

Scandals, Riots and Bombings: Boulder's Dark History Tour

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Heritage Services

In the days when Boulder was bolder and the nights were filled with intrigue, its past was shaped not just by the quest for gold, but by speculators and opportunists manoeuvring in the shadows. Prepare yourself for a deep dive into Boulder's hidden history! Beyond the façades of prosperity lie tales of daring robberies, suspicious deals, and unsettling murders. The promise of fortune often led to shady meetings, unexplained disappearances, and blasts that echoed through narrow streets. This tour unveils the darker side of Boulder—its scandals, temptations, and risks intertwined with the hunt for gold.

Bookings Required

\$15 per person

Sunday 19 April, 9.30am to 10.30am

Boulder Town Hall, 116 Burt Street, Boulder

P: 9021 1966 | www.kalgoorlietourism.com

Stories of Change Project

Artgold

The Stories of Change project draws on works from the Golden Mile Art Heritage Collection, inviting contemporary writers to respond creatively to historic artworks and reflect on how the Goldfields story continues to evolve. Selected stories will be published in a special anthology celebrating the connection between art, heritage and storytelling in the Goldfields.

In partnership with Golden Mile Art and Northern Star.

Book Launch Event & Exhibition Opening

Friday 1st May, 6pm

The twelve artworks that inspired the stories will be exhibited, allowing visitors to experience the paintings alongside the stories they inspired.

Exhibition dates: 1st May - 17th May. Gallery Open Monday and Friday 10am-3pm and other times by appointment.

Artgold Gallery, 14 Burt Street Boulder

E: admin@artgold.net.au to RSVP

Boulder Historic Sites Walking Trail

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society invites you to wander the charming streets of Boulder and explore the rich history behind some of the buildings—both those that still stand and those that have been lost to time. Grab your phone, scan the QR code, and read about some of the history of the buildings that once stood where you are standing.

Self-Guided

18 April - 18 May

Burt St, Moran St, Lane St & Piesse St Boulder

Our Stories Exhibition 2026

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society invites you to view Our Stories Exhibition created for the National Trust's Heritage Festival, 2026. Panels depicting scenes from from 1934 Race Riots are on display in Hamilton St, out the front of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Societies Old Boulder Power Station, along with a panel depicting a story on Private Stephen Grace. With many more on the fences around Boulder.

18 April - 18 May

Burt St, Moran St, Lane St & Piesse St Boulder

Goldfields First Nations & Afghan Story

Goldfields Aboriginal Language Centre

The Afghan cameleers of Western Australia's Goldfields played a crucial role in providing water and supplies to the region. Unfortunately, they, like Aboriginal people, faced discrimination as second-class citizens. This exhibition highlights their story and the connections forged between the cameleers and Aboriginal communities through shared hardship and resilience.

11 - 15 May, 8.30am to 4.30pm

Knowna Hall, Boulder Railway Stn, Loopline Park, Boulder

Mystery, Murder and Mayhem: Kalgoorlie's Dark History Tour

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Heritage Services

Forget polished legends - it's not all about the gold, the charm or the wonder. This is the kind of tour that makes you say, "WTF?"

Join an alternative tour of Kalgoorlie, where we explore stories that slipped through the cracks and tales that have been quietly pushed aside. Take a step back into the darker corners of Hannan Street, to a time when tensions boiled over and people sometimes made explosive decisions - literally! There were robberies, sudden deaths, lovers' confrontations, and moments when the town teetered on the edge of chaos. Travel off the beaten track and experience the fascinating and gruesome reality of Kalgoorlie's horrible history. These stories aren't polished for tourist brochures. Some are tragic, some unbelievable, and all of them reveal a rougher, rawer Kalgoorlie.

Bookings Required

\$15 per person

Sunday 3 May, 9.30am to 10.30am

Boulder Town Hall, 116 Burt Street, Boulder

P: 9021 1966 | www.kalgoorlietourism.com

Kalgoorlie-Boulder HERITAGE FESTIVAL 18 April to 18 May 2026

Such Was Life Screening

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Visitor Centre, Museum of Goldfields & Goldfields Repertory Club

Join the Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre and the Museum of the Goldfields for a special screening of Such Was Life, a WAnderland documentary series by the Western Australian Museum. It shares stories of early mining life, showcasing the hardships, resilience, and characters of the Goldfields.

The event includes a brief historical tour of the Goldfields Repertory Club, WA's longest-running amateur theatre group, founded in 1931.

\$15 adults and \$8 children under 15

Monday 27 April, 2pm-4pm &

Sunday 3 May, 2pm-4pm

Goldfields Repertory Club, 7 Brookman Street, Kalgoorlie

P: 9021 1966 | www.kalgoorlietourism.com

Boulder Town Hall Tours

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Heritage Services

As you explore the crown jewel of Burt Street, discover how key personalities and grand plans changed a rugged mining camp into a thriving town.

All tours start 10:30am at Boulder Town Hall, Burt Street, Boulder

Adults \$10, Concession \$8, Children \$4

**21, 23, 28, 30 April
5, 7, 12, 14 May**

**FREE TOURS
18 & 25 April | 2, 9, 16 May**

High Tea at the Boulder Railway Station

Goldfields Aboriginal Language Centre

As part of the 2026 Heritage Festival Boulder's program of events, the Language Centre will be running a high tea event on the Boulder railway station platform. Come along and enjoy a delicious high tea with a tower of sweet and savoury delights, and check out the railway station's interpretive material. Tables inside the railway buffet carriage available.

