



X Marks some of our local historical sites.
Visit the Museum for more information.

Schools and Groups
welcome by appointment.
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ADMISSION FEES

Adults..... \$3.00
Seniors.....\$2.00
Students...\$1.50
(13-16 years)
Children.... .50c
(Under 5 years - free).



Open Daily

1st September to 30th April
and School Holidays
11.00am to 4pm
1st May to 31st August
1.00pm to 3.00pm

Augusta Historical Museum

A comprehensive display of the history of
Augusta and Districts
since settlement in 1830.



'The Investigator'

Matthew Flinders sailed his ship from Cape Leeuwin
on December 6th, 1801 to circumnavigate Terra Australis.
Painting by Peter Bilas.

**DON'T MISS A VISIT!
ONE OF THE BEST
SMALL MUSEUMS
IN THE REGION**

Augusta Historical Museum

Blackwood Avenue
Augusta

A recognised and acclaimed Museum

Augusta Historical Museum was established in 1979 to preserve our local history and to share it with others.

It is a recognised Municipal Museum under the Augusta-Margaret River Shire, affiliated with the West Australian Museum.

Many visitors rate it as the best small Museum they have seen.

Augusta is believed to have been named for Princess Augusta (second daughter of George III of England).

It was settled in May 1830 making it the third oldest European settlement in Western Australia - after Albany and the Swan River Colony. A group of settlers, including the Turner family, Bussell family, Georgiana and Capt. John Molloy and others, were brought to this site by Lieutenant Governor James Stirling on the Emily Taylor, as at the time there were no more land grants available around the Swan River Settlement.

Conditions were harsh as they had no knowledge of the environment and could not communicate with the local Aborigines.

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 service men of the Great War. As with many towns, we have had our ups and downs. Struggling in the beginning to survive with many people leaving due to the hardships, we remain here today with memories to share.

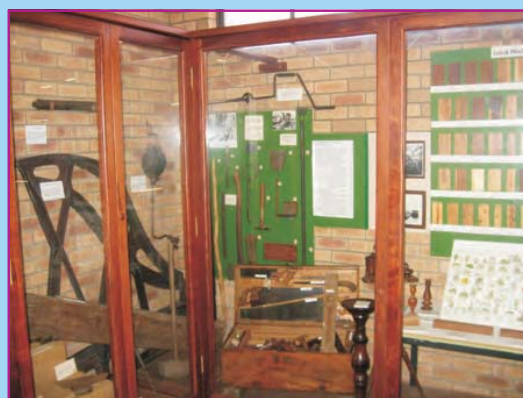
We invite you to come in and browse, read some of the stories, wonder how we would have managed in the circumstances. We have seen shipwrecks, fires, whale rescues (1986), etc. History is people - surviving, thriving and overcoming adversity.

We have displays commemorating many of these events or simply remembering how things were done in days gone by.

Come and share them with us!



A selection of our clothing display



A comprehensive display of woodworking tools and implements of a bygone era.



The Extensive Watson Gallery

Ships Bells



From "Pericles"
sunk of Cape Leeuwin 1910



From "Georgette"
sunk near Redgate 1876



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Part of the fascinating Shipwreck Display