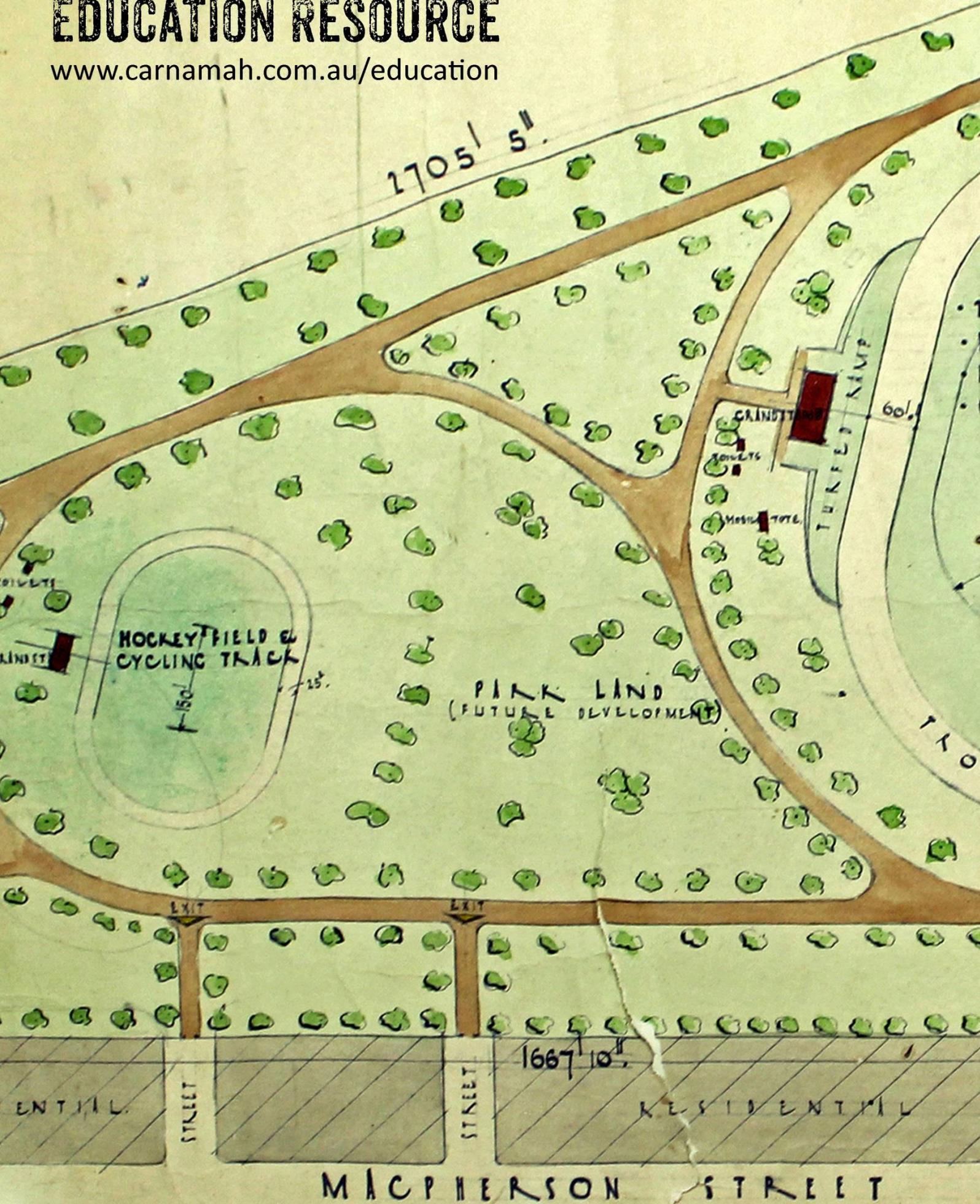


ROADS TO GOVERNMENT

EDUCATION RESOURCE

www.carnamah.com.au/education



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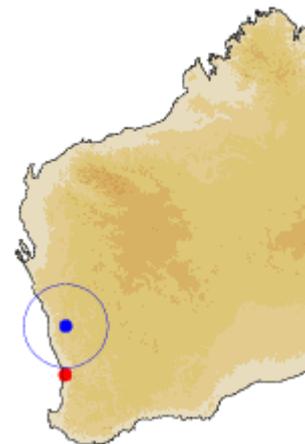
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CARNAMAH HISTORY

Teachers!

Here's a bit of Carnamah history for your own background knowledge.

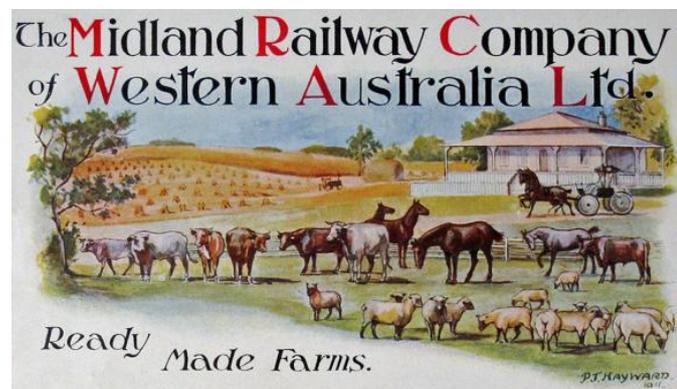
Carnamah is a town in the Mid-West region of Western Australia, 300 kilometres north of Perth. The town is named after the pastoral station established by Duncan Macpherson, a Scottish migrant, who first leased land there in 1861. Macpherson's property *Carnamah* derives its name from the Carnamah Spring featured on the land.



