



**1 Boddington War Memorial**

The creation of the Boddington War Memorial was instigated by the Returned Services League Boddington sub branch in 1990. It has been utilised every year since, for the dawn service ceremony

**2 Boddington Old School**

Before the Boddington District High School was built, school groups would consist of merely twenty or so students. One teacher and one single room would facilitate these students. Numerous schools existed in the Marradong area, one in Crossman, one in Marlin, one at Quindanning, and one in Boddington. The number of schools can be explained by the lack of motorised transport, larger families/ increased population in rural areas and the significant distances. In the 1940"s, in was public policy to provide school buses for children. This was when Boddington School was used for all the children of the district. Once mining operations expanded, and the student population rose three-fold, local mining companies contributed \$600,000 for additions to the existing buildings. A modern and practical school was designed and constructed elsewhere in town. The new school has sufficient space for future development.

LOCATION/ ADDRESS Corner of Wuraming Avenue and Bannister Road Boddington 6390

CONSTRUCTION DATE Original classroom building was constructed in 1920. Further alterations have been made up to 2005.

**3 George Charlton’s House**

George Charlton was a brother of Jack from the Wandering Post Office and was also related to the Hewson"s on Bannister Road. He spent most of his life working for Main Roads on the Albany Highway and the Wandering Roads Board. George Charlton was one of the first permanent residents in the town of Boddington. He built his house for him and his family in the late 1940"s whilst working for the Marradong Roads Board.

LOCATION/ ADDRESS 19 Bannister Road

**4 Lions Wier**

In 1975, Shire Clerk Des Cunningham and Harold Cunningham actively sourced the Lions club. The earliest meeting was held in the year of 1976. Together they successfully organised and constructed some important infrastructure in the Shire of Boddington. One of the biggest projects was undertaken on the edge of Hotham River. Damming, enhancing, and clearing, was assisted by Bunnings workers, Waroona contracting services, and the Shire of Boddington. The place was intended as a scenic attraction and became a much harder job than initially thought. Alfred Gillespie and Marlon Reid obtained a cable digger from the Bauxite Mine which was considered a major asset for the completion of the task. Stabilizing the wall was the most difficult process to complete, which took 10 years. Now the large mass of water showcases Boddington as motorists come into town over the bridge. The river was used for Chinese boat racing during the Australia Day and Rodeo festivities, as well as marriages and parties.

**5 Old Boddington Police Station**

Constant lobbying to the Marradong Road Board instigated the construction of the Police Station. It has been used as a playgroup for children but is currently vacant. Boddington"s mining expansion, and essentially, the town"s associated population growth, made the building insufficient in size. Now Police are situated on the corner of Johnstone and Pollard Street in Boddington.

**6 Boddington Town Hall**

The initial Town Hall was built in 1923 on the same site of the Boddington Town Hall. The Settlers" Association were responsible for building and managing the Hall. It was made of timber weatherboard and corrugated iron. Not long after the Marradong Roads Board took over in 1941, an announcement for a new Hall was made. Resistance was most apparent in the Marradong and Quindanning districts, where closer infrastructure was available. Three years later, in 1957, the new Hall was built despite community opposition. Internal features within the Hall were considered significantly progressive for the 1950"s. Such features include a projector room, a cloak room, a proscenium arch stage with rear access, adjacent dressing rooms, internal toilets, and an established kitchen

LOCATION/ ADDRESS Corner of Wuraming Avenue and Johnston St

**7 Marradong Roads Board**

The Marradong Roads Board was gazetted in 1892. The new Roads Board meeting place was planned in amongst preparation of the town of Boddington. Johnstone Street was proposed to be the main street, and a convenient location for the Board, as the town hall stood next door. The land parcel was secured requiring further State Government assistance for the construction. The influence of the war slowed construction down immensely. Meetings were held between the Boddington and Marradong Hall, which tended to conjure tensions. A significant sum of residents favoured the location of Marradong, despite the planned building. The final decision was made as Boddington was the proposed setting for the railway. In 1961, the Marradong Road Board was renamed the Shire of Boddington and moved to another location in town.

**8 Boddington Rodeo Grounds**

The rodeo project has had the most positive participation rate from visitors and community members than any other local Lions Club projects. Local Lion, Danny Cocking, sourced the Australian Rough Riders Association"s inter-



est. They were favourable to the idea of the new venue for its annual championship round. The Shire of Boddington agreed to a space for the complex. In July 1977, the rodeo was pronounced to be held on November the 5th of that same year. Bunning’s timber donations and workers, Lion and Alwest volunteered to construct the development. School students helped to weave zalmia palms, suspended across the rafters at the lookout point. The year the rodeo commenced, thousands of people gathered in Boddington to enjoy the festivities. Similarly, every following year, the Boddington rodeo is a great success for the Boddington Township.

9 Hall’s Cottage

This building was the first shop established in the locality of Boddington. The building was originally a two roomed shop owned by tailors. The tailor shop moved to the current IGA site, making the place a residence. A simple building made out of bush poles and corrugated iron roofing was formed next to the shop and was rented to teachers and other town workers.

LOCATION/ ADDRESS 27 Johnstone Street

10 Boddington Hotel

The Boddington Hotel was a very successful business from the time of opening, until the Industrial Extracts had closed. However, when mining became another significant industry in the Boddington district, the Hotel’s business flourished once again. The former owners of the Boddington Hotel were, in consecutive order, the Greys, the Woods, and the Prices”. Townsend was the owner in 1955. The Peppertree located at the Hotel’s entry was one of three significant street trees surrounding the building. They were responsible for tying up horses, with steel rings embedded in their trunks. The Peppertree is the only tree remaining.

11 Boddington RSL

The returned services league sub-branch of Boddington was formed in 1931. Mr David John, a veteran of the Great War, posed a meeting recruiting fourteen members in the Boddington district. After the Second World War, fifty three members were involved by 1951. Until this time, meetings and reunion dinners were located around the district. Places like the Road Board office, Forestry house, the Druids” Hall at Ranford and Fairheads” building were popular meeting places. In 1958, the RSL headquarters was build, aiding the many fundraising projects the men stood for. The RSL Hall site was donated by Dick Strange at half the land value. Ron Wardell, a local builder of the district, and local school Principal Joe James, both contributed heavily to the project. The local sub-branch come together to support the War Veterans” Home project and Legacy. In addition, the „Food for Britain” appeal, gift par- cel projects for service men overseas, the service and repair of gravestones in the Marradong Cemetery, and the Service Pension, were of the many projects RSL were responsible for.

12 Boddington District Hospital

Constructed 1943

Before the hospital was constructed, a doctor would visit Boddington regularly from Dwellingup. If need be, the doctor would travel the 53km, on a ridged gravel road, taking up to two hours. In the 1930’s, Dr Nash would visit every fortnight, staying at the Boddington Hotel overnight. Dr Zilko was the regular traveller from Narrogin in the later decade. Around this time, the Marradong Road Board was responsible for enticing a hospital board. In 1943 the board was in charge of erecting the first building, facilitating a nurse and two patients. Extracts factory patients and bush workers were regular visitors. A resident doctor, Neil Same, was appointed in 1952. As facilities were scares, in the latter part of the decade, another building was constructed. A general wing was soon to follow. The local community, the Hospital Board, and the local Roads Board, particularly Lou Stagbouer, were responsible for these improvements.

LOCATION/ ADDRESS 53-65 Hotham Avenue, corner of Forrest Street

