

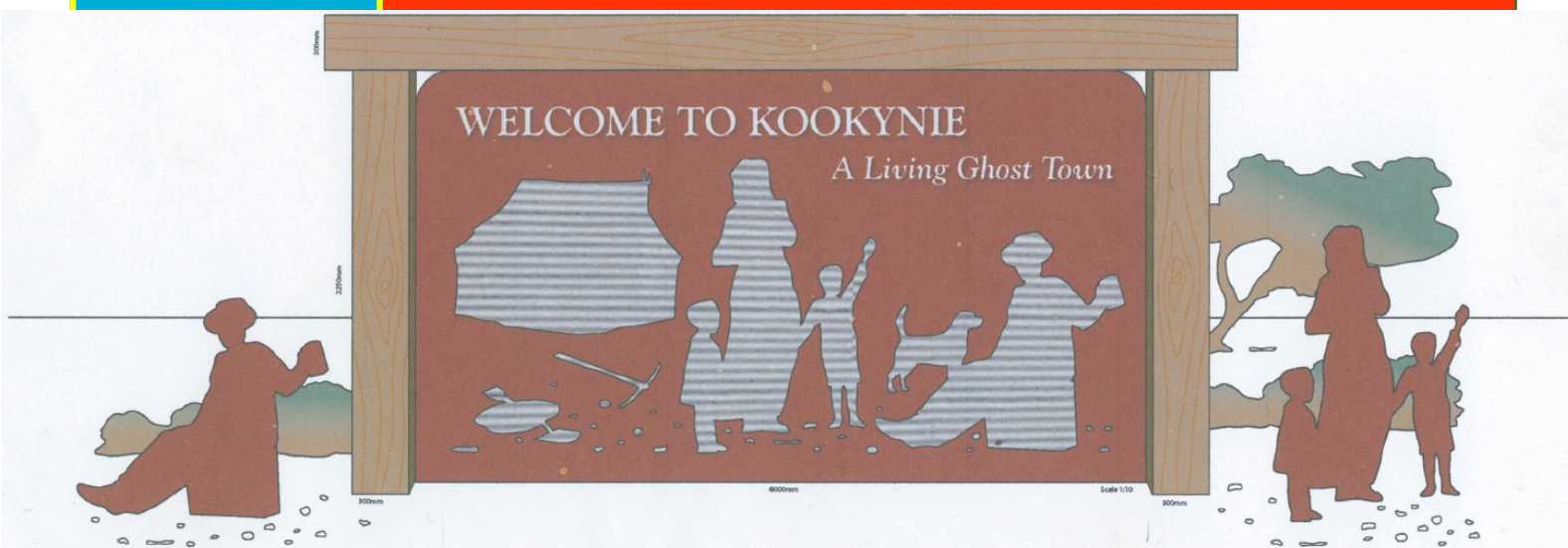


# Kookynie News

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*We pay our respects to the traditional owners and elders of the lands on which we live and work.*



GENERAL VIEW OF KOOKYNIE.

1902



*Take a look around*

Welcome to the first quarterly issue of the Kookynie News

1st issue January—March

2nd issue April—June

3rd issue July—September

4th issue October—December

The Kookynie News will be all about Kookynie. History, stories and news .  
All welcome to contribute.

If you would like to share any items articles or tales. please contact Debbie Pianto at the Menzies Visitor Centre on 9024 2702 or  
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## **Kookynie News deadlines for publication**

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**The deadline for each quarter will be the last Friday of the quarter**

**General Information notices are welcome, as are notification of upcoming local events.**

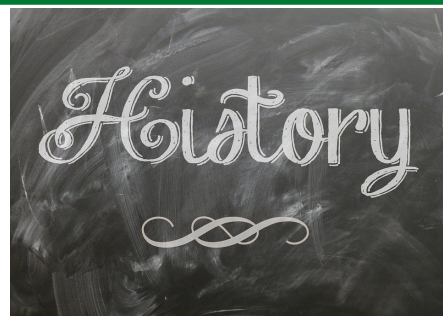
**If you have recipes, gardening tips or ideas for any other pages, all ideas are welcome.**

**The Kookynie News will be available online through the Shire's website.**

**Hardcopies are distributed at the Admin Office reception, CRC reception, Grand Hotel Kookynie, Menzies Hotel, Laurie's Café and in every private mail box at the Post Office.**

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# Opening of the Kookynie Railway



## GLIMPSES FROM THE PAST

### Menzies-Leonora Railway completion to Kookynie Official Opening Kookynie September 9<sup>th</sup> 1901

The official opening of the railway to Kookynie took place at 2pm this afternoon, in the presence of a representative gathering. At a given signal the train, with the engine decorated with flags, steamed up to a temporary platform, and, to the accompaniment of cheers, the engine snapped the ribbons thrown across the track. Mr Gregory the Minister for Mines declared the line open to traffic. He hoped it would mean progress and prosperity to Kookynie. During the afternoon a sports gathering was held, at which the Parliamentary party was present. The parliament party consisting of Messrs Butcher, Wilson, Connolly, and Oats that evening attended a banquet to celebrate the opening of the Railway.