By 1866, Englishman James Nairn and his family had settled in the district and established *Noolooloo* Station. For over 25 years, the Nairn and Macpherson families were the only settlers in the Carnamah district.

In 1894, the Midland Railway Company of Western Australia (MRWA) built a railway line north of Perth in exchange for land from the Government. Arrival of the railway led to further settlement in the district. To increase settlement in the area, in 1911, MRWA began partially clearing and subdividing their land into Ready Made Farms. These were heavily advertised in newspapers overseas which resulted in 20 families purchasing and settling on farms between 1913 and 1916. Most of these settlers were from Scotland,

England and India. Many of them had no practical knowledge of farming.



The Carnamah State School started in 1912 and the following year the town site was officially declared Carnamah. The first large social gathering of Carnamah was a Sports and Races Day in 1916 which comprised children's sports, horse racing, and a town dance. The Carnamah Town Hall was officially opened by Donald Macpherson (son of Duncan) in 1921.

Between 1919 and 1923, four Soldier Settlement estates were established in the area. Subdivided land was allocated to 40 WWI ex-servicemen. This significantly increased Carnamah's population and business trade. The first telephone arrived in 1923. By the end of the 1920s, Carnamah was one of the highest wheat producing districts in Western Australia, however, with the depression came a drop in wheat prices and some farmers were forced to abandon their properties. In more recent times, Carnamah was home to a WWII Victoria Cross recipient: Thomas Starcevich, for 'outstanding gallantry' in fearlessly attacking Japanese machine-gun positions while fighting in Borneo.

Carnamah's rich history is now revealed by a number online exhibitions that highlight the district's agricultural and social history, artefacts, and local and regional stories.

A more in-depth overview of Carnamah's history can be found at www.carnamah.com.au/history and Carnamah's Virtual Museum via www.virtualmuseum.com.au

VIRTUAL MUSEUM



MACPHERSON FAMILY



MIDLAND RAILWAY



READY MADE FARMS

www.virtualmuseum.com.au

Carnamah's Virtual Museum displays ten online exhibitions that highlight artefacts, photos and documents from Carnamah's domestic, social, commercial and agricultural past.

These can be explored by your students to increase their understanding of pioneer settlement, immigration, domestic life and businesses of the past, as well as relationships between settlers and Aboriginal people.

Peruse them in your own time and connect with the Society's [blog](#) to see which themes best suit your students' interest and your curriculum needs.



ROADS TO GOVERNMENT



BUSINESS HOUSES



TOYS!

ROADS TO GOVERNMENT

We suggest that your class examines the themes of national federation and democracy to really set the scene of the systems of government in Australia, then continue on to examine the development of local government through the study of the Roads to Government virtual exhibition at:

www.carnamah.com.au/roads

A question to ask the class while exploring this virtual exhibition is: *why are people involved with local government in the past, considered to be significant to the development of a town, a community, and to Australian society?*

The 30Q History Hunt (on pages 7-8) is a great 'launch' activity for students to become familiar with the roles, protocols and contributors involved with the development of Carnamah's local government. It requires students to explore the virtual exhibition and respond to brief questions. Additional historical knowledge and skills can be further developed by way of the inquiry suite, sequence activities, narrative writing, and creative design tasks featured throughout this resource.

30Q HISTORY HUNT – PART ONE		
What is the purpose of a Road Board?	What equipment was used to make roads prior to the availability of motorising machines?	What was the accepted method for the payment of rates out of that was used for Carnamah District Road Board (CDRB) elections?
What was the process for interested people to come on a Road Board?	What was the Carnamah District Road Board granted?	What does 'provision' mean?
Which towns were part of the Carnamah District Road Board?	Why did James O. Thomson believe was significant regarding the establishment of the CDRB?	Where was the location of the first CDRB office?
What year was the CDRB office built?	Why do people seem roads built in their town?	What does 'to stand for' on the registration plates?
What is a 'cutty'?	Why did the CDRB office in town Bonus?	Why do deposit and farming logs need to be registered?

THE BEGINNINGS OF GOVERNMENT

The *Roads to Government* virtual exhibition highlights how local government developed in and near Carnamah. It reveals a model of progress followed by many Western Australian towns. The trend typically was that European settlers banded together to improve conditions for their family and their livelihood in an area, particularly the formation of roads. This led to the establishment of a 'Road Board' that was responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads and facilities of a town as well as other services. In the 1960s, Western Australian state legislation introduced a new structure by which a 'Shire Council' governed instead of a road board.

Shire Councils still exist in rural areas, but in larger regional and metropolitan areas, local governments now have titles such as City of Wanneroo, Town of Cambridge, City of Greater Geraldton, etc. View the upbeat YouTube clip *10 Biggest Local Government Areas in Australia 2014* to gain a unique birds-eye view of our nation at <http://youtu.be/yumr1R94-XQ> (duration 2:13).

Local people take care of their local facilities and services, but what happens at the state and federal level? And how did these structures develop? How long ago were they established? Examining the themes of democracy, federation, and the drafting of the Australian constitution, will help put all of this into perspective. The information below and on the next page suggests some suitable resources for examining the beginnings of government in Australia.

