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# Katanning

## Western Australia

### A brief history

*A timeline of major events, dates and names that make up the history of Katanning.*

*The Shire and town of Katanning are situated in the heart of the lush Great Southern Agricultural region of Western Australia.*

The Katanning Roller Flour Mill as it is today.



*A project of the*  
**Lions Club  
of Katanning**



# Katanning

A regional centre in the  
Great Southern Region of Western Australia

## A brief history

Including major Events, Dates and Names

A KATANNING LIONS CLUB PROJECT

The origin of the name Katanning is undecided, it may have come from the names of two native women Kate and Anning or the aboriginal name Kartanup, meaning a meeting place. There were three tribes in the area and this is where they met when times were good and there was sufficient food.

- The name Katanning was first recorded in 1880.
- The present area of the Shire is 1523sq km.
- Height above sea level 311m.
- Distance from Perth 277kms.
- Road km's in the Shire-- sealed 255, gravel 528.
- Population approx. 4500.

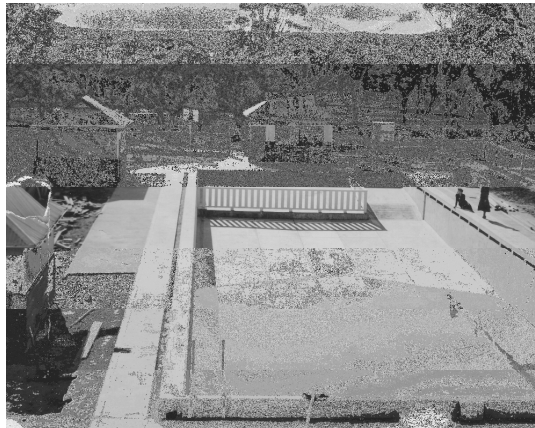
Katanning has the largest sheep sale yards in Southern Hemisphere with over one million sheep sold at auction each year.

The original town water supply catchment area 29.6 hectares is reputed to be biggest sealed catchment area in the Southern Hemisphere at that time.

Katanning is reputed to have had the first street lights in Australia and the first swimming pool and public lending library in country Western Australia.

Average rainfall over 114years (1891 to 2005) is 474.28mm or 18.97 inches. The highest recorded year was 1955 with 782.2mm and the lowest was 1954 with 274.1mm.

Several small gazetted townships around Katanning including Moojebing, Badgebup, and Eticup no longer exist as such.



## Route 120 Great Southern Highway



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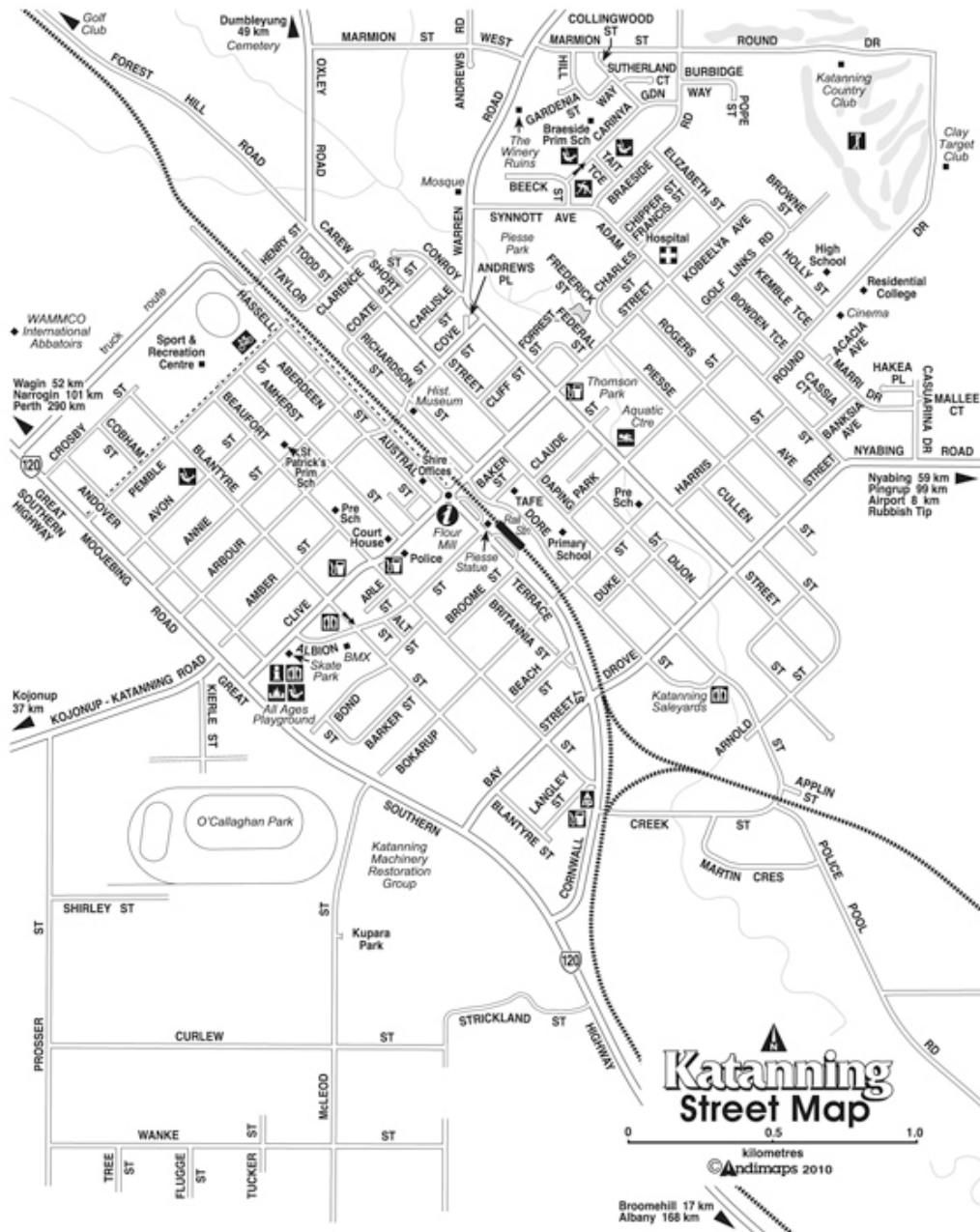
Tourism Western Australia: [www.westernaustralia.com](http://www.westernaustralia.com)