Excerpts from the Western Argus Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1901 and western Mail Perth, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1901

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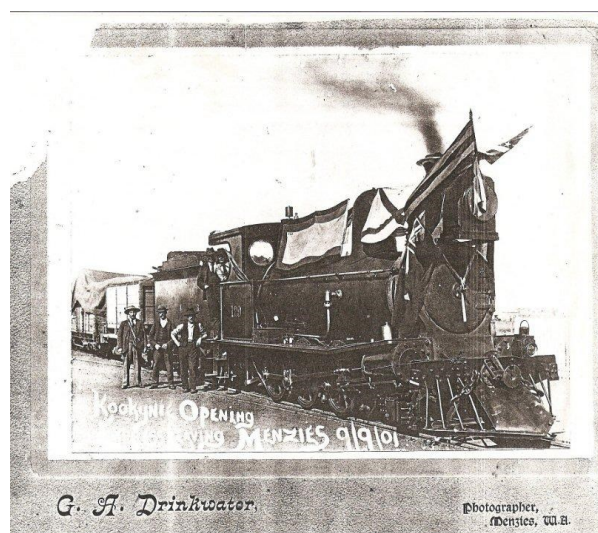
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RAILWAY STATION, KOOKYNIE.

24/3A

1904



# Niagara Dam



Niagara Dam is the third largest dam erected in Western Australia, after the Victoria and Mundaring Dams. The design is a scaled-down replica of the Mundaring Dam.

Niagara Dam was constructed by the Railways Department in 1897 –1898. The intention was that the dam would provide plenty of fresh water for the trains that would be steaming along the new railway linking Kalgoorlie with Malcolm.

A contract for the construction of the dam was appointed on the 20 January 1897 to H Nelson. This was to take 12 months for an estimated £24,315 however, difficult foundation conditions helped to delay completion until well into 1898 and to inflate the cost to £42,000. The cement used for the construction was imported from overseas in wooden casks, railed to Menzies and then transported by camel to the site at Niagara.

By the time the Dam had been completed, very little water had accumulated due to lack of rain. During this time of construction a good supply of underground water had been located in Kookynie.

## Yarns around the Fire



Yarns and tales will be published on this page.



NIAGARA FALLS FLOWING INTO RESERVOIR.  
(From photograph taken on 24th June, 1897, after 100 gallons of rain had fallen on the 3rd and 6th.)



THE MAIN STREET, KOOKYNIE.  
1901

# Historical items in Kookynie and Niagara 1894 to 1910



## Historical items in Kookynie and Niagara

**1894**

**1895**

31-07-1895 Gold found in Kookynie

**1896**

**1897**

**1898**

**1899**

21-10-1899 School at Niagara Miss Armstrong teacher

**1900**

24-09-1900 Dr Nyulasy first doctor for Kookynie

**1901**

12/01/1901 Kookynie school to open 15/03/1901

01/06/1901 Proposed hospital, racecourse and cemetery for Kookynie

20/07/1901 N.Cool.H news paper opens branch at Kookynie

07/08/1901 Railway at gorge, two miles south of Niagara

27/08/1901 First goods train to Niagara

10/09/1901 Celebrations for first train to Kookynie

26/11/1901 Railway at Dingo Creek

12/12/1901 Kookynie asks for hospital and municipality

## Historical items in Kookynie and Niagara

### 1902

25/02/1902	List of Children at the Kookynie School
22/04/1902	Train collision at Niagara
08/05/1902	Mention of Kookynie Hospital opening
05/08/1902	Wildflower trip from Menzies to Kookynie
08/08/1902	Mr. Campbell first Mayor of Kookynie
08/09/1902	Dr Harrison appointed Medical Officer of Kookynie, after the death of Dr Duncan
29/10/1902	Opening of R.C. Church Kookynie
15/11/1902	Kookynie Cemetery being cleared
20/11/1902	First school concert at Kookynie
01/12/1902	Kookynie Brass Band proposed
02/12/1902	Shop destroyed by fire at Kookynie
06/12/1902	Tender for Kookynie Cemetery
12/12/1902	Kookynie school prizes
31/12/1902	Miss Saunders new matron at Kookynie Hospital

### 1903

20/01/1903	Swimming baths open in Kookynie
27/01/1903	Armstrong Cycle Shop at Menzies burnt down
02/02/1903	Mr. Bulter the new teacher at Menzies
24/02/1903	Kookynie cemetery opened and management named
03/03/1903	New Kookynie Hospital completed
06/03/1903	Kookynie Brass Band debute.
20/06/1903	Kookynie Press news paper to start soon
29/06/1903	Kookynie Mayor Campbell resigns to go into Federal Politics. (An Independent).
03/07/1903	Kookynie Press to print first paper tomorrow

### 1904

## Historical items in Kookynie and Niagara

### 1905

19/07/1905      Masonic installation at Kookynie. Names and Ball mentioned in news paper article.

### 1906

30/05/1906      Kennedy's store, Kookynie burnt down

### 1907

28/12/1907      Four shops destroyed in fire at Kookynie

### 1908

25/03/1908      First rifle shoot at Niagara, and near town with hills as backdrop. (maybe near cemetery)

02/05/1908      Mr. A Ackland new Mayor of Kookynie

12/12/19028      Moves to close the Kookynie Hospital

### 1909

### 1910

26/01/1910      A report on Kookynie

09/02/1910      Gas lights for Kookynie township

# JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		RFDS				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Australia Day	Sunset Mass 4pm	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Community Bus to Kalgoorlie					

# FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Electors General Meeting			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Valentines Day				