Beginnings of Democracy

The YouTube clip *Australian Democracy Part 1 – First Fleet to Federation* provides an interesting overview of the earliest laws of the land practiced by Aboriginal people in Australia for thousands of years. It expands on this by revealing the British model of Government and how these two realms collided when convicts arrived in Australia in 1788. See the clip at <http://youtu.be/V7flr-4BDNs> (duration 6:07). Although this clip is a preview of a longer production, this snippet provides valuable information on the themes of law and government of Australia in the past.

Lead up to Federation

Behind the News' *Australia's Federation* provides an engaging look at the events that led to the Federation of Australian colonies – http://youtu.be/ecB-Lpm_AZO (duration 4:51).

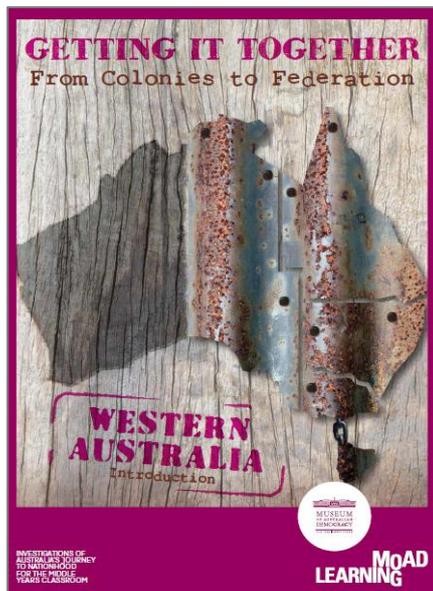
The Australian Constitution

Behind the News also provide a very easy to understand clip, about what the Australian Constitution is and what is needed to make changes to it, at www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s3939299.htm (duration 4:14).



State Library of Western Australia

DEMOCRACY AND FEDERATION RESOURCES



Getting it Together – From Colonies to Federation (four page resource)

A great resource from the Museum of Australian Democracy that examines Western Australia’s reluctant journey toward Federation. It highlights John Forrest’s involvement in the national discussion for a federated Australia. Please note that MOAD have produced a resource outlining each state’s passage toward Federation.

http://static.moadoph.gov.au/ophgovau/media/docs/learning/getting-it-together/WesternAustralia/WA_Introduction.pdf

Federation Gallery

(three page PDF / 1.79 MB)

This resource comprises an overview of the artefacts displayed in the Federation Gallery at the National Archives of Australia. Its content is rich with explanations and interesting stories related to significance of the Australian Constitution and the protocols involved in its establishment.

www.naa.gov.au/Images/Fed-Gallery-Teachers-Notes_tcm16-36797.pdf

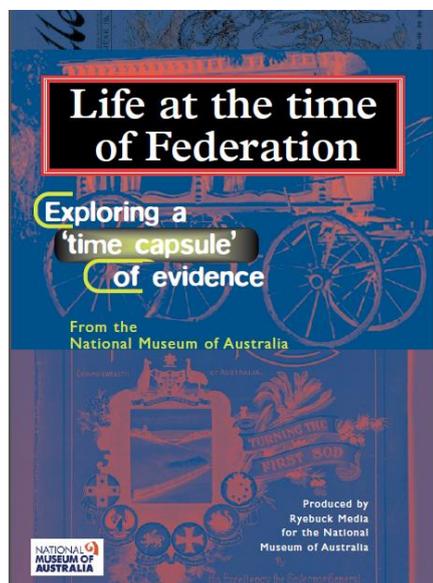


Life at the Time of Federation

(14 page PDF / 3.46 MB)

A comprehensive resource from the National Museum of Australia that provokes students to imagine they’re living in 2101 and are examining items from a time capsule illustrating what life was like at the time of Federation in 1901.

www.nma.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/19470/Life_Federation_activities.pdf



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<p>What is a sulky?</p>	<p>Why did the CDRB offer a Vermin Bonus?</p>	<p>Why do domestic and farming dogs need to be registered?</p>

30Q HISTORY HUNT – PART TWO



<p>Why would a town want to destroy grasshoppers?</p>	<p>What materials do you think the super posh CDRB chairs are made out of?</p>	<p>What CDRB scandal was Gilbert Glaskin involved in?</p>
<p>Why did the CDRB shrink in numbers in 1928?</p>	<p>What year was a freshwater pool opened at Gunyidi? What direction is it from Carnamah?</p>	<p>Why would a Road Board purchase 500 Coronation medals in 1937?</p>
<p>What year did the CDRB change its legal structure to become the 'Carnamah Shire Council (CSC)?'</p>	<p>What brand of truck did the Carnamah Shire purchase in 1966?</p>	<p>What major change occurred to the CSC in 1961?</p>
<p>Why are Lila Flegg and Ruth White significant to the timeline of the development of local government in Carnamah?</p>	<p>What did Robert Mackie donate to the CDRB in 1927 and what did he do for a living?</p>	<p>What is the same today as it was 90 years ago about the Carnamah vehicle registration plates?</p>
<p>How many years did King George VI rule over the British Commonwealth?</p>	<p>What is a road gang?</p>	<p>What is the official title of the Carnamah Shire today?</p>

CONTRIBUTIONS OF GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

The progress and development of a town, its community facilities, commerce and social threads, occurs through the commitment and passion of its community members. Individuals involved with road boards across Australia made significant contributions to the growth and expansion of their towns, and of our society. We see the names of these people on plaques and their faces in official photographs, but who are they and what skills, background, and special community interests did they have?



BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF COOROW, CARNAMAH AND THREE SPRINGS

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Inquiry Activity

Find out more about the background of a member of the Carnamah District Road Board using the Biographical Dictionary of Coorow, Carnamah and Three Springs at www.biographicaldictionary.com.au

The Preliminary Profile Inquiry template (page 11) can start off the research, then expand on it by devising your own inquiry questions to investigate. From completing this task, students will soon come to realise that the towns of Coorow, Carnamah and Three Springs were largely built up by skilled and dedicated migrants.

CA = Carnamah, CW = Coorow and TS = Three Springs

Some names to select from include:

Fred James (TS)	Andrew Smart (CA)	Donald Macpherson (CA)	JK Forrester (CA)
Richard Robertson (CA)	Archibald Bastian (TS)	Peter Thomson (CW)	Bob Wells (CW)
Angus McGilp (CW)	Arnold Bierman (CA)	John Bowman (CA)	Tom White (CA)
Roger Clark (CA)	Frank Bryant (CW)	Charles Chapman (CA)	Frank Lucas (CA)

INQUIRY SUITE

[ACHHK116 – The contribution of individuals and groups to the development of Australian society]

PRELIMINARY PROFILE INQUIRY

Name: **Richard Robertson** Date of Birth: **16 December 1873**
Country of Birth: **Scotland**
Occupation/Livelihood: **Farmer of Woodbine Farm in Carnamah**
Time of Service on the Carnamah District Road Board: **President 1926-1932**
What kind of vehicle did they drive? **Ford**
(They may or may not be the same as you)
Date of Death: **7 July 1932**
Where are they buried? **Witchester Cemetery**



What articles in this person mentioned in on the Trove newspaper database?
(Record a brief summary along with the name and date of the newspaper.)
The Midlands Advertiser, 24 September 1926
A report on his election to the Carnamah Road Board
Western Mail newspaper, 20 December 1928
Reported on his background and role as president of the Carnamah Road Board
Geelong Guardian and Express, 9 July 1932
A report on his accidental death

After doing a little bit of preliminary research, what new questions come to mind that you'd like to find out about this person or what they were involved in?
A newspaper article indicated that Richard was unwell at the time that his wife Jane died. I wonder what illness he was suffering from at the time.
In 1928, Richard donated money to the Carnamah Football Club so they could play in Geraldton. Did they get there? Did they win any games?
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What sources do you think you'll use to investigate these new inquiry questions?
• Digitised newspapers on Trove
• Burial records and headstones at the cemetery
• Minutes of the District Road Board

Page 11

Preliminary Profile Inquiry Page

Using the sites listed below, ask your student to conduct some foundation research on the person they've selected and record their findings. See the Richard Robertson example on page 11. The easiest way to locate information in the digitised newspapers is to search the person's surname along with the words Carnamah Road Board, or even just Carnamah.

- www.biographicaldictionary.com.au
- www.carnamah.com.au/number-plates
- www.trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper

[ACHHS121 – Locate information related to inquiry questions in a range of sources]

TIMELINE!

Introduction
Richard Robertson was a Scottish migrant who purchased a Ready Made Farm in Carnamah and went on to become Chairman of the Carnamah District Road Board. This timeline highlights some important and interesting moments of his life. This information has been obtained from www.carnamah.com.au/bio/richard-robertson

16 th December 1873	Richard Robertson was born in <i>Beath, Fife, Scotland</i>
31 st January 1896	Richard married <i>Jane Syme</i> . Richard was a mine manager in Scotland.
11 th May 1915	Richard arrived in <i>Fremantle, Western Australia</i> via the ship <i>Osterley</i> and travelled to Carnamah by train to inspect his purchased farm two days later.
22 nd September 1921	Richard was a successful exhibitor of vegetables at the <i>Carnamah Agricultural Show</i> . He won five first prizes for late cabbage, potatoes, onions, cauliflower and six varieties of vegetables.
No specific date mentioned 1926 #1	Richard obtained a telephone. His phone number was # 8 which indicates that he was the eighth person in the district to have a phone.
Sometime in September 1926 #2	Richard Robertson becomes Chairman of the Carnamah Road Board. <i>Woo Hoo!</i>

Timeline & Reflection

Continue using the Biographical Dictionary to discover more about the lifespan of the person. Select 12 important/interesting moments of their life and record them on the timeline sequence (pages 13-14). Set up the timeline with an introductory paragraph and close it with a reflection on how valuable this person's contributions to the development of Carnamah were. Be sure to also list the source/s used in gathering the timeline information. See the Richard Robertson example on pages 15-16.

The Carnamah-Three Springs Times And Arriano Advertiser.

Compiled by Mark Nishan

Friday 15 July 1932

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An inquest was held at Carnamah before Mr John Bowman, J.P. Acting Coroner, assisted by Constable H. V. Street of Three Springs, Mr N. M. Graham, Solicitor of Carnamah watched the interests of the relatives of the deceased.

Mr Charles Robertson, son of the deceased, described the circumstances leading up to his hearing the gun explode. On running to investigate he found his father lying in a heap on top of his gun where he had obviously stumbled and in doing so had jolted the weapon, one trigger of which was very light, and caused it to discharge. He knew of no reason which would lead him to suspect that his father contemplated taking his own life.

Doctor Rosenthal of Carnamah gave evidence of having examined the body. It was his opinion that death was the result of an accident pure and simple. He had been treating Mr Robertson for an internal growth for some time but of late he showed a marked improvement in all round health.

