of the town from the 1880s to the 1940s.

Go bush on one of our three forest walk trails beginning and ending at the Heritage Park opposite the centre. Visit the Public Mine Lookout or take a picnic to the Greenbushes Pool and Boardwalk on Spring Gully Road.

Phone: 08 9764 3883 [www.greenbushesinc.asn.au](http://www.greenbushesinc.asn.au)

# BOYUP BROOK PIONEERS' MUSEUM

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2pm – 5pm, or by appointment. Discount entry for group bookings  
Jayes Road, Boyup Brook

The Boyup Brook District Pioneers' Museum, located on the site of the old Masonic Lodge, houses fascinating objects that relate to the heritage of the Shire of Boyup Brook.



The Lodge itself consists of the Masonic temple, left in its original condition and exhibiting all the furniture and paraphernalia as used by the Masons at their meetings – something rarely seen outside of the organisation.

Boyup Brook is the home of Dwalganup Cloverseed, developed by the late PD Forrest circa 1910. This story is told with several and varied pieces of harvesting equipment and is extremely interesting, even to those not particularly interested in agriculture.

Agricultural exhibits in The Shed include some unique pieces particularly relevant to the district, including a "Prairie Schooner" built in the 1800s, and quite different from the usual farming equipment.

Other buildings located on site include the old mortuary built with the Soldiers Memorial Hospital in 1924 and containing an interesting collection of hospital and St. John artefacts.

A restored railway siding from Dinninup houses railway memorabilia from a time when the district had an excellent rail transport service.

The old Kulicup School, a one-room school built in the early 1920s, evokes memories of education in rural areas.

Visitors can enjoy all these stories with the assistance of a guide who ably relates personal anecdotes that make the exhibits 'come to life'.

# DONNELLY RIVER HOLIDAY VILLAGE

Day visitors any time  
Sears Road, Donnelly Mill



Donnelly River Holiday Village is a hidden treasure nestled in the Karri Forest. Built originally as a mill town, it was known as the jewel in the Bunnings family timber empire.

Unusually for mill towns it was designed by a town

planner to take full advantage of the lie of the land and the natural beauty of the surrounding forest. The town was used for its original purpose for 30 years, with first buildings being completed in 1948 and the mill finally closing in 1978. The mill was state-of-the-art at the time and was unique in that for most of its working life it was fully steam driven.

The village remains largely intact, including cottages, a workshop, shop, clubrooms and the old school. The entire town and the mill are heritage listed.

After a short stint as Commission housing, the entire village was converted to holiday accommodation in 1982.

The secluded forest location of the village makes it a tranquil retreat for those seeking the peace of nature and a safe place for children to play and explore on family holidays.

The old general store still runs seven days a week serving great coffee, cakes and lunches. The 36 self-contained cottages also make it ideal for functions and events including family reunions, meetings, school excursions and the occasional wedding.

The village is also known for its tame and friendly wildlife. Hand-feed kangaroos, emus, possums and parrots or do a spot of bird watching – approximately 80 species, some endangered, at the last count.

Phone: 08 9772 1244 [www.donnellyriver.com.au](http://www.donnellyriver.com.au)

Email: [enjoy@donnellyriver.com.au](mailto:enjoy@donnellyriver.com.au)

# MANJIMUP TIMBER AND HERITAGE PARK

Open daily 8am – 4pm  
Rose Street, Manjimup

The Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park, centrally located within the Manjimup town site, highlights the region's timber heritage.

Set on 10 hectares of natural landscaped and grassed picnic

areas are the State Timber Museum, Age of Steam Museum, historical hamlet with period buildings and exhibits, and a full-size replica fire lookout tower.

The Snorting Liz and the Saw Pit provides a wonderful insight to the technology and techniques of days past, while a Timber Museum filled with memorabilia will captivate all visitors.

In addition to the many historical static displays relating to the early era of timber and steam, the park also hosts the Manjimup Woodturners Association and a local blacksmith, bringing home the strong links of timber and steel to the region's history.

The Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park provides an experience in discovering the area's rich and colourful history with an insight into how the Lower South West region was developed by the early pioneers of major industries.

Surrounded by a stand of significant trees found within the region, the Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park will take you on a journey to a time past, when a special group of people worked to forge a prosperous future for the Manjimup district.

