

A TASTE OF OUR HISTORY

1861

- Benjamin Robins purchased 40 acres (16 hectares) of land in Gooseberry Hill.

1864

- Benjamin Mason obtained a licence to cut timber on one square mile (259 hectares) at the head of Bickley Brook.

1881

- Frederick and Elizabeth Stirk arrived at Kalamunda

1883

- Richard Weston who had worked at Mason's Mill, pioneered his 'Springdale' property at Pickering Brook.

1885

- John and Emma Wallis who arrived at Mason's Mill in 1880, settled at 'Orangedale'. Walliston

1889

- Edward Keane was granted the timber licence formerly owned by Mason. He and his brother-in-law formed Lionel White & Co. Built the sawmill at Canning location 164, known as Canning Mills.

1890

- Edward White began surveying for what was to become the Zig Zag railway.

1895

- First Government School, called Govt. Provisional School, Gooseberry Hill opened.

1895

- Darling Range Vine and Fruitgrowers Association formed.

1897

- Darling Range Roads Board officially severed from Swan Roads Board but included Mundaring.
- Archibald Sanderson bought land in what was to become Lesmurdie.

1898

- Agricultural Hall built being the first brick building in the area.

1901

- Townsite of Calla Munda proclaimed. The name was from Bishop Salvados's Aboriginal vocabulary. The Surveyor General changed the 'C' to 'K'

1908

- First telephone connected at Roads Board Office. Curry (storekeeper) and Hummerston (publican) also had telephones connected that year

1910

- Maida Vale named after settler R. McCormack's house 'Maida Vale'

1980

- Soldier Settlement Scheme implemented along the Piesse Brook

1921

- Electricity came to Kalamunda – six street lights

1927

- Second Kalamunda Railway Station building constructed

1937

- Kalamunda Road sealed.

1938

- Welshpool Road sealed

1939

- War Memorial constructed

1948

- Stirk property purchased by Roads Board to become Stirk Park

1949

- Zig Zag railway closed following a decline in timber and passenger numbers.

1954

- Water arrived, provided by the Goldfields Scheme

1961

- Darling Range Roads Board becomes Shire of Kalamunda

1964

- Swimming Pool opened

1970

- Kalamunda Station yard passed to Kalamunda & Districts Historical Society for use as a museum.

1971

- Official opening of Kalamunda History Village on April 18th

1979

- Official opening of the Bibbulmun Track

1998

- Centenary of Darling Range Roads Board
- Centenary of Kalamunda Show

2009

- Opening of Kalamunda Community Memorial Building and Memorial Wall

2011

- Opening of Zig Zag Cultural Centre

2017

- Shire of Kalamunda becomes the City of Kalamunda