Constable Street was also examined by the acting Coroner, who then delivered the verdict that death was due to gunshot wounds in the head, accidentally inflicted by deceased himself while out shooting.

The late Mr Robertson who was 58 years of age, came to Western Australia in May 1915, from Scotland, with his family. He had during his residence in Carnamah district, taken a very active interest in public affairs, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was the Chairman of the Carnamah Road Board. Only two or three months ago his wife passed away, and he himself had been seriously ill, having for some time been under treatment in Perth. His property was about three miles out of Carnamah, and his son, Mr Charles Robertson, and his daughter-in-law lived with him. The funeral took place on Saturday last in conjunction with that of the late Mr C. Brewer."

[ACHHS117 – Sequence historical people and events]

Write an Obituary

An obituary is a 'notice of death' featured in a newspaper that typically includes a brief biography of the deceased person.

After researching your chosen person and finding out how they passed on, write a brief obituary outlining their life and what caused their death. A handy obituary template can be found at:

www.obituaryhelp.net/Fill-in-the-Blank_Long_Obituary.php

[ACHHS124 – Develop texts, particularly narratives and descriptions, which incorporate source materials]

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Country of Birth:

Occupation/Livelihood:

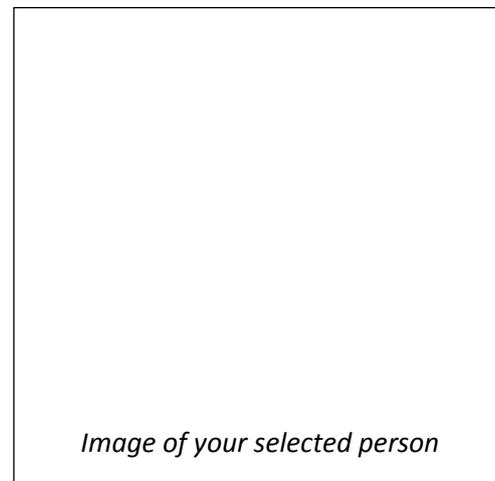
Time of Service on the Carnamah District Road Board:

What kind of vehicle did they drive?

(Google Images an image of this make of car.)

Date of Death:

Where are they buried?



What articles is this person mentioned in on the Trove newspaper database?

(Record the name of the article along with the name and date of the newspaper)

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What sources do you think you'll use to investigate these new inquiry questions?

PRELIMINARY PROFILE INQUIRY

(EXAMPLE)

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Date of Birth: 16 December 1873

Country of Birth: Scotland

Occupation/Livelihood:

Farmer of Woodbine Farm in Carnamah

Time of Service on the Carnamah District Road Board:

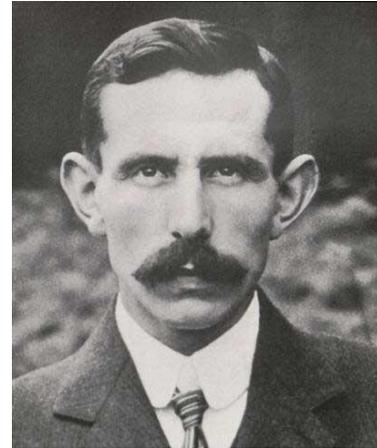
President 1926-1932

What kind of vehicle did they drive? **Ford**

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1896

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11th May

1915

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22nd September

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Sometime in September

1926 # 2

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17th March

1928 # 1

Richard became the founding Chairman of a committee formed to obtain a hospital in Carnamah.

22nd September

1928 # 2

Richard made a donation to the Carnamah Football Club to assist their fundraising efforts to send a local team to play in Geraldton.

13th September

1929

As Chairman of the Carnamah Road Board, Richard presented Centenary Medals to the school children at Carnamah Centenary celebrations.

14th May

1932 # 1

Richard's wife Jane dies from pneumonia and heart failure. Richard himself is quite unwell at this time.

30th June

1932 # 2

As Carnamah Road Board Chairman, Richard receives the first letter stamped from the new Carnamah Post Office.

7th July

1932 # 3

Richard tragically dies from an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound whilst out shooting on his farm. A street in Carnamah is named after him.

Reflection

Richard Robertson was definitely a community minded person. He was involved in many committees formed to improve the facilities and services in Carnamah, i.e., Wheatgrowers Union, Annual Show & Sports Carnival, Primary Producers Association, Carnamah Race Club...etc. Richard also supported local sporting clubs and won prizes for vegetables grown on his Woodbine Farm. He made such a significant contribution to the development of Carnamah that they named a street after him.

The Carnamah-Three Springs Times

And Arrino Advertiser.

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HONOURING THE PAST AT CHRISTMAS

After researching and reflecting upon an individual involved with the Carnamah District Road Board or the Carnamah Shire Council, consider honouring their contribution to the by creating a Christmas decoration that features a photo of them and a brief sentence about their efforts. For example, if you made a decoration featuring Richard Robertson, you might write something like:

Chairman of the Carnamah District Road Board 1928-32

Or, you might wish to take a different angle and write:

Came out from Scotland and owned Woodbine Farm

Consider making the base of your Christmas decoration from recycled items to symbolise that these people often did a great deal with very little and recycling was a way of life for settlers and migrants.

