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**“LOOKING FORWARD,
LOOKING BACK”**

C Y O’CONNOR MUSEUM
(FORMERLY NO. 1 PUMPING
STATION, MUNDARING).

When the newly refurbished National Trust’s “Golden Pipeline Project Museum” reopens it will celebrate 100 years of life within this landmark building.

Since 1964 the Museum has served the public well with stories and photographs of the building of Western Australia’s greatest engineering feat.

On the 13th of April 1902 the building came to life when pumping began at Number 1 Station. Water arrived at No. 2 Pumping Station on the same day, a distance of 1½ miles. No. 1 housed three Simpson pumps.

The following year, on 22nd January 1903, Lady Forrest officially opened the Mundaring Weir/ Coolgardie Water Supply. This was followed by a

luncheon held in a marquee adjacent to the pumping station, by invitation of James Simpson & Co Ltd., contractors for the supply of pumping machinery.

The midday temperature on that day was 91.7F (or 33.2C), fine and clear, with some smoke haze. Imagine serving the menu (overleaf), without refrigeration and in a hot tent, with the guests wearing the fashions of that time toasting the occasion with champagne and wine !!

One commentator said of the general celebrations surrounding the opening that ‘he had never heard so much talk about water and never seen so little of it drunk’.

The “Struggle Street” exhibition is currently on view at Mundaring District Museum (The Old Mundaring School). It depicts the epic story of Western Australia’s greatest engineering feat. Thanks to Ruth, Brian and the other volunteers for their efforts in producing it.

COOLGARDIE WATER SUPPLY.



Luncheon

GIVEN AT

MUNDARING WEIR,

Thursday, January 22nd, 1903,

BY

JAMES SIMPSON & Co., LTD.,

(Contractors for the supply of Pumping Machinery),

ON THE OCCASION OF THE

CELEBRATIONS

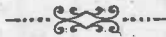
IN CONNECTION WITH THE

Starting of the Machinery at No. 1 Station

BY

LADY FORREST.

Toast List.



The King.

By the CHAIRMAN.

The Governor General.

By the CHAIRMAN.

His Excellency the Administrator.

By the CHAIRMAN.

The Ministry.

By the CHAIRMAN.

Coolgardie Water Scheme.

Proposed by THE HON. DR. HACKETT, L.L.D., M.L.C.

Responded to by THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN FORREST,
P.C., G.C.M.G.

Our Sister States.

Proposed by THE HON. WALTER JAMES, K.C., M.L.A.

Responded to by:—

Federal.

THE HON. SIR W. LYNÉ, K.C.M.G.

N.S.W.

THE HON. E. W. O'SULLIVAN, M.L.A.

Victoria.

H. HIGGINS, ESQ., M.H.R.

Queensland.

THE HON. T. MURRAY, M.L.C.

South Australia.

THE HON. J. G. JENKINS, M.L.A.

Tasmania.

THE HON. SIR PHILLIP FYSH, K.C.M.G.

The Press.

Proposed by A. CHAPMAN, ESQ., M.H.R.

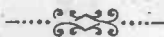
Responded to by H. MAHON, ESQ., M.H.R.

The Ladies.

Proposed by THE RIGHT HON. G. H. REID, P.C., K.C.

Responded to by E. I. BACHELOR, ESQ., M.H.R.

Menu.



- Oyster Patties.
English Salmon Mayonnaise.
Galantine of Turkey in Aspic.
Roast Turkey. Roast Duckling.
Roast Chicken. Ox Tongue.
York Ham.
Mayonnaise of Chicken.
Mayonnaise of Lobster and Prawns.
Boned Pigeon in Aspic.
Round of Beef.
Saddle of Mutton.
Salad Mayonnaise. Iced Asparagus.

ENTREMETS.

- Charlotte Russe. Champagne Jelly.
Dantzic Jelly. Orange Gateau.
Bavarian Cream. Patisserie Francaise.

Bombe Glace a la Russe.

Cheese Straws.

Fruit Salad. Strawberries and Cream.

Wines.



CHAMPAGNE

Heidsieck, Vintage, 1892

CLARET

Houghton, W.A.

CHABLIS

Houghton, W.A.

Auldana, S.A.

SHERRY

Gonzales

LIQUEURS

Chartreuse

Benedictine



Coming Events for 2001

- 7 Feb. Monthly Meeting
 7.30 p.m. Old
 Station Masters
 House
- 8 March Monthly Meeting
 7.30 p.m. Old SMH
 Show & Tell
- 4 April Monthly Meeting
 7.30 p.m. Old SMH
 Guest Speaker

Wishing all our members and their families a very happy and safe Christmas holiday! Please note that the Museum will be closed from 22nd December until 8th January 2001

History Mysteries

The Society will begin a new project in 2001 with "The Hill's Gazette".

Photographs of unidentified people, places and activities will be published along with a request for members of the public to provide information on the photograph.

If you have any photographs relating to life in the Shire which may be suitable for this project, please contact the Society on 9298 8944

REFURBISHING GRANT FOR MUSEUM

MHHS President, Shelley Bertola, was recently presented with a Lotteries Commission cheque for \$7,453 by Swan Hills MLA, June van de Klashorst. The grant will partly fund the second stage of the Mundaring District Museum fit-out. New graphic panels, display boards and showcases are included in this stage. The fit-out is planned to continue over the next 5 years.