A private café operates seven days a week and clean public conveniences are available. There is ample street parking for caravans and larger vehicles.



# NORTHCLIFFE PIONEER MUSEUM

Open daily 10am – 3pm  
Wheatley Coast Road, Northcliffe



Northcliffe was established in 1924 as part of the Group Settlement Scheme which required the State Government to settle migrants in the South West.

The Northcliffe Pioneer Museum poignantly tells the story of how the 27

groups and 1400 settlers survived. Three rooms inside a 1940s timber mill cottage are devoted to original items from the first store and the group homes.

Photographs, stories and maps facilitate research.

Squeeze into the desks in Bush School 121, dip a pen into an ink well and copy the blackboard. See the separator and milk bottling machine used by the earliest dairy farmers.

The timber industry has always played a crucial role in Northcliffe, home to many of the tallest trees in the South West to this day. At first trees were felled to build the group homes, and then the land was cleared for dairy farms. Later, in the 1940s, two large hardwood mills were established.

The 59-year-old R&I building, in addition to bank memorabilia, displays a variety of saws and chainsaws and in the grounds are a 1916 Famous Portable Engine and a Robey Engine.

In the George Gardner Fossils and Rock Collection of over 1200 items you will find the ash of ancient volcanoes, fossilised creatures 600 million years old and colourful crystals. Come here to identify the wildflowers you have seen by searching through George Gardner's record of over 500 species he found in the region and recorded on film.

Imagine what life was like for the group pioneers who bravely opened up this land of sand dunes and dense forest.

Phone: 08 9776 7022

[www.northcliffepioneermuseum.com.au](http://www.northcliffepioneermuseum.com.au)

# AUGUSTA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Open daily 11am – 4pm 1 September to 30 April and school holidays. Open daily 1pm – 3pm 1 May to 31 August  
Blackwood Avenue, Augusta

The Augusta Historical Museum was established in 1979 to preserve and share the town's history.

It is a treasure trove of historical artifacts that paint a colourful picture of Augusta's early years.



From shipwrecks to fires and whale rescues, Augusta has a fascinating history to tell.

Believed to have been named after Princess Augusta (second daughter of George III of England), Augusta is the third oldest European settlement in Western Australia. It was founded in May 1830 by a group of settlers that included the Turner and Bussell families and Georgiana and Captain John Molloy.

They were brought to Augusta by Lieutenant Governor James Stirling on the Emily Taylor. At the time there were no longer any land grants available around the Swan River Settlement.

Conditions were harsh for the settlers – they had no knowledge of the environment and could not communicate with the local Aboriginals. Some only stayed a short time but others persevered.

The 1920s brought the "Groupies". The Group Settlement Scheme was established to open up the South West to more people and to create employment for the returning servicemen of the Great War.

As with many towns, Augusta has had its up and downs and sometimes struggled to survive. Discover more of the history of the coastal town at the Augusta Historical Museum, which is affiliated with the Western Australian Museum and features a comprehensive display of the history of Augusta and surrounding districts since settlement.

# CAPE LEEUWIN LIGHTHOUSE

Grounds open daily 8.45am – 5pm  
Leeuwin Road, Augusta



Historic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse is situated at the most south westerly tip of Australia, standing at the point where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet.

With a stunning blue backdrop of the ocean meeting

the sky the lighthouse appears to glow in white splendour during summer, whilst during winter the awesome force of the fierce Southern Ocean and powerful Indian Ocean crashing against the Cape makes a visit to Augusta a remarkable experience year round.

A famous maritime landmark and important meteorological site from which data is collected, the tower stands 39 metres high from ground level and 56 metres above sea level.

Its piercing beam, which has an intensity of one million candles, shines over the surrounding rugged sea and landscape for 26 nautical miles or 48 kilometres. The lighthouse still features its original lens and clockwork mechanism in the tower.

A recently developed heritage trail features two viewing decks with binoculars, giving visitors a birds-eye-view of the wildlife and islands off the coast. Depending on the season you may even see whales frolicking in the waters.

The grounds are universally accessible, with a visitor centre, cafe and retail shop all contained within the first lighthouse heritage cottage. Visitors can enjoy a light lunch or coffee within the glass walled cafe overlooking Flinders Bay.

