

# Mandurah Museum

## Heritage Month 2026

18 April – 18 May



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The Australian Heritage Festival is an annual event that invites communities to connect with Australia’s diverse stories, offering immersive experiences that bring heritage to life for thousands of people each year. The festival is both a celebration and reflection on the natural and cultural heritage, taking place during April and May each year.

The festival theme for 2026 is Change. It looks at how history has shaped who we are today, and how our actions are shaping history for the future. Heritage is not just about the past — it is always changing and continues to influence our lives.

This year, from 18 April to 18 May, Mandurah Museum is hosting a range of events for all ages. Come along and discover Mandurah’s unique cultural and historical stories through fun and engaging activities.



# The History of Mandurah in 12 Objects Exhibition

*Twelve objects. Twelve stories. One place.*

**Dates:** 21 April to 12 June

**Time:** Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 3pm

**Cost:** Free

**Suitable for all ages. No bookings required.**

Mandurah's story is deeply connected to its waterways, coastline and surrounding landscape. For thousands of years, these places have sustained life, shaped culture and provided spaces for gathering, working and celebration.

This exhibition shares Mandurah's history through twelve objects drawn from the Museum collection or generously shared by members of the local community. Each object offers a glimpse into everyday life – small in scale, yet rich in meaning.



# Children's Activities

**Dates:** 21 April to 12 June

**Time:** Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 3pm

**Cost:** Free

**Ages:** 5 – 12

## Photographic Matching Activity

Step back in time and see how Mandurah has changed! Children can match historic photographs with present-day images of well-known buildings and places, discovering how the city has grown and evolved over the years.

## Mandurah Bridge Jigsaw Puzzle

Piece together a part of Mandurah's past! This fun jigsaw puzzle features the first Mandurah Bridge, built in 1894, giving children an interactive way to learn about an important piece of the city's history.

## Crab and Fish Measuring Station

Get hands-on with Mandurah's famous marine life! Kids can identify and measure different fish and crabs while learning fun facts about local species, the history of crabbing in Mandurah, and the importance of protecting our waterways.

**No bookings required.**



# Guided Heritage Walk

**Date:** Friday, 8 May

**Time:** 11am – 12pm

**Cost:** \$5 per person

**Ages:** 18 years+

A guided walking tour through Mandurah's historic heart exploring how the city has transformed over time. This tour will focus on buildings and sites that reveal the many layers of change – social, architectural, economic and cultural – that have shaped Mandurah into the community it is today.

Starting at the Museum, this guided walk will take you on a journey through the city's past and present. Along the way, you'll uncover how familiar places have changed over time.

From colonisation to community life and industry, discover the histories that show how Mandurah has adapted, grown, and reinvented itself.

This engaging experience offers a fresh perspective on the places you thought you knew – and the chance to see them in a whole new light.

**Scan QR code to book**



# David Smythe Murray: an early Magistrate in Mandurah

**Dates:** Thursday, 23 April

**Time:** 2pm

**Cost:** \$5 per person

Presented by Vince Taylor

This presentation will explore the life of David Smythe Murray (1807–1864), Resident Magistrate whose work helped guide the transformation of the Murray region – including Mandurah – during its formative years.

The talk will look into Murray’s role not only as a government official maintaining law and order, but as a key figure navigating the practical and social challenges of a developing district.

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*Photo of Magistrate Murray’s House*

# Peel-Harvey Catchment Council's Science Strategy: Our vision for healthy waterways

**Dates:** Thursday, 30 April

**Time:** 2pm

**Cost:** \$5 per person

Presented by Danielle Eyre BSc

In 2010 the Peel Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC), as they were then, published their first Science Strategy.

In the 15 years since then, things have changed. PHCC have just published an updated Science Strategy, taking in to account the significant changes in government policy, direction, and actions that affect our environment as well as changes in the world around us.

This presentation will be a look back at our environment and a look forward into our vision for the future, including PHCC's new name - 5 Rivers NRM.

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### **Regular opening hours**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Friday: 10am - 3pm

Saturday - Sunday: Closed

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### **Hall's Cottage is open every Sunday during Heritage Month**

When: 19 and 26 April, 3, 10 and 17 May

Times: 10am - 3pm

Where: Leighton Place, Halls Head

### **Accessibility**

Mandurah Museum offers an ACROD parking bay at the rear, a ramped front entrance, and an accessible toilet. While some areas are not accessible due to its heritage-listed status, many spaces provide universal access for all visitors. The museum can also be accessed easily via the Mandurah Bridge underpass.