

Boyup Brook District Pioneers' Museum

The Boyup Brook District Pioneers' Museum is located on the site of the old Masonic Lodge, Jayes Road, Boyup Brook.

Boyup Brook is rich in history and the people of the district have contributed much to the development of Western Australia.

The museum's displays reflect the spirit and ingenuity of the pioneers of the district, with simple and sympathetic interpretation

The Masonic Lodge

The Masonic Lodge is the only one in Australia that is open to the public complete with authentic furniture, symbols and regalia. The original hall was built in 1929 for the Freemasons of the Upper Blackwood. The new extension was commissioned in 1964 and then badly damaged by a cyclone some years later, causing the roof and ceiling to be replaced three courses of bricks lower. Because it was completely funded, built and maintained by the Freemasons of Boyup Brook, they claimed the right to gift the building to the Shire of Boyup Brook as a museum on the condition that the Temple be maintained and open to the public.

The 1954 Zoo Train

This train was given to the people of Boyup Brook some time ago and has been restored by Museum volunteers and members of the local Men's Shed. The next step is to source some track and take it on a ride.

The Mortuary

The mortuary was part of the Upper Blackwood Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, which was built in 1923/1924 as a tribute to those who fell in WW1. Following renovations to the hospital in 1998, the mortuary building was relocated to the museum complex to be retained as part of the heritage of the district. It has since been restored and now displays a collection of hospital equipment from a bygone era.

The Kulikup School

The Kulikup School was a one room school operating from 1917-1945. Following the transfer of students to the Boyup Brook School, the building was relocated to a site adjacent to the Tennis and Cricket Clubs of Kulikup, to be used as club rooms for both organisations. When these two entities also closed the structure fell into disrepair. After being relocated to the Museum grounds, it was lovingly restored. The exhibition housed inside reflects the history of the locality of Kulikup and the user groups which occupied this building throughout its life in the community.

Dwalganup Clover

An excellent display of machinery relating to the development of Western Australia's sub-terranean clover industry depicts the story of 'Dwalganup' clover and the clover harvesting industry which was developed by local pioneer P. D. Forrest.

This industry sustained many throughout the depression and Boyup Brook became a thriving agricultural centre.

Dinninup Railway Siding

A fully restored railway siding houses a display which evokes memories of a time when rail transport played a large part in the activities of the district.

The volunteers who make up the Museum Management Committee welcome assistance from anyone with an interest in the history and heritage of Boyup Brook. Meetings are held once per month and visitors are welcome to come along and have cuppa and find out how you can become involved.

The next committee meeting date is advertised in the Boyup Gazette on the Visitor Centre page or contact Grant Wardle on 0427 651239 or John Walsh 0439 651560

Opening hours

(Allow at least one hour for tour)

Wednesday 10am—3pm

Thursday 10am—3pm

Friday 10am—5pm

Saturday 2pm—5pm

or view on request by phoning

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Entrance Fees

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| Child | - | \$2.00 |
| Adult | - | \$5.00 |
| Family | - | \$10.00 |