Some great websites to visit that feature recycled Christmas decoration designs are:

- [http://greenliving.lovetoknow.com/Recycled Christmas Crafts](http://greenliving.lovetoknow.com/Recycled_Christmas_Crafts)
- www.ehow.co.uk/list_6185469_christmas-made-out-recycled-items.html
- <http://familycrafts.about.com/od/treeornaments/tp/RecycledOrnaments.htm>
- <http://familycrafts.about.com/od/christmascrafts/tp/Recycled-Christmas-Crafts-For-Kids.htm>



When you've made your **Significant Contributor Christmas Decoration**, place it on your school Christmas tree, but don't throw it out when the school year comes to an end, donate it to the Carnamah Historical Society who love celebrating the past, especially at Christmas time.

Check out the Christmas image created each year on the Carnamah Historical Society & Museum's blog at www.blog.carnamah.com.au

[ACHHS125 – Develop texts, particularly narratives and descriptions, which incorporate source materials]

[ACHHS125 – Use a range of communication forms and digital technologies]



ROAD BOARD REGISTRATION

The registration of vehicles of transport, including those pulled by horses, is a requirement by law in many countries. In 1902, some Australian politicians attempted to impose a registration fee on the use of camels, which were in great demand at the time for exploring and surveying of land, but the idea was rejected. Vehicle registration provides government funds for maintaining roads and estimation data on the use of roads across the nation, i.e., how many cars, trucks, road trains, caravans and motor bikes are using roads.



In the past, standard vehicle registration plates followed an 'alpha-numerical' pattern. The first two letters identified where a person resided, i.e. CA = Carnamah, CW = Coorow, TS = Three Springs and so on. Initially the number indicated the order in which a car registration was issued until plates began to be re-used.

As the population grew and more people came to live in the extended city of Perth, general plates became available to keep up with demand. Cars registered in local government zones however, can still request Local Government Area (LGA) specific plates that are restricted to their town. These might feature a community crest, motto or other design exclusive to that particular Shire.

Design a Vehicle Registration Plate

Imagine you've been employed to design a new car registration plate. What logo, colour, font, sequence (i.e., numbers and letters), or catch phrase would you use? See the next page for some past and present designs. How much would you charge for LGA specific plates?

Pet Registration

As well as keeping count of the number of cars belonging to residents and businesses in Carnamah, domestic pets and working pets, such as sheep dogs, had to be registered as well. Pet dogs and farm dogs were registered to avoid being confused with stray dogs and dingoes.



Find out what the current protocol is for registering a dog. Check your local shire council website and search for how dogs are registered and how much it costs? Is it the same as wearing a bronze tag with a number on it like the Carnamah dog registration requirement ninety years ago?

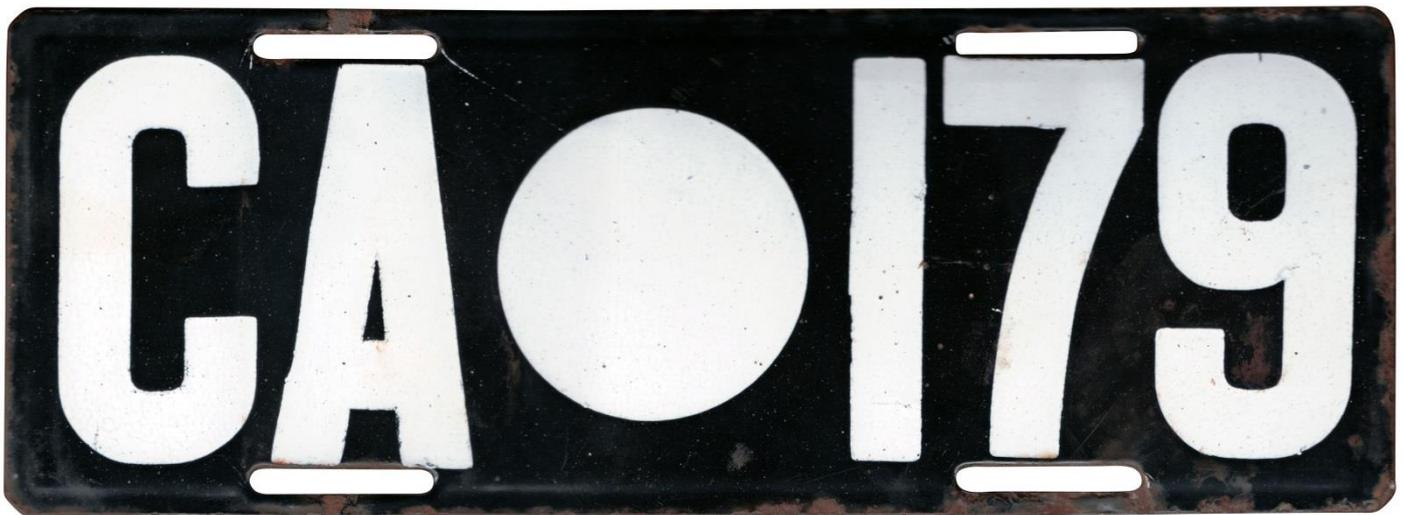
VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE DESIGNS



Inquiry Task

www.carnamah.com.au/nunumber-plates

Using the Carnamah vehicle registration index find out who owned the 33rd and the 179th registered vehicle in Carnamah and what type of vehicle was the registration, i.e. Ford, Holden, Dodge, etc.