Route 120 Tourist Information: [www.katanning.net](http://www.katanning.net)

Historical Katanning Photos: Facebook - "Lost Katanning"

Shire of Katanning: [www.katanning.wa.gov.au](http://www.katanning.wa.gov.au)

# Katanning



**1835**

John Septimus Roe explored the area.

**1840's**

Sheep farmers from York & Beverley began to move flocks toward the region. These included Elijah Quartermaine & Thomas Haddleton. Sandalwood cutters in area.

**1845**

Sandalwood exported to China & Singapore.

**1847**

System of grazing leases introduced. Licenses for sandalwood introduced.

**1848**

Perth to Albany road surveyed through Kojonup to the west of Katanning area.

**1852**

Thomas Haddleton leased land in region. Quartermaine purchased four hectares naming it "Yowanup" (or "Yowangup") It was the first land purchased in Katanning, still owned and farmed by family in 2015. House built in 1860.

**1864**

Thomas Haddleton (a former Parkhurst boy) purchased land and named it "Coompatine", still owned by family in 2015.

**1865**

Terrance McKenna appointed as Police Officer at Twonkwillingup, later to be known as the Police Pools. He left after two years and purchased farming land at Arthur River. His

daughter Alice, married Thomas Haddleton.

**1867**

William Grover, second policeman to be stationed at Police Pools.

**1868**

Grover left police to purchase land known as "Springfield", he renamed it "Indinup"--- still owned by family in 2015.

**1870**

Quartermaine built brick and iron home at "Yowanup". Mallet bark exported to Germany. Influx of new settlers included Michael Cronin at "Glencoe". In this decade Haddleton expanded his holding "Coompatine" to approx. 31,000 acres whilst Quartermaine held leases of over 113,000 acres. Kojonup and Etipup, west of Broomehill, still main trading centres (no Katanning).

**1873**

Last Policeman was permanently stationed at Kojonup and Police Pools was deserted.

**1879**

Haddleton family home built at "Coompatine".

**1880**

The settlement of Katanning came into being.

**1888**

Frederick Piesse and brother Charles planning to build a permanent store in Katanning, the firm of F & C Piesse founded in Katanning.

### 1889

Katanning & Broomehill designated townsites. Katanning as a company town. Railway complete from Beverley to Albany, started at both ends and joined about 3kms north of Katanning townsite. First passenger train from Perth to Albany. Railway station built (architect George Temple Pool). WA Land Co resumed land which had been leased for many years to local sheep farmers. Land was given to WA Land Co for the construction of the Great Southern Railway. All pastoral leases were cancelled in order for the Company to take up it's land. Piesse Bros decided to build the flour mill in Katanning.



