

# scenic drives

## Heritage Trail

Capture the spirit of the Gold rush days and follow the heritage trail from Youndegin to Taminin. Head south from Cunderdin along Cubbine Street (also known as the Queatrading Road). Turn left at Goldfields Road and travel on what was the original trail to the Kalgoorlie Goldfields. Along the way call in at the old Police Outpost – the original settlement in the area – and Well at Youndegin before visiting Hunts Well just outside Taminin.



## Queletting

Soak up the country atmosphere and scenery on this pleasant drive through the farming districts of Cunderdin and Meckering. Head north along the Cunderdin/Walkatchem Road, left onto Minniaxe Road, left at Queletting Road, past the old school site (this building is now located at the Cunderdin Museum) then left at the Meckering/Dowmin Road and meander your way back through to Meckering.

## Old School Sites

Take a step back in time and visit the original school sites in the area – all of which have now been located and signposted. Although most of the buildings have long since been dismantled, some of the ruins, trees and play areas can still be recognised.

## Golden Pipeline

Still considered one of the most amazing engineering feats in Australia's history, the Golden Pipeline weaves its way from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie – servicing towns like Cunderdin and Meckering along the way. Follow the pipeline west or east depending on your itinerary to discover more about our history and the growth of the Wheatbelt region.



Don't miss a chance to drop into the Cunderdin Museum to learn more about this amazing project and its impact on the people of this area and beyond.

# cunderdin

Cunderdin is the centre of an agricultural region that opened up over a century ago, largely due to water becoming available through the Goldfields Water Supply, now best known as the Golden Pipeline.

Today, both Cunderdin and Meckering continue to enjoy the unique lifestyle afforded to country areas and will thrive into the future thanks to strong community spirit and a commitment to continue this wonderful way of life.



## Cunderdin Museum

The central attraction in the shire and arguably one of the best rural Museums in the state, the Cunderdin Museum literally has to be seen to be believed. Initiated and maintained by mainly volunteer labour, the Museum is an excellent tribute to both the pioneering past of the Wheatbelt region and the determination of current day residents.

Home to the former No 3 Steam Pumping Station in the Golden Pipeline project – an area now full of information, memorabilia and photographs of its fascinating history – the Museum also boasts what has been described as one of the best displays of farm equipment anywhere in the country.

Open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm weekends.  
Contact: (08) 9635 1291



## Accommodation & Conveniences

### Ettamogah Hotel

Main Street, Cunderdin. Phone: (08) 9635 1777  
This famous local landmark is the perfect place to enjoy a fantastic lunch or dinner. With an extensive pub style menu, the hotel is open seven days a week and also offers motel style accommodation.

### Cunderdin Caravan Park

Olympic Ave, Cunderdin. Phone: (08) 9635 1258.  
Stop in and enjoy the hospitality at this excellent Caravan Park. With powered and un-powered sites, motel units, self contained cabins and single room accommodation there's something for every traveller.

### Dougie's Roadhouse

Lot 7, Great Eastern Hwy Cunderdin. Phone: (09) 9635 1151  
Open Mon - Sat, 6.30am to 9pm. Sun 7.30am to 9pm.  
Delicious restaurant meals or tasty takeaway.  
Gull petroleum, fuels, trailer hire and great service everyday.

### Homestead Red Farm

Lot 75 Great Eastern Hwy, Meckering. Phone: (08) 9625 1476  
Enjoy the peace & tranquility of this 220 acre farm and relax in 4 bedroom self contained accommodation.

### Collingully Cottage Patchwork Barn

Burges North Rd, Meckering.  
Phone: (08) 9625 1236 [www.collingullycottage.com](http://www.collingullycottage.com)  
Choose from over 3000 bolts of fabric, patchwork kits, patterns and more.

### Meckering Roadhouse

Great Eastern Highway, Meckering. Phone: (08) 9625 1339  
Open 7 Days, 5am to 11pm.  
Come in to our restaurant and enjoy our great range of food or tuck into a take away meal.

## Cunderdin Hill Lookout

Take in 360° panoramic views of the town and surrounding farmland. The Hill is a popular walking track for locals and during the spring months is carpeted with pink and yellow everlasting. It's at these times that the name 'Cunderdin' - derived from a local aboriginal language translated to 'the place of many flowers' - becomes an extremely apt description.

On your descent you'll see the local Goldfields Pipeline Reservoir – a 54.5 million litre water reservoir used in conjunction with the Goldfields Water Scheme.

### Ettamogah Pub

You won't miss this brightly coloured Cunderdin landmark. Based on the well known comics of Ken Maynard – made famous by the Australian Post magazine - the pub is not only a novelty for tourists but an important central hub for residents in the Shire. Drop in for a drink or enjoy a great meal in the restaurant that's open for lunch and dinner seven days a week.

### Youndegin

Immerse yourself in our past by taking a trip to Youndegin – 19km south of Cunderdin – where you'll find the original police outpost. Built from stone and mud with a thatched roof, the outpost's 'lock-up' was a nearby York Gum. Once a busy area thanks to the passing of goldfields trade travellers who would stop at the nearby Youndegin Arms apparently famous for their parrot pie. With the establishment of the railway to the north, Cunderdin became the central hub for the district and Youndegin dwindled.