Booking required. A donation of \$40 per person is requested.

Saturday, 18 April | 10.30am-1.30pm

Goldfields Aboriginal Language Centre, Boulder Railway Station Building, Loopline Park, 49 Hamilton Street, Boulder.

P: 9021 3788 E: info@wangka.com.au

Behind the Telegrams - How the Pitman & Walsh Story was Told to the Nation

Museum of the Goldfields

Join Kylie Elston, History Curator at the Western Australian Museum, as she uses telegrams in the Museum's collection to show how this gruesome murder became a sensational story around Australia and the other side of the world.

Public Talk - Free admission
Visit the Museum of the Goldfields website to RSVP

5 May, 6pm-7.30pm

Museum of the Goldfields, 17 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie

International Museum Day Special Tour

Museum of the Goldfields

Join our knowledgeable guide and discover highlights from the Museum's permanent galleries, then hear about the gripping Pitman and Walsh murders that shook the State in the 1920s.

Free admission

Visit the Museum of the Goldfields website to RSVP

18 May, 11am-11.30am

Museum of the Goldfields, 17 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie

visit.museum.wa.gov.au/goldfields



Kalgoorlie Town Hall Tours

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Heritage Services

Become immersed in more than a century of civic history as you wander up the grand staircase and take in the magnificent theatre.

All tours start 10:30am at Kalgoorlie Town Hall, Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie. Bookings not required

Adults \$10, Concession \$8, Children \$4

20, 22, 29 April | 4, 6, 11, 13 May

Kalgoorlie-Boulder HERITAGE FESTIVAL 18 April to 18 May 2026 Event Guide

Making Home Under Southern Skies: Two Centuries of Chinese Heritage in Western Australia

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Heritage Services

"These stories are not side notes, not footnotes, not add-ons — they are part of the main story," - Project co-lead, Associate Professor Yu Tao.

A unique project documenting the history of Chinese West Australians, from the 1830's to the present day has recently been completed by the University of Western Australia's School of Social Sciences, with support from the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations. This resulting exhibition seeks to reconnect audiences to two centuries of overlooked stories, uncovering a rich cultural and social heritage and revealing dynamic individual and community contributions that have helped shape the foundations of modern Western Australia.

Free Admission

Saturday 18 April to Saturday 25 July

10am to 4pm weekdays, 9am to 1pm Saturdays (closed public holidays)

Boulder Town Hall, 116 Burt Street, Boulder

Boulder Town Hall Open Day & Markets

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Heritage Services

Come and join the fun! Experience our rich Goldfields history and peruse market stalls in the main hall at the Boulder Town Hall Open Day.

Free Town Hall tour at 10.30am

Saturday 16 May, 9am-2pm

Boulder Town Hall, Burt Street, Boulder

P: 9021 9817 E: mailbag@ckb.wa.gov.au

In Paddy's Footsteps: Walking Tour of Hannan Street

Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre & Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

Follow in Paddy Hannan's footsteps on this engaging 1.5-hour guided walking tour through the heart of Kalgoorlie.

Led by the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society, the tour reveals the discoveries and stories that shaped the Goldfields. The tour departs from the Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre and costs \$15 per person. Bookings required.

27 April, 9.30am & 10 May, 9.30am

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Visitor Centre, 316 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie

P: 9021 1966 | www.kalgoorlietourism.com

Pitman and Walsh 100-Year Memorial

The Police Historical Society

Join us in remembering Pitman & Walsh at a ceremony at the Memorial Site.

COMMISSIONED

Dress Code:

Commissioned Officers:

Tunic, blue dress trousers, long or short-sleeved shirt, tie, and Medals.

If issued with a Sam Browne belt, you are required to wear it.

Non-Commissioned Officers:

Blue dress trousers, long or short-sleeved shirt, tie, and Medals.

Other Attendees:

Business attire.

28 April, 10am to 11am

Pitman and Walsh Memorial Site, Great Eastern Highway, Binduli

Justice, Duty, Legacy: The Story of Pitman & Walsh

Museum of the Goldfields & Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

Step back into one of the Goldfields' most riveting true-crime stories as we uncover the gold-stealing scandal and the Pitman & Walsh murders.

Free admission

Visit the Museum of the Goldfields website to RSVP

28 April, 6pm to 7.30pm

Museum of the Goldfields, 17 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie

visit.museum.wa.gov.au/goldfields

Pitman and Walsh Exhibition

Museum of the Goldfields & Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

Explore Pitman and Walsh artefacts from the State collection and uncover the deeper stories behind them as we commemorate 100 years since this dramatic event.

Free admission

From 18 April, 10am-3pm

Museum of the Goldfields, 17 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie

Treasures at Home - Caring for Your Personal Collections

Museum of the Goldfields

Join Erica Boyne, Head of History at the Western Australian Museum's Collection and Research team, for an informative session on how to care for and protect your collection at home.

Public Talk - Free admission

Visit the Museum of the Goldfields website to RSVP

7 May, 6pm-7.30pm

Museum of the Goldfields, 17 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie

visit.museum.wa.gov.au/goldfields