Katanning Hotel in Austral Terrace, also built by Piesse Bros. Bob and Elijah Bell, with Thomas Haddleton carting sandalwood. First Cricket Club in town. First clearing sale of plant, horses and equipment from the building of Piesse's dam which was originally built for railway engines but the water was unsatisfactory. Condensers were installed and the water used in the flourmill.

### 1890

First school commenced in Katanning, teacher Miss Mary Bell, held in kitchen of railway station---16 children. Families in district at this time included, Bell, Noonan, Beeck, Cronin, Quartermaine, Grover and Haddleton. Katanning and Broomehill designated townsites. Piesse Cordial Factory opened. F.H. Piesse elected to Parliament, soon to be Minister for Railways. The years 1890/1891 were considered drought years.

### 1891

Agricultural district surveyed by JH Lefroy. Flour Mill completed. Purchased 8000 bags of wheat, 1500 were locally grown. Electricity supplied to all Piesse buildings from the Mill. Town had electric street lights, claimed to be the first in West Australia. The Union Bank connected to power, the first Bank in WA to use electricity. Aerated water factory built by Piesse in Austral Terrace. H & C Severin purchased land from WA Land Co. Royal Exchange Hotel built, known as the Railway for a short time. Alex Thomson started his building company in Katanning. Police quarters built, G.T. Pool architect. First Broomehill Agricultural Show, later moved to Katanning.

### 1892

Katanning Brickworks established. First medical doctor - Dr House. The car purchased by Dr House was one of only three cars in the State of W.A. at that time. Construction on Government Hospital in Amherst St (unit accommo-



*Built in 1901 the old Bank Building was never used as a bank*



*Rail played a pivotal role in the development of Katanning.*



*Austral Terrace c1910*



*Katanning Ice Works & Butcher - Late 1940's*

dition in 2015), built by architects Poole & Beasley. First Katanning race meeting. Katanning and Broomehill excised from Kojonup district, local government for Katanning.

**1893**

St Patrick's Catholic Church built in Britannia St. First election for the Katanning Road Board. Great Southern Vine and Fruit Growing Association formed in Katanning. First stump jump plow in the area. Start of Holland Track from Broomehill to Coolgardie for gold prospectors and as a shorter freight route from Albany, this included Michael Cronin.

**1894**

First Government School built, now the Katanning Historical Society Museum.



Inaugural Mechanics Institute building still in use by the Institute in 2006.

**1896**

Marracoonda school built. Katanning Agricultural Hall started (designed by J Herbert Eales) next to and including some of Mechanic Institute in Austral Terrace. Baptist community active in district. Broomehill. Katanning Agricultural Societies combine as Great

Southern Agricultural Society.

**1897**

Katanning Hotel in Austral Terrace burnt down and rebuilt.

**1898**

Katanning officially gazetted as a town of the State.

Finish rebuilding Katanning Hotel - called the Unit Hotel 1970-2006.



Warren Bros settled at Badgebup. Anglican Church completed.

**1899**

Cartmeticup Baptist Church and school built.

**1901**

Population between 200 and 300. Katanning newspaper "Great Southern Herald" printed for the first time. First football played - called Victorian Rules. Two teams played in Albany competition. First members of Kowald family settled in district. Post Office opened.

**1902**

"Kobeelya" built, home of FH Piesse. "Kobeelya" means place of peace. Katanning Football Association began with colours Red and Blue.



*Kobeelya in 1905*



*Clive Street Rail Crossing in 1905*

Do you realise that neither a kangaroo nor an emu can go backwards?

Katanning Electricity Supply:  
May 31 1891  
First installed 4 hp Cromton Dynamo  
June 14 1927  
Purchased by Katanning Flour Mills  
Aug 10 1928  
New 150hp Ruston Hornsby  
Sept 28 1934 New 66hp  
Total HP of plant 586 in power generation.

Lyric Theatre was owned by Geo McLeod and used for skating, dancing, pictures, boxing. At one time there was a small shop. As time developed there was a panel beater, car sales and service, and a bookies shop. Wesfarmers operated from there for a while until finally taken over by the local BKW Coop where they currently have clothing displayed. This is in Austral Terrace next to, and south of Royal Exchange Hotel. As near as can be determined it may have been built before WW1.

Mick Hicks started a second brickworks near town. We have little history of this or the years involved. He used to make clinker bricks. When a steam locomotive firebox was cleaned out the "clinkers" were collected and added into the clay mix. In the early days of settlement a number of bricks were made on site near where houses were to be built on farms. Once again we have been

unable to locate any detail on this. Except on Murdong Farm where the clay pit was right next to the house and subsequently filled in years later to avoid subsidence.

