

There's more to Mundaring!

This month's Feature Blog centres around Mundaring – The Heart of the Perth Hills

Mundaring Weir and the No 1 Pump Station is often the first thing that comes to mind when people hear the word Mundaring. Steeped in history and a little bit of controversy, Mundaring Weir is one of Western Australia's most significant historical sites and the world's most incredible engineering feats, built by C.Y. O'Connor in the 1890s to pump water from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie, almost 600km away. The **No 1 Pump Station**, located at the foot of the Weir, now serves as a museum where you can learn more about the project and the life of C.Y. O'Connor.

Surrounding Mundaring Weir is the Mundaring Weir Interpretation Precinct, where you can also discover fun facts about the history of the project via signs and sculptures nestled amongst play equipment, picnic tables and barbeques.

Starting at the No 1 Pump Station is **The Golden Pipeline**, a 650km driving adventure that follows what was, at the time of its completion, the longest freshwater water pipeline in the world. Taking three to five days, the trail follows the pipeline taking in historical sites and natural wonders along the way. For those that would like to stay closer to the Weir, we recommend the walking trail between **Perth Hills Discovery Centre to Golden View Lookout in Beelu National Park**, providing breathtaking views of Mundaring Weir. Other trails in Mundaring include the **Railway Reserves Heritage Trail** a unique 41km loop entirely on railway formations. Of course, for cyclists, the world-famous **Munda Biddi Trail's** Northern Terminus is located at **Mundaring Community Sculpture Park** and the perfect picnic location for either trail! For those less inclined towards long distances, and especially travelling with kids, pop into **Fred Jacoby Park**, where you can enjoy a picnic and a stroll around the gardens. Please note that while dogs are allowed in Fred Jacoby Park, they are not permitted on the Portagabra Track.

All this adventure is bound to build an appetite, and if you haven't packed a picnic, there is no need to worry - we have you covered in Mundaring! **Breadwinner Bakehouse** takes a craftsman's approach to baking and has delicious rolls and desserts on offer, perfect if you didn't have time to pack a picnic! **The Artisan Mundaring** has an abundance of treats with their handmade artisanal pastries, wholesome breads and delicious meals made from locally sourced ingredients. **The Lazy Corner** has the gluten-free, vegan and keto markets cornered, also serving up a mean coffee from The Hut, while **Café Mojo** serves up a hug in a mug with food for all dietary requirements. **A Patch Of Country** may need a little extra time because, after a fantastic meal, you are guaranteed to be spending time in the gorgeous gift shop! And the shopping doesn't have to stop there! Almost right next door you will find the **Mundaring Arts Centre** with regular exhibitions, plus its own gift store with products from local artists. **The Tribe**, **Mundaring Shoes** and **The Jewellery Centre** are the perfect destinations for retail therapy with some country styled customer service and don't forget your shopping bags for a unique produce shop at **Hills Fresh** and **Wasteless Pantry**.

Perhaps even grab yourself a posy from **Mundaring Florist by Design** to round out the day! While you're writing out your shopping list, give **Perth Hills Artisan Markets** a follow on Facebook to time your visit with Perth's largest indoor artisan market. There's also the new fortnightly **Mundaring Garden & Farmers Market** as well as the **Rotary's monthly markets**, held in Nichol Street on the second Sunday on the month.

If shopping has built up a thirst, head to **Hemingway & Co**, Mundaring's own inner-city bar, serving up exceptional cocktails and a light tapas menu. For some heartier pub fare, visit the family-friendly **Mundaring Hotel** open for lunch and dinner or the **Mundaring Weir Hotel** with the added bonus of overnight accommodation and a delicious breakfast before perusing the **Mundaring Weir Gallery**. Other accommodation in Mundaring includes **Mundaring B & B**, **Travellers Rest Motel** and **The Lavender Patch**. Camping is available at **Perth Hills Caravan Park** and **Nearer to Nature at Perth Hills Discovery Centre** campgrounds, while group accommodation bookings can be made at **Nathanael's Rest Retreat**, and group events can be held in the stunning grounds and studios of **Lake Nenia**. If you are joining us for a few days, definitely look into the health and wellness activities on offer from **Mundaring Wellness Centre**, classes at **Club Sierra** and treatments from **Soul Garden Holistic Beauty**. Whether you come for a day, a weekend or even a week - there's plenty to explore and experience in Perth Hills Mundaring.

