

Nungarin Heritage Machinery & Army Museum

Second Avenue Nungarin

Things to see:

Nungarin Heritage Machinery & Army Museum
 Mangowine Homestead (1875)
 Phone: (08) 9046 5149
 McCorry's Old Hotel (1912)

Things to do:

Cemetery Heritage Walk • Town Heritage Walk
 5 Bod Heritage Walk

Things to Enjoy:

Eaglestone Rock • Talgomine Reserve
 Danberrin Rock • Spring Wildflowers

Things to Experience:

Nungarin Wheatbelt Markets
 (1st Sunday of every month)

Information

Brochures and information on heritage walks
 and current attractions
 Nungarin Shire Council - Tel: (08) 9046 5006
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 Railway Ave) • Phone: (08) 9046 5400

Tour bookings & Information

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Heritage Machinery & Army Museum
 Second Avenue - Nungarin

Museum Opening Times

9:00am - 4:00pm
 7 days



Experience one of
 WA's best kept secrets
 Experience Nungarin a town rich in history

The Nungarin Heritage Machinery and Army Museum

is housed in an original massive Army Vehicle Workshop building constructed in Nungarin in 1942-43 as part of Australia's defense during WWII. The huge building was part of No.5 Base Ordnance Depot (5BOD) which was considered to be the largest storage facility for Army Ordnance in Western Australia at that time, built at a total cost of approximately ten million pounds.

5BOD incorporated the Army Vehicle Workshop, tank workshops, 5 huge storehouses, powerhouse, post office, administration blocks, medical facilities, as well as a multitude of other workshops, shelters, offices, and an extensive vehicle park.

The former **Army Vehicle Workshop** is one of the very few remaining large volume, timber, military buildings built during WWII for the Commonwealth Allied Works Council in Western Australia.

After the war, most of the camp facilities and buildings were sold, and the Nungarin Shire purchased the Army Vehicle Workshop for use as a Shire Depot, but now houses the Nungarin Heritage Machinery and Army Museum.



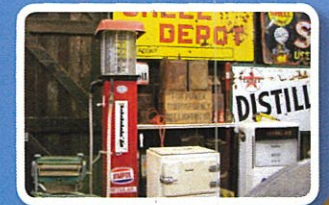
The Museum also encompasses an imposing display of military memorabilia including an impressive **10th Light Horse** collection dedicated to local WWI hero Trooper Joseph William Spillman, a veteran of the Gallipoli and Palestine campaigns, and one of the only fifteen lighthorse-men to have been awarded the **Military Medal**.

Other items on display include a rare **Dingo Scout Car**, a Stuart tank, Bren-Gun Carrier, examples of Military Uniforms, various Army vehicles and trucks, as well as a large collection of photographs and other memorabilia including "Trench Art".

The Museum incorporates an **active restoration** area which undertakes many innovative projects. Recent initiatives include the restoration of a **General Grant tank**.

Agricultural development in the Nungarin region began in 1909 with the Civil Servants Re-Settlement scheme. A large collection of heritage memorabilia and machinery for his era is displayed at the museum.

Visit the **MUSEUM CAFE** for a cuppa, book a morning tea or luncheon (group bookings welcome) or drop in for a big cooked breakfast every Sunday from 8-10am except Market Sundays. Everyone is welcome.



Nungarin is situated in the central wheatbelt, just 3 hours drive from Perth through Toodyay and Goomalling along the old goldfields route and the **Pioneers' Pathway**.

Other attractions in

the area include the National Trust property at **Mangowine** (1875) and historic **McCorry's**

Hotel (1912) as well as picturesque granite outcrops at Eaglestone, Talgomine and Danberin, the annual Mangowine Concert and the Nungarin Wheatbelt Markets held on the first Sunday of each month.