EXAMINATION OF MOTOR REGISTRATION DATA

1. What do you think the number preceding the person's name represents?
2. Create a bar graph on the back of this page that reveals the pattern of vehicle brands registered with the Carnamah Road Board in the year 1924.
3. Which make of car was the most popular?
4. Which make of car was the least popular?
5. Using Google, find an image of each of these models of cars. Which style do you like the most? Why is that? 😊
Bonus – find out which country each brand of car was manufactured and write the country of origin on your bar graph.
6. How many of the names on the registration list are actually members of the Carnamah Road Board? Who are they?
7. What are the other towns featured on this list? How many kilometres from Carnamah are each of these towns?

CARNAMAH ROAD BOARD.		
CA. 1	Bowman, John, Carnamah	Vauxhall
CA. 2	Green, S. J. U., Carnamah	Ford
CA. 3	Colpitts, Mrs. G. C., Winchester	Ford
CA. 4	Macpherson, D., Carnamah	Hupmobile
CA. 5	Wilson, Vernon, Three Springs	Dodge
CA. 6	McKenzie, Nathaniel, Three Springs	Hupmobile
CA. 7	Bingham, Fred, Cooroo	Ford Truck
CA. 8	Lynch, Mrs. Annie, Carnamah	Chevrolet Truck
CA. 9	Cope, H. J., Carnamah	Ford
CA. 10	Bastean, A., Three Springs	Essex
CA. 11	James, Mrs. J., Three Springs	Dodge
CA. 12	Robertson, R., Carnamah	Ford
CA. 13	Sergeant, W. T., Carnamah	Ford
CA. 14	Trotter, A. L., Carnamah	Chevrolet
CA. 15	Bean, C. W., Carnamah	Ford
CA. 16	Watson, Mrs. M., Three Springs	Oakland
CA. 17	Thomas, C., Three Springs	Essex
CA. 18	McAlear, Dr. J., Three Springs	Dodge
CA. 19	Bryant, F. R., Marchagee	Dodge
CA. 20	Parker, L. P., Carnamah	Dodge
CA. 22	Raffin, J., Winchester	Chevrolet
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CA. 23	Parkin, H., Carnamah	Ford Truck
CA. 24	Bothe, Mrs. E. W., Cooroo	Essex
CA. 25	Bothe Bros., Cooroo	Essex
CA. 26	Duffy, Mrs. E., Three Springs	Ford

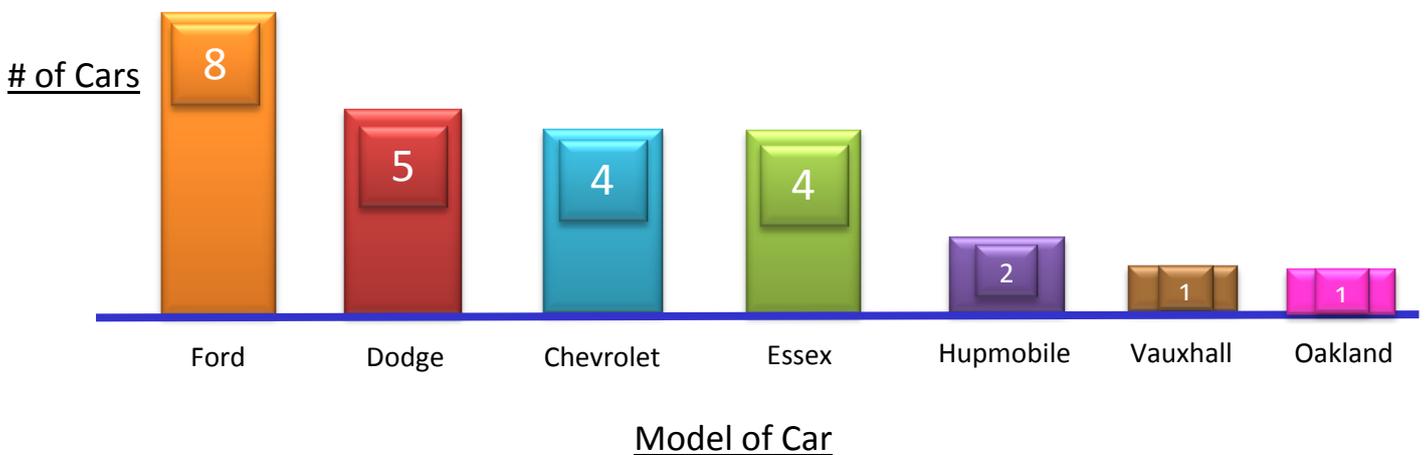
From the Royal
Automobile Club of
Western Australia
1924-25 Motor
Guide & Year Book

EXAMINATION OF MOTOR REGISTRATION DATA (ANSWERS)

1. What do you think the number preceding the person's name represents?

It's the sequential number for cars registered in Carnamah, thus, John Bowman had the first car to be registered with #1. Richard Robertson had the 12th car to be registered in Carnamah... etc.

2. Create a bar graph on the back of this page that reveals the pattern of vehicle brands registered with the Carnamah Road Board in the year 1924.



3. Which make of car was the most popular? **Ford**

4. Which make of car was the least popular? **Vauxhall and Oakland**

5. Using Google, find an image of each of these models of cars. Which style do you like the most? Why is that? ☺
Bonus – find out which country each brand of car was manufactured.

Students own response.

