Imagine Life

Discover the South West’s unique past and rich culture

Pick your trail from the map inside and meander through farms, forests and friendly country towns.

Discover the past and meet some colourful characters along the way.

They’ll spin you a yarn on how the South West was shaped through blood, sweat and tears.

Can you imagine what life was like?

The Working Life Heritage Trail is your window into the region’s pioneering past.

www.workinglife.com.au

Please contact the sites directly for current opening times and site related information.

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

Alongside pristine beaches and nestled between towering karri trees you’ll find 20 heritage sites offering a window into the region’s fascinating past and the life of its early settlers.
Watch a sheep shearing 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.

If you want to discover what life on a pioneer dairy farm was all about, or how families in the 1800s lived, simply follow the Working Life Heritage Trail.
Yarloop Workshops

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 Yarloop Workshops demonstrate early manufacturing and production techniques used in the South West from 1898 to 1978.

Tel: 08 9733 5215
Web: www.yarloopworkshops.com.au
White Rocks Farm

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 6 or 8 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.

Tel: 08 9726 1085 for appointment
Email: whiterocks@wn.com.au
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, naming it after his birthplace in Hampshire, England.

He and his wife Elinor, along with their family of thirteen 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 in Clifton Road, Brunswick Junction, approximately 18 kms north of Bunbury and 4 kms west of Brunswick.

Tel: 08 9726 1073 for appointment
Email: alverstoke@westnet.com.au
King Cottage Museum

Open daily 2 - 4pm
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 brick maker 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.

Tel: 08 9721 7546
Group bookings welcome by appointment
Wellington Dam

Open daily 10am - 4pm
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.

Tel: 08 9734 7572
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 Ledgar 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 Magills bust, and many historical photos. Call in and have a look around.

Tel: 08 9734 1299
Email: coalfieldsmuseum@westnet.com.au
Collie Historical Rail Precinct

Open Mon and Fri 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. A true labour of love and worth more than a look.

The Old Goods Shed is open fortnightly for markets. Phone the Collie Visitor Centre on 9734 2051 to check times.

Tel: Russell 08 9734 1857 or Keith 08 9734 2410
It was Gary Brookes’ passion for restoring and preserving industrial and agricultural machinery that 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, 40 tractors and dozers including a W12 and TD24. Other sheds are full of Massey Harris and Ferguson equipment, Fordsons, Caterpillars, Chamberlains, TC12 Euclid and loads of memorabilia.

Dedicated volunteers will show you the Print Shop or take you on a free tractor trailer ride to the settlement-style working dairy or replica mill settlement.

The relocated Bunbury Army Drill Hall now houses a very extensive display with everything from medals to huge missiles.

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 1896 Marshall steam engine is used to cut timber in our fully operational steam powered saw mill.

The park was chosen by the Caravan & Motorhome magazine as one of Australia’s top tourist attractions in 2008.

With a huge sealed carpark, delightful tearooms, craft and souvenirs shop and disabled facilities this beautifully presented park is a must see attraction.

Tel: 08 9728 0552 or 0429 793 362
Group bookings welcome by appointment
Web: www.dardanupheritagepark.com.au
The Old Goldfields Orchard and Cider Factory is situated near Donnybrook on the Trigwell family farm, first taken up in 1862.

Also the site of the Donnybrook gold rush of 1897-1903, the owners of this modern fruit orchard expanded from fresh fruit growing into tourism and fresh juice and apple cider production in 1996-97.

This diversification coincided with the building of a restaurant/gallery, reconstruction of the gold mine poppet head, establishment of a local goldfields museum and construction of eight marron ponds (freshwater crustaceans).

Signposting the orchard and creating walk trails around the lake completed the transformation, turning the one time orchard into one of Geographe’s most unique and visited attractions.

Five types of alcoholic apple cider are produced under the brand name “Reef” - Sweet (4.5 per cent), Dry (5.8 per cent), Ginger (4.5 per cent), Scrumpy (6 per cent) and Mull (4.5 per cent).

Cider and juice production is carried out throughout the year using real apples – no concentrates, no water, no added sugars and no artificial flavours.

Since inception, the various ciders and wines have been awarded well over 70 medals at the annual Perth Royal Show.

A 30 minute drive from Bunbury, the Old Goldfields is well signposted off the South West Highway, 6 kilometres from Donnybrook.

Tel/Fax:  08 9731 0311 for restaurant reservations
Email:  trigs@oldgoldfields.com.au
Web:  www.oldgoldfields.com.au
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 the world’s largest supplier of the minerals tantalum and spodumene (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.

Go bush on one of our three self guided walk trails beginning and ending at the Heritage Park opposite the centre.

The one hour Mining Heritage Walk passes an historic mine tunnel and shafts and takes you to the public mine lookout where you can see an open cut mining operation. Other walks traverse by scenic lakes and lead you past the picturesque Greenbushes Pool, linking up with a section of the iconic Bibbulmun Track.

Tel: 08 9764 3883
Web: www.greenbushesinc.asn.au
Boyup Brook Pioneers’ Museum

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’.

