

#### 14. WHEAT STACKS

The farmers would bag their wheat into four bushel bags, load the bags onto wagons drawn by a team of bullocks and would transport the wheat to the Mundoora wheat stacks. Later the bullock teams were replaced with horse teams drawn by up to ten horses. Wheat and wool were carted from as far as Yacka. It's reliability stated that at one stage there were 100,000 bags stacked in Mundoora in one yield. Wheat was then railed to Port Broughton when a ketch was ready to berth.

#### 15. PIE CART

The line originally was to be linked up another 6km to Keilli, the township had already been surveyed and planned but it was higher up hill gradient for the horses to manage so it stopped at Mundoora. The original Pie Cart was pulled by one horse. Later another more modern tram car was purchased with two horses in 1907. The Pie Cart carried up to 12 passengers, the mail and perishables. It was taken over in 1925 by a motor bus service. By 1958 the line was dismantled and removed.

#### 16. FIRST BAKERY

The bakehouse was situated three blocks north of the present church. Mr Bill Griffin, who resided in Mundoora, ran the bakehouse under the supervision of Mr O'Neill. Around 1926 the bakery was sold to Mr Muller whose son Max, ran the bakery until 1930, then sold to Mr Johnny Nancarrow. To start with goods were sold over the fence, then he would deliver goods to outlying farms by horse and cart. The remaining goods were sold at his shop.

#### 17. CHURCH

The church also had a kindergarten and was very modern for its day with leadlight windows and electric lights etc., with a seating capacity of 140. The kindergarten provided ample space for a Sunday School. The cost of the building was £1,100 of which £1,000 was raised locally.

#### 18. CROQUET

A meeting was called on March 28, 1946 to decide on the establishing of a Croquet Club within Mundoora. In 1947 the club affiliated with the South Australian Croquet Association. Social games were played for the first few years and in 1949. Bute was the first team to challenge Mundoora. In 1956 the team played Pennant matches.

#### 19. FOOTBALL

Mundoora was a part of the Western Areas Association from 1908 to 1861. They were a part of the Broughton League from 1962-1980 and amalgamated with Wokurna in 1966. They then played in the Adelaide Plains Association from 1981-1983 and amalgamated with Port Broughton in 1984. In 1984, they joined the Northern Areas Association. Football matches are no longer played at Mundoora since 2016. The last match was Jamestown v Peterborough on August 6, 2016.

#### 20. NETBALL/BASKETBALL

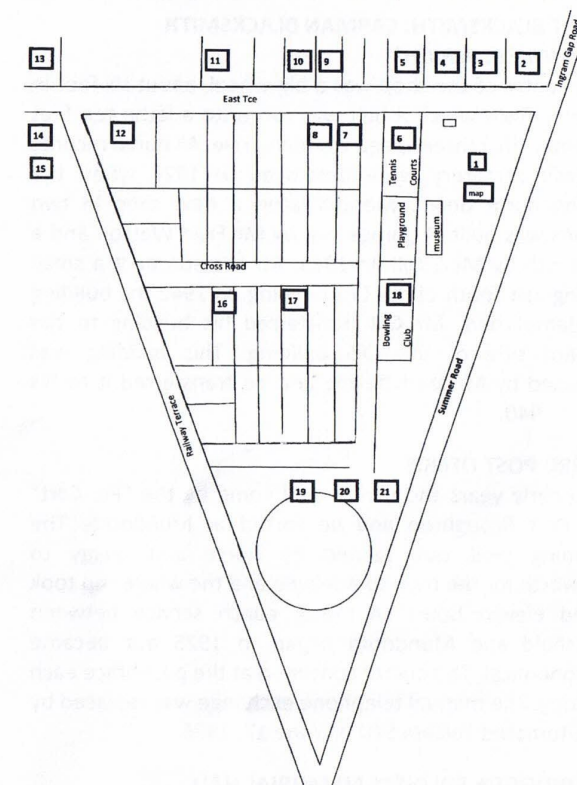
Two teams of basketballers originally played on a flattened rubble court on a block opposite the football oval. A meeting to form International rules basketball was held on November 21, 1967. The club folded up in 2012.

#### 21. CRICKET

Cricket was first played in Mundoora on a cleared piece of land about three and a half miles south of Mundoora. Joe Darling played in the cricket team on March 10, 1893. He became a famous left hander test cricketer making his debut for Australia in England in 1894.



# Mundoora Historic Town Walk



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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mundoora Dam                    | 11. Second General Store |
| 2. First Blacksmith-Carman's       | 12. Hotel                |
| 3. Third Post Office               | 13. First General Store  |
| 4. Mundoora Soldiers Memorial Hall | 14. Wheat Stacks         |
| 5. Saddlery                        | 15. Pie Cart             |
| 6. Tennis Court                    | 16. First Bakery         |
| 7. Loveridges Central Store        | 17. Church               |
| 8. Watson's Garage                 | 18. Croquet              |
| 9. Betting Shop. Fruit & Veg Shop  | 19. Football             |
| 10. Second Blacksmith-Shearer's    | 20. Netball/Basketball   |
|                                    | 21. Cricket              |

### 1. MUNDOORA DAM

Mr Joseph Paterson was successful in obtaining the lease and was allowed to erect a public house which was the first building in Mundoora. He held the first licence from 1876 - 1889 for a total of 13 years. Trees were planted on the dam site in 2000 by 55 volunteers.

