



Where to find us

Varley and Districts Museum is located at the corner of Seward Avenue and Arthur Street, Varley.

OPEN

Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 5:30pm
Saturday: 8:30am - 11:30am

To view the Museum, call in to Varley Store for the key. A deposit of \$10 (refundable upon return) is required.

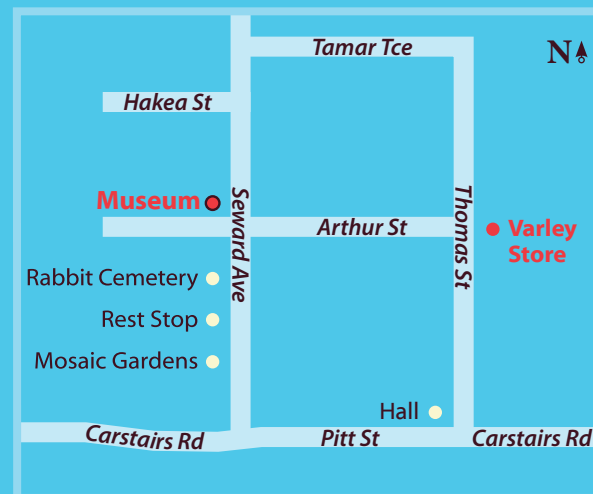
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Our community has kindly donated treasured items - such as this 1940s nurse's uniform - to the museum. We hope you enjoy your visit and our stories, and this small but significant view into Australia's changing rural life.

Our Museum is cared for by volunteers. Please respect our invaluable collection.



Varley Townsite





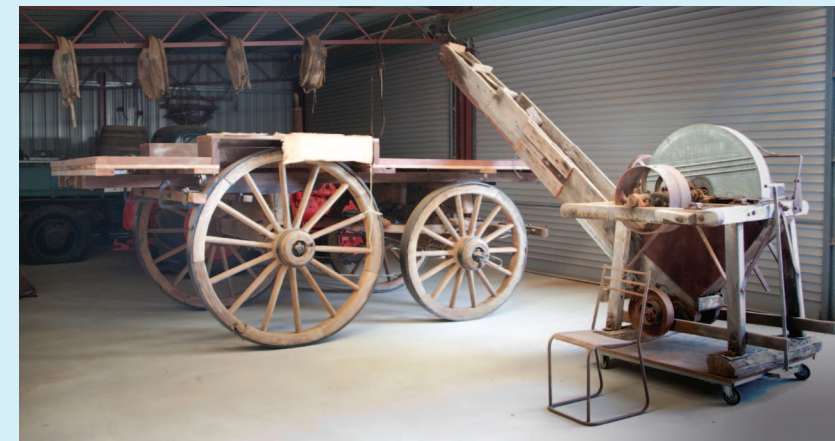
The Lake Varley and Holt Rock district was settled in 1928 with townsites declared in 1939. On its eastward edge, the district is bound by the Number One Rabbit Proof Fence which divides the farm land from the native bush stretching northwards to Southern Cross and eastwards to Salmon Gums. Approximately 200 people now live within the town and district, supporting a strong grain-growing industry.

Experience a journey back through time as you explore the stories and memorabilia of the Varley and Districts Museum. A place that celebrates Varley's pioneers, its community and farming families, this unique and carefully curated museum provides insight into the good times and hardships faced by district residents since the settlement of the area in the late 1920s.

As you browse through the collection, you will gain an understanding of life during those times. The 1930's wood stove, the kero fridge and the Coolgardie safe are just some of many small displays representing a time gone by.

An old Singer sewing machine, a 1930's kitchenette and a radio that celebrated the arrival of 32-volt power were all well-used in local homes.

Farming equipment, tools and machinery dating back to 1928 can be found in the large shed. A dray that brought the Francis family by horse across the Nullarbor to Lake Varley stands alongside a working 1946 McCormick Tractor. Outside, a 1940's combine seeder is a reminder of the dramatic changes in cropping machinery.



The Hon. Wilson Tuckey, MP, Member for O'Connor, opened the Varley and Districts Museum on 4 March 2001 in commemoration of the Federation of Australia.