6. How many of the names on the registration list are actually members of the Carnamah Road Board? Who are they?

J. Bowman, D. Macpherson, R. Robertson, F. Bryant

7. What are the other towns featured on this list? How many kilometres from Carnamah are each of these towns?

Carnamah to Three Springs	= 21 km	(or 23 km driving distance)
Carnamah to Coorow	= 25 km	(or 27 km driving distance)
Carnamah to Marchagee	= 44 km	(or 50 km driving distance)
Carnamah to Winchester	= 10 km	(or 11 km driving distance)

Information obtained from Google Maps and www.au.distancescalc.com

You can easily get the driving distance by searching in Google or Google Maps for **Place A to Place B** such as **Carnamah to Three Springs**.

CHANGING PERSPECTIVES OVER TIME

As well as administering the registration of cars and domestic pets, the Carnamah District Road Board was also a Vermin Board responsible for controlling vermin such as foxes, dingoes, rabbits, grasshoppers and eagles.

Baits were laid to keep control of grasshoppers and rabbits, but a method used to control larger sized vermin in the area was to offer a 'Vermin Bonus' in which the Road Board would pay an amount for evidence of the scalp of nominated vermin (see article on the right).

While foxes are still perceived to be a pest in regional and metropolitan areas, our society has changed its attitude toward the existence of eagles, which are now a protected species in Australia. In fact, it's currently against the law to harm or kill an eagle, even though 90 years ago, the community was strongly encouraged to destroy them.

Right: From *The Midlands Advertiser* newspaper of Friday 12 August 1927 via Trove, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article157067087>

Carnamah Vermin Board.

Dingoes, Foxes, Eagle Hawks.
UNIFORM BONUSES
To Operate as from the 1st July, 1927.

Bonus on Dingoes, £2. Bonus on Foxes £2. Bonus on Eagle Hawks 5/.

The public are hereby notified that after July 1st, 1927, the above bonuses will be paid by the Board.

The scalps of Dingoes and Foxes must have the Two Ears connected by a strip of skin and also the tail (separate).

The scalps of Eagle Hawks will be the head and claws.

All scalps must be properly dried and painted with weevil paint before being presented to the Secretary of the Board for payment of bonus. No bonus can be paid unless this is carried out, as the scalps have to be sent to Perth to enable the Board to recoup the amounts of bonuses from the Government fund. Any doubtful scalps will be referred to Perth.

ARNOLD C. BIERMAN,
Secretary.

Examine this issue more closely through the use of the Perspective Comparison template (on the next page and pictured below). Locate sources that favoured the removal of eagles and sources that promote the current protection of eagles, and record their perspectives in the respective columns.

PERSPECTIVE COMPARISON

Life is interesting in that some attitudes remain the same for decades, and yet other things change completely. Ninety years ago, the Carnamah District Road Board offered a 'Vermin Bonus' to help reduce the number of foxes and eagles destroying farming livestock. Foxes are still considered vermin today, but society has a different perspective on eagles. Do a bit of research and record the public perspective of eagles 90 years ago and what the general consensus is today. Record your findings in the columns below to examine their respective points of view.]

Past Perspectives of Eagles	Current Day Perspectives of Eagles

Sources:

The sources below may be of help:

- www.trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper
- <http://members.iinet.net.au/~rabbit/raptors.htm>
- www.arkive.org/wedge-tailed-eagle/aquila-audax/
- www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/files/e34887df-97d4-4225-8072-a1b300f8d0f9/living-with-wedgetails-fact.pdf

N.B. Teachers, this approach can also be used to examine the changes in gender roles regarding politics and local Government. The Carnamah District Road Board was established in 1923 but it wasn't until almost 60 years later in 1982 that a female was accepted in the role of Councillor, and six years later in 1988 to see the first female president.

For more information on this theme, visit the following sites:

- www.australia.gov.au/about-australia/australian-story/austn-women-in-politics
- www.australianpolitics.com/voting/electoral-system/women-and-the-right-to-vote
- www.aec.gov.au/elections/australian_electoral_history/milestone.htm

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CURRICULUM LINKS

Year 6 Australian History Curriculum – Australia as a Nation

- Explore factors that led to Federation.
- Understand the influences of the development of the Australian Government.
- Learn about the contributions migrants have made to the economic and social development of Australia.

Key Inquiry Questions	Historical Knowledge and Understanding	Historical Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why and how did Australia become a nation? • How did Australia society change throughout the twentieth century? • Why are these important? • Who were the people who came to Australia? Why did they come? • What contribution has significant individuals and groups made to the development of Australian society? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key figures and events that led to Australia’s Federation, including British and American influences on Australia’s system of government. • Experiences of Australian democracy and citizenship, including the status and rights of Aboriginal people and or Torres Strait Islanders, migrants, women, and children. • The contribution of individuals groups, including Aboriginal people and or Torres Strait Islanders and migrants, to the development of Australian society, for example in areas such as the economy, education, science, the arts and sport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequence historical people and events. • Identify questions to inform an historical inquiry. • Locate information related to inquiry questions in a range of sources. • Identify points of view in the past and the present. • Develop texts, particularly narratives and descriptions, which incorporate source materials. • Use a range of communication forms and digital technologies.

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SECRETARY.

CARNAMAH MUSEUM

The Carnamah Historical Society's physical [museum](#) is located at 10 Macpherson Street near the centre of the Carnamah townsite, approximately 300 kilometres north of Perth. It is open Friday afternoons from 1.30 to 5pm or on other days or times by prior arrangement. Admission is free with donations greatly appreciated.

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- Allow us to share your class's work on our [blog](#) (nice for us and for your students!) by e-mailing scanned copies or photographs to mail@carnamah.com.au