Tel: Joy 08 9765 100 or Wayne 08 9765 1504
Group bookings at a discounted price
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, 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 large number of self contained cottages also makes 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. Handfeed tame kangaroos, emus, possums and parrots or do a spot of bird watching – approximately 80 species, some endangered, at the last count.

Tel: 08 9772 1244 for bookings
Email: donnelly@karriweb.com.au
Web: www.donnellyriverholidayvillage.com.au
The Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park, centrally located within the Manjimup town site, highlights the region’s logging heritage.

Set on 10 hectares of natural landscaped and grassed picnic areas are the State Timber Museum, Age of Steam Museum, historic hamlet with period buildings and exhibits, and a full-size replica fire lookout tower.

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

In addition to the many historic 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 of 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 breed of people worked to forge a prosperous future for the Manjimup district.

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

Tel: 08 9771 7777
Northcliffe was established in 1923 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.
Wonnerup

Nestled between a majestic Tuart forest and the Vasse Estuary wetlands, the peaceful, almost romantic setting of Wonnerup belies a more difficult and turbulent past.

The house, built in 1859, was not the first on this site. George Layman built a rough hut there in 1837. Four years later, having cleared a small farm by hand, he built a more substantial home for his family. Tragically he died that same year, speared by one of his Aboriginal workers.

Layman’s widow Mary and their five young children remained on the property. In 1858 tragedy struck again. Mary’s second husband was drowned in a boating accident and the house at Wonnerup was destroyed by fire. The following year George Layman Jnr married Amelia and they started the construction of the buildings we see today.

Between 1873 and 1875 a small one-room, one-teacher school was built across the track from the house.

The house, school and ancillary buildings are a powerful reminder of the isolation, danger and struggles faced by the Layman family during its 120 year occupation of Wonnerup.

Entry is free on presentation of this brochure and to National Trust members.

Wonnerup is a National Trust of Australia (WA) heritage property.

Tel: 08 9752 2039
Email: trust@ntwa.com.au
Web: www.ntwa.com.au
Busselton Jetty

Extending 1.84 kilometres over the protected waters of Geographe Bay, the heritage listed Busselton Jetty is the longest timber-piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere and the second longest in the world.

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.

Attracting almost 450,000 visitors per year it is one of Western Australia’s most popular tourist attractions and a must-see for any visitor to the South West Capes.

Stroll the length of this historic icon, and visit the Underwater Observatory.

Described as Australia’s greatest artificial reef, the Busselton Jetty is host to an awe inspiring forest of vividly coloured tropical and sub-tropical corals, sponges, fish and invertebrates. Visitors descend 12 metres to the sea floor to view an amazing underwater garden teeming with over 300 different species.

Complete your Busselton Jetty Experience with a visit to the Interpretive Centre and Museum which provides visitors with a glimpse into the Jetty’s rich past and its exciting future, with exhibits of history, the marine environment and art. There is also an extensive range of unique souvenirs and giftware available including Jetty timber products crafted from native jarrah decking and piles.

Tel: 08 9754 0900
Email: admin@busseltonjetty.com.au
Web: www.busseltonjetty.com.au

Jetty Interpretive Centre & Museum - open daily (except Christmas Day), Dec to Apr 8.30am - 5.45pm, May to Sept 9am - 5pm. Underwater Observatory tours from 9.25am - 4.25pm (weather permitting). Observatory closed until early 2010 due to jetty restoration.
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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Email: secretary@busseltonhistoricalsociety.org.au
Web: www.busseltonmuseum.org.au
Yallingup Shearing Shed

Discover what life would have been like for traditional farmers at the Yallingup Shearing Shed. See a sheep being shorn, watch sheepdogs mustering, bottle-feed lambs, picnic under red gums and stock up on fine wool products at the onsite boutique. A visit to the Yallingup Shearing Shearing Shed is a fun way to learn about Australia’s shearing and wool industry, as well as farm life in general.

Still part of a working farm today, the Yallingup Shearing Shed was bought and farmed by the Butterly brothers in 1934. It was third generation farmer Stephen Butterly who made the change to wool production in 1979.

In 1993, after seeing many tourists stop to watch the wool harvesting and shearing process, Stephen opened the farm to the public.

He has since developed an educational, humorous and entertaining show for people to enjoy. This includes shearing, sheepdogs working and bottle feeding lambs, giving people of all ages an opportunity to get up close with nature.

All demonstrations are undercover so they are able to be shown in all weather. The large carpark allows room for vans and large buses to park in the shade.

There are 4000 sheep on the farm which produces wool for the manufacturing of fine woollen clothing.

The Yallingup Shearing Shed is now a major tourist destination in the South West of Western Australia and a true representation of an Australian way of life.

Open 7 days 10am - 4pm. Shearing demonstrations 11am daily (except Friday). No demonstrations in August.
1442 Wildwood Road, Yallingup

Tel: 08 9755 2309
Email: shearingshed@westnet.com.au
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.

Tel: 08 9758 0465 or 0412 917 177 (Curator)
Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse

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.

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 9.00am - 4.20pm. Fees apply for guided tours of lighthouse and grounds. Please phone for details on 08 9757 7411.
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Discover the past and meet some colourful characters along the way.

They’ll spin you a yarn on how the South West was shaped through blood, sweat and tears.

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