

## 6. NEW MUNDIJONG HOTEL

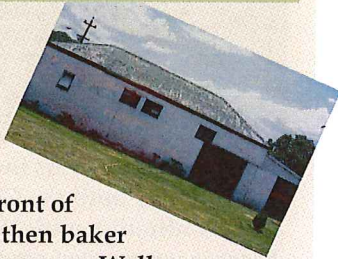
In 1897 Szczecinski built the new Mundijong Hotel (now Mundijong Tavern) from bricks he had made and fired on his own property by a brick maker. He included stables at the rear for customers' horses and also a large wine cellar where the beer kegs were kept. It had saloon bar; public bar and a magnificent staircase built by Antoni himself and which still exists today.



The building is two storeys with a hipped roof and a protruding central bay featuring a prominent central gable. The original building possessed a verandah and first floor balcony and included wrought iron lacework.

## 7. WHOLAGAN'S BAKEHOUSE

The first bakehouse in Mundijong was made of timber and built about 1905. Some years later, during the 1920s, a new brick bakehouse was built in front of the old one. Built by the then baker Cecil Copeman and his two sons, Wally and Ray, it still stands today.



The building is made of painted basic brick with small window cavities and with a hipped roof of corrugated iron. The oven is known as a Semi-Scotch with a furnace at the side.

## 8. RAILWAY STATION AND STOCKYARDS



With the building of the Armadale to Bunbury railway in 1893, sidings were established to give settlers who had established properties along the Serpentine River access to the railway line. Mundijong, then Manjedal, was one of these. This line crossed the Jarrahdale-Rockingham rail line at an H or Diamond crossing, a replica of which is displayed near its original position on the South side of the Mundijong Park Reserve.



*H Crossing*

Originally called Jarrahdale Junction, the station yard stretched from the Richardson Street crossing to the Watkins Road crossing. The Station building included the Stationmaster's offices, a ticket office, an enclosed passenger waiting room and a refreshment area.

The siding and loop line from the main line are still in place as is the stockyard for loading and unloading cattle. The stockyard was built from sleepers and, in a combined effort from the SJ Lions Club and the Shire, some of these were replaced and the original race re-laid; also a ramp was added for loading stock onto road transport vehicles.

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# Mundijong: A place of significance

*A walk along Paterson Street*

Originally named Manjedal, the town was located at the junction of the Rockingham-Jarrahdale line and the government line from Perth to Bunbury, built in 1893.

A settlement grew up around the junction, and a timber depot including a large planing mill was constructed. In 1897 the name was changed to Mundijong although the Railway Station and Post Office were, confusingly, called Jarrahdale Junction. In 1902 the Government Railways Department reluctantly accepted the change of name to Mundijong.

## 1. OLD MUNDIJONG HOTEL (the Serpentine Hotel)



Mundijong's first publican was Antoni Szczecinski, the son of a wealthy Polish merchant family, who fled from Poland to London in 1863. He and his family arrived in Perth in 1888 and he set up a cabinet-making business.

Szczecinski purchased 140 hectares of land and quickly built a spacious house for his family, took out a publican's licence and opened the first hotel. Located at the railway junction, the hotel was known as "The Serpentine Hotel" and was built in 1892 just as the railway construction commenced, which allowed his business to boom.

The first Road Board building was a jarrah weatherboard building with a verandah facing east. In 1949 a new brick building was erected on the same site but, according to Ted Bett in his book, *Well Stranded in Mundijong*, by that time the old building was not in good condition and before the new one could be built, many important records were lost including precious cemetery records and rates book, eaten by white ants.

The building is of brick to dado height then render to the roof. It has an angled entry porch on the north east side with a stepped pediment, flagpole and gates enclosing the entrance. The windows are double hung sash and there is a brick chimney on the south roof with a terracotta chimney pot. The Mundijong Public Library currently occupies the building.

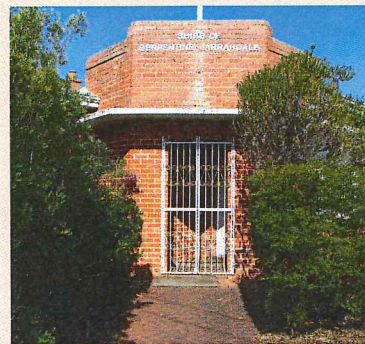
## 3. MUNDIJONG SCHOOL



Originally known as Manjedal School it comprises of two main buildings and a teacher's quarters, the school is located on a prominent corner in Paterson Street. The main schoolroom at the southeast corner is a Federation style timber weatherboard clad building built in 1896. It has a steeply pitched gable corrugated iron roof with two brick chimneys, one on the southern side, the other on the western side.

A second building constructed in c1927 also has a gable corrugated iron roof but not as steeply pitched. The schoolmaster's house, now occupied by a small business, is located between the School and the Methodist Church.

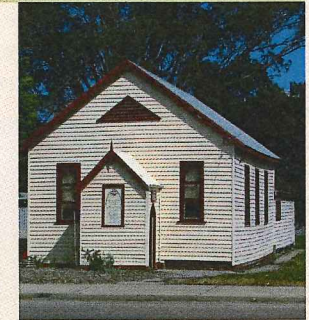
## 2. ROAD BOARD BUILDING



## 4. MUNDIJONG METHODIST CHURCH

The Mundijong Methodist Church was officially opened on 21 January 1905.

It is in a modest Federation Carpenter Gothic Style building constructed by Wesleyan timber cutters from Jarrahdale and features a high-pitched gable roof, lancet window, and an enclosed porch with a lancet door. It is located in the main street of Mundijong next door to the house used by the headmaster of the local school.



## 5. MUNDIJONG POST OFFICE



Mundijong Post Office first operated under the name Jarrahdale Junction Post Office. A post office building was erected in 1895 and it became known as the Mundijong Post Office in 1899. For many years the Post Office had a postmistress until the Clark family took over in 1926, continuing until 1947 when Norm Feast became postmaster, continuing until 1994.

The Post Office closed in 1994, moving to its present location, and the old building became Dot's Tea Gardens and later the Camellia Tea Garden and Restaurant. Sadly the restaurant closed in 2010.