Guided tours are conducted daily from 9am – 4.20pm. Fees apply. Extra tours in peak periods and school holidays.

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# MARGARET RIVER OLD SETTLEMENT

Open daily

69 Bussell Highway, Margaret River

Margaret River is famous for its wine and surf, but get off the beaten track and you'll discover there is also plenty for history buffs to enjoy when exploring this coastal South West town.



Visit the Old Settlement at the entrance to the town of Margaret River and be transported back to the days of the Group Settlement farms.

Established in 1977 by members of the local Rotary Club, the attraction is a Group Settlement Scheme-style village that also depicts the beginnings of the Augusta-Margaret River dairy industry in the 1920s.

Onsite are a number of relocated buildings including the Bramley Group School, Cowaramup Group House and a blacksmiths.

The former pottery workshop has undergone extensive refurbishment and is now a cafe featuring a deck which overlooks the Margaret River.

Nearby and connected via a bridge over the Margaret River is another site of interest – Rotary Park which is home to a vintage steam locomotive known as Kate.

Kate was built in England in 1889, shipped to the region in 1890 and used for log hauling in the area until 1909. The eight-tonne locomotive was used at saw mills in Karridale, Jarrahdale and Marrinup, before being sold in 1917 and used at Wyndham until 1962.

In her retirement, Kate was bought by the Margaret River Rotary Club and displayed at Rotary Park. Kate is the only remaining engine built for the Karridale timber industry.

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# BUSSELTON JETTY

Interpretive Centre and Museum open daily (8.30am – 6pm  
September to April and 9am – 5pm May to August)  
Beachfront end of Queen Street, Busselton



Extending 1.8 kilometres over the stunning waters of Geographe Bay, the heritage listed Busselton Jetty is the longest timber-piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. A must-see for any visitor to the Margaret River Wine Region.

The history of the Busselton Jetty can be traced back to the early days of settlement when the American whalers came in their square-rigged sailing ships. It began operating in 1865, with ships arriving from many parts of the globe.

Come into the Interpretive Centre and browse the unique and stylish giftware, souvenirs and artisan pieces on display. The Museum offers an insight into the jetty's fascinating past and stunning marine environment through a variety of interpretive signs, artefacts and audio visual displays.

Jump on board and take the leisurely train ride along the jetty. Sit back and relax while the driver takes you on a journey across the calm, clear waters of Geographe Bay. With 50 seats available and trips leaving throughout the day, the Jetty Train is the perfect way to experience the Busselton Jetty.

The Underwater Observatory, at the end of the jetty, provides visitors the opportunity to experience one of Australia's greatest artificial reefs. Descend eight metres to the ocean floor via a spiral staircase to view some of the 300 species of vividly coloured tropical and sub-tropical corals, sponges, fish and invertebrates.

Extend the experience with a dip, throw a line in or have a bite to eat on the Busselton beachfront. Underwater Observatory and Jetty Train tours depart on the hour, weather permitting.

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# BUSSELTON HISTORIC MUSEUM

Open daily (except Tuesday) 10am – 4pm  
Peel Terrace, Busselton

Located in the heritage-listed Old Sunnywest Butter Factory, the Busselton Historic Museum is home to a fascinating collection of photographs, furniture, clothing and farm machinery.



Artefacts from the early days of settlement, including a washstand and basin used by Captain John Molloy on his military campaigns in Europe in the early 1800s, are just some of the unique items people will discover during a visit to the museum.

Situated next to the Vasse River, the history of the museum site stretches back to 1832 when land in the vicinity of the Vasse River on Geographe Bay was selected by members of the original 1830 settlement at Augusta.

In 1834 the Bussells, Laymans, Chapmans and Dawsons transferred to this Vasse area where the more open country promised easier farming prospects, and where the port and township of Busselton later developed.

A number of smaller buildings, including a group settlement house, dairy and school, dot the picturesque riverbank adding to the site's significant history.

There are relics of the Group Settlement Scheme which commenced in the region in 1923, and a working model of the Barrabup timber mill.

The collection includes the steam-driven paddle boat 'Jumna' which operated on the Vasse River, a medical hut from the WWII aerodrome in Busselton and the Ambergate telephone exchange building that houses the automatic exchange from Yoongarillup.

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