### 2. FIRST BLACKSMITH: CARMAN BLACKSMITH AND WHEEL WRIGHT:

In the centre of the shop was a big wheel, about six feet in diameter from which a belt was run onto a lathe ten feet long and with a three speed wooden drive. All burial records for Keilli cemetery were destroyed in 1926 when the building burnt down. Months later, a new shop in two sections was built. A garage run by Mr Fred Watson and a blacksmith by Mr S Gill. In 1933, Mr Watson built a small building just south of the CFS building. In 1942 the building was demolished. Mr Gill transferred his building to the northern side of the CFS building. This building was purchased by Mr Fred Dolling and he transferred it to his farm in 1940.

### 3. THIRD POST OFFICE

In the early years the mail would come by the "Pie Cart" from Port Broughton and be sorted at Mundoora. The remaining mail was carried by horse and buggy to Brinkworth for the train to Adelaide and the whole trip took around eleven hours! A motor coach service between Collinsfield and Mundoora began in 1925 but became un-economical. The doctor consulted at the post office each Thursday. The manual telephone exchange was replaced by the automated Telcom STD on June 17, 1976.

### 4. MUNDOORA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL

The Mundoora Soldiers Memorial Hall was restored in 2012 by volunteers in time for the Centenary of Proclamation celebrations. The building was completely painted inside and out and a new kitchen was installed. It is now used for monthly markets and other events. The two front rooms were built in memory of those that served in WWII. The Soldiers Monument is made of Australian marble and was officially unveiled on July 10, 1920.

### 5. SADDLERY

There is sadly no photos of the Saddlery. The house at this location was built in 1963, and is a private residence.

### 6. TENNIS COURT

The tennis club reformed after WWI in the 1920's but folded in 1926-1927. The club joined Western Areas in 1927 and in 1973 joined the Broughton Tennis Association. The old club house was knocked down in 1997, and the present club house was erected in 1998. The tennis club have kept on improving their facility and in recent years have added outdoor seating with shade and fencing.

### 7. LOVERIDGE'S CENTRAL STORE

According to local knowledge there were seven owners from 1924-1966. During Mr Ireland's period of business (1931-1937), he installed an oven behind the stone building for his bakery. Mr Johnny Nancarrow continued baking when he was owner. (1937-1950) and Mr Charlie Arbon closed the bakery in 1954 when he went to Port Broughton to bake.

### 8. WATSON'S GARAGE

In late 1926, Mr Dick Huxtable rebuilt his shop in sections. Watson's garage was moved across the road in 1934 by Bill Aitchison. In 1950, Bill Stringer purchased the premises for his dealership selling Austin cars. The building was last used by John Kelly.

### 9. BETTING SHOP & FRUIT & VEGETABLE SHOP

A Betting Shop was the first know building to be on this site and was run by Jim and Mandy Roberts. It was later used by Jack Ireland as his Fruit and Vegetable shop and he also sold home made icecream. It was next used as an agency for the Bank of Adelaide but this was later transferred to the Hall.

### 10. SECOND BLACKSMITH: THE SHEARERS

The Shearers Blacksmith was owned by William and Martha Shearer. William's brothers David and John came to help as there was no work at Mannum where they came from. They later went back to Mannum where they built a very successful manufacturing business making agriculture machinery and plant equipment.

### 11. SECOND GENERAL STORE

Built by Robert Andrews and his son Fred. Albert Carman was the manager and Postmaster. Jack Arbon purchased the premises in 1920, but closed it down after eight years when he moved the post office to the southern end of town. The store re-opened and sold everything from groceries, tobacco, blankets, crockery, footwear, clothing and material. There is a huge cellar that runs the entire length of the shop. Cynthia and Ross Partington were the last owners. The doors finally closed in 1981.

### 12. HOTEL

The first licensee was Joseph Paterson and he ran the hotel from 1876-1889. 34 people have been licensees over the 90 years between 1876-1966. The last licensees were Geoffrey and Dorothy Rattley. The bar closed at 6 o'clock and there was no Sunday trading. The land next to the hotel was used as stables for patrons horses.

### 13. FIRST GENERAL STORE ( POST OFFICE)

The first General Store was built by Thomas Watt. He was also the first postmaster and held this position for 10 years until October 1, 1877. Among other goods, the store sold hard boiled lollies. Robert Andrews purchased the business and was postmaster from July 1887- January 1890. He then moved the post office to the general store he and his son built.

