

The Mangowine Story

Charles Adams and his wife, Jane, became the first settlers in this district when they moved to Mangowine in 1874. Mangowine Spring is an historic spot, having been first noted in 1836 by Surveyor J.S. Roe when he explored the district in search of water that was desperately needed for the expanding sheep flocks in the colony.

No authentic record of the meaning of 'Mangowine' has been retained. 'Munga' is an Aboriginal word meaning nest, while 'gnow' means mallee fowl, and 'ine' denotes place of, so perhaps 'Mangowine' might mean 'the place of the Mallee fowl'. Roe noted that mallee fowl were numerous in the area, and nearby Mt. Grey resembles the shape of a mallee fowl's nest.

Jane's parents and her brother, Alex, settled at nearby Moujakine where they discovered the first nugget of gold, which led to the development of the Yilgarn gold fields in 1888. As prospectors moved along the track, Mangowine became an important stopping place for water and accommodation, until 1893 when the rail link between Merredin and Perth was completed.

Charles died at the comparatively young age of 49, and is buried at Mangowine alongside one of his granddaughters. Jane was left with 9 children still at home, the youngest only 4 years of age.

To supplement the family income, Jane gained the contract for fortnightly mail delivery through Kellerberrin to Mangowine and northwards.

The mail run took a week to complete and was delivered by Jane's son, Charles jnr, who was only 15 years old at the time.



Jane died on 9th November 1934, and is buried in the Nungarin cemetery.

She was inducted into the Western Australian Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2003, in recognition of the pioneering role that she and her husband, Charles, took in establishing the pastoral industry in this region.



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Nungarin
 a town rich in history



Things to see:

- Mangowine Homestead (1875)
 Phone: (08) 9046 5149
- McCorry's Old Hotel (1912)
 Phone: (08) 9046 5187
- Nungarin Heritage Machinery & Army Museum
 Phone: (08) 9046 5108

Things to do:

- Cemetery Heritage Walk
- Town Heritage Walk
- Mangowine Heritage Walk

Things to Enjoy:

- Eaglestone Rock
- Danberrin Rock
- Tagmine Reserve
- Spring Wildflowers

Things to Experience:

- Nungarin Wheatbelt Markers
- Annual Mangowine Concert

Information

Brochures and information on heritage walks and current attractions

Nungarin Visitor Centre (in Post Office Building, Railway Ave)
 Tel: (08) 9046 5148

or Nungarin Shire Council – Tel: (08) 9046 5006

National Trust of Australia (W.A.)
Mangowine Homestead

Opening times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 1.00-4.00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays
 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

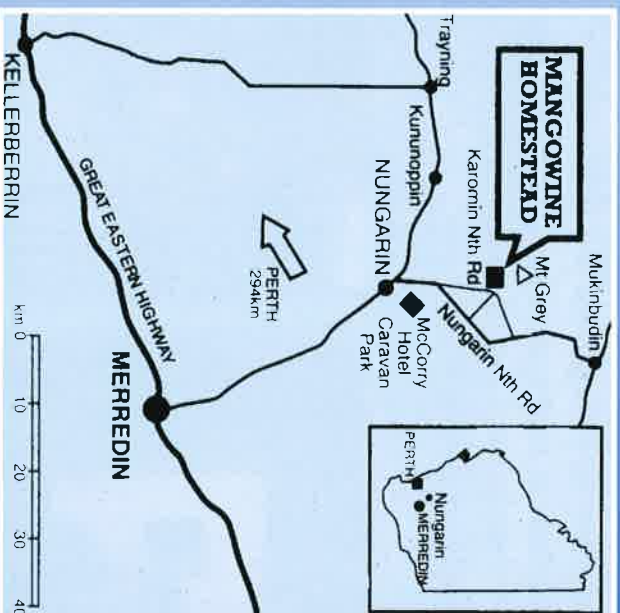
Wednesday closed

Group bookings by arrangement

Mangowine Homestead
 (08) 9046 5149
 RESIDENT CARETAKER

Barbecues and playground
 Public toilets

Camping & Caravan Welcome



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Situated 14.5 kms north of Nungarin
 on Karomin Road
 (via Nungarin North Road)

*Panoramic Views
 Clean Stanlit Slices
 Perfect Relaxation*

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