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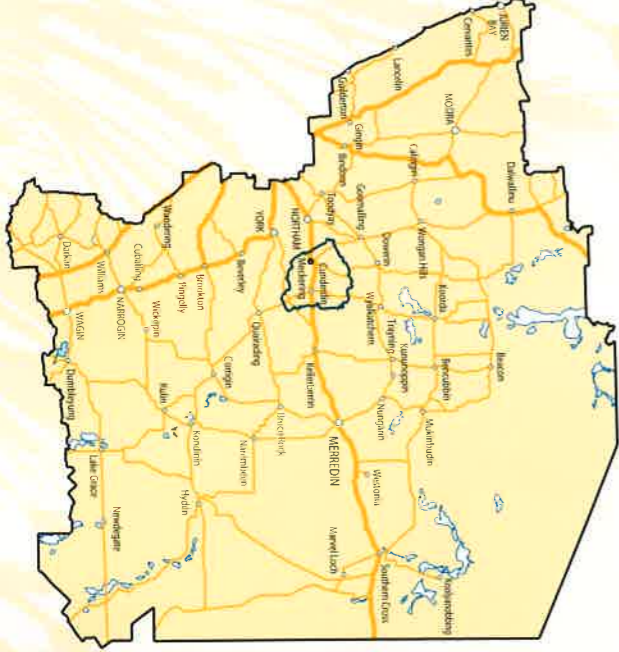
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the heart of the wheatbelt

Cunderdin & Meckering

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The name Meckering originates from a local Aboriginal language meaning "place of water" or "noom", or "no" the "water", depending upon interpretation. It was an area frequented by gold seekers who stopped in the area largely thanks to the reliable Meckering Well.

Today the area is probably best known for the devastating earthquake experienced on October 14th 1904 and many of the tourist attractions in the area are based on the history of this event.



**Shire Of Cunderdin**  
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[www.cunderdin.wa.gov.au](http://www.cunderdin.wa.gov.au)

**Emergency Services**  
Emergency Attendance (Police, Fire, Ambulance) 000  
Cunderdin Police Station (08) 9635 1000  
Cunderdin Hospital (08) 9635 2222  
Cunderdin Medical Centre (08) 9635 1352



**Meckering Earthquake Gazebo & Memorial Rose Garden**

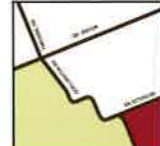
Experience the devastation of the Meckering Earthquake firsthand at this impressive display which includes a section of the damaged railway line, a mangled piece of the Golden Pipeline, photographs, statistics and information. Take a stroll across the road to the beautiful memorial rose garden - a tribute to the dedication and hard work of many local volunteers.



**Bulgyn Rock Reserve**

Today you can absorb the rolling landscape at this popular picnic spot and see why it's been enjoyed for more than 100 years. Early settlers farmed the land around the granite outcrop and there are many stories of fabulous picnics, often with hundreds of people attending.

Today it's just as pleasant a spot to unfurl the picnic rug and open the hamper. Sitting amongst the she oak woodland you'll probably glimpse a variety of birds and, at the right time of year, beautiful displays of wildflowers including a beautiful variety of orchids.

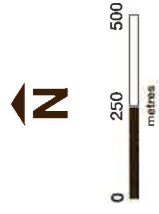


**Preserved Earthquake Fault Line**  
12kms South of town. Continue along Great Eastern Highway turn left at Moore Rd and left along Quellington Rd.



**Bulgyn Rock Reserve**  
18kms East of town. Continue along Great Eastern Highway and turn right into Leaming Rd then left along Bulgyn Rd.

- BULGIN ROCK RESERVE
- SALISBURY FARM RUINS
- MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN
- EARTHQUAKE GAZEBO
- EARTHQUAKE FAULT LINE



**Shire of Cunderdin**  
3km North of town. Turn left along Meckering Goomalling Rd then left towards the wheatbins.

**Meckering Earthquake Farm Ruins**

The Meckering Earthquake registered 6.9 on the Richter scale, destroying 50 homes and crushing many of the town's buildings.

'Salisbury' - an old stone homestead built in 1904 - was flattened during the quake and the ruins give an eerie insight into the scale of the devastation experienced by the town.



It may have only lasted 40 seconds but the Meckering Earthquake has had a lifetime impact on this small Wheatbelt town. The most devastating earthquake in WA's history, it left a scar 32kms long and up to 2m high. Seventeen people were injured but amazingly no one was killed. The damage bill was more than \$1.5 million (\$5 million in today's climate).

**Meckering Earthquake Preserved Faultline**

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Take an easy two hour drive east from Perth into the sweeping agricultural landscapes of the Wheatbelt and you'll find the vibrant country communities of Cunderdin and Meckering. Located along the famous Golden Pipeline, the towns can credit their establishment and continued success to this amazing engineering feat, still marvelled at today.

**Cunderdin**

It was the search for pastoral lands east of Perth that first led explorer Charles Hunt to many towns in today's Wheatbelt, including Cunderdin - a town he named in 1864. Settlement in Cunderdin by Europeans started to progress following the building of the railway in 1884 and the building of the Goldfields Water Supply cemented the future of the region.



**Meckering**

Originally known as Beeberrig, the name Meckering was chosen by explorer John Forrest with the official declaration of the townsite taking place on 17th February 1887. It was water that led to the discovery and early settlement of Meckering with the reliable Meckering Well drawing many gold seekers and early explorers to the area. It's agricultural promise saw settlers open the lands surrounding the town and a successful and vibrant country community grew rapidly.



Meckering today is most famous for the devastating 1908 earthquake - one of the worst in Australia's history. The town has been largely rebuilt and although relatively small in terms of population, the people of Meckering manage to largely ignore this and achieve more than many areas twice their size.

Today Cunderdin and Meckering still pay tribute to their rich history but also embrace the future. Both towns are busy rural areas with strong links to sport, numerous community run events and many locally run organisations. The Cunderdin Air show is a biennial event that brings people from around the state into the region and is held on the Easter long weekend.

For more information on what's on in the Shire go to [www.cunderdin.wa.gov.au](http://www.cunderdin.wa.gov.au)