## Katanning Accommodation

### Motels:

Katanning Motel  
Albion St.  
Ph 08 98211657

New Lodge Motel  
Clive St.  
Ph 08 98211788

### Hotels

Federal Hotel  
Clive St.  
Ph 08 98211010

Royal Exchange Hotel  
Austral Terrace  
Ph 08 98217550

Caravan Park  
Sunbeam Caravan Park  
Cornwall St  
Ph 08 98212165

## 2009

ANZ Bank relocated to new premises near Woolworths complex. Local abattoir, now trading as WAMMCO, processed 1,000,000 sheep, exported to 55 countries. They employ people of 22 different nationalities who all work in harmony.

## 2010

February 11 - official opening of up-graded and revamped swimming pool on original site. Page family updating and upgrading brickworks to be opened again early in the year by third generation. It is believed the Funeral Directors to be the 5th oldest business operating from original premises. It is still being operated by the next generation of Coventry's. Mechanics Institute still functioning in 2014. November - Great Southern Residential College (St Andrews) closed for student boarders, subsequently used as commercial boarding house.

## 2012

Shirley Brokenshire ceased publishing GSA, but continued with GSA Town Crier from Jan 2013.

## 2013

Shire confers Freeman Of The Town on Brien Taylor, local solicitor of long standing, among other achievements.

## 2014

May 28 - New sheep sale yards opened on Nyabing Road east of town. At 44,000 sq m under cover, with capacity for 45,000 sheep is the largest of it's kind in the southern

hemisphere, costing \$25,000,000 dollars. It was built by Shire employees.

Other industries that have been in Katanning over the past years include:

- Axe handle factory
- Ice factory
- Icecream making
- Lolly (sweets)) making
- Oat mill plant (operating as part of the flourmill).
- Hume pipe works
- Honey collection
- Silo Manufacture
- Wine Production

### Undertakers

- 1898 M Lebad  
1906 SL Kleeman & J Squire  
1937 Curtis Bros  
1974 B Coventry  
1982 D Coventry – still operating in 2015

### Katanning Rifle men who have won the Kings Prize:

- 1931 Ted Keay  
1938 Harry Vague  
1968 Jim Moore

### Wurgabup Rifle men of note:

- 1980 John Caldwell won Grand Aggregate, Duke of Edinburgh Award.  
2000 Gray Robertson won Queens Prize.  
2005 Gray Robertson won Queens Prize, Duke of Edinburgh with Grand Aggregate all in that year .

State School started in Taylor St. National Bank opened. Thomas Haddleton died.

## 1903

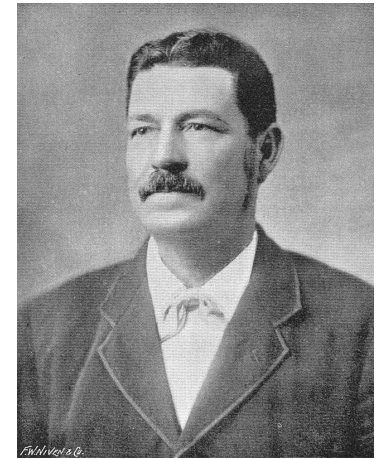
Marracoonda Baptist Church built. Katanning Masonic Lodge, and the Moojebing store built. Moojebing Estate built by Wesley Malley (2015 home and farm of Stade family). Moojebing store and residence built by John Day. Plans currently (2006) being made for restoration of old home. Katanning Golf Club opened.

## 1904

Second Rabbit Proof Fence erected. Sale of mallet bark main product from district, used in the tanning industry (Still stripping bark in the 1950's). Bill passed in Parliament to allow Flour Mill to supply electricity. Piesse erected winery. R.L. Richardson took over Piesse store in Katanning and Woodanilling. National Bank built corner of Austral Terrace and Clive St. Federal Hotel built in Clive St. Anderson Bros came to "Goblup" and renamed it "Condeena".

## 1905

Building of Lutheran and Methodist churches (2006 used as Autumn Club seniors centre in Richardson St.). Another Piesse home "Kulal" built in Clive St. Anderson family built at "Illareen" (2015 still farming), "White House" in Clive St built by Alex Thomson (2015 Kimberly Lodge and Reception Centre).



Town Founder - Frederick H Piesse

## 1906

Woodanilling Road Board formed. Presbyterian Church built (2006 Uniting Church). Fire destroyed shops in Austral Terrace including the Great Southern Herald which continued to operate in other premises.

## 1907

Railway from Katanning to Kojonup started - 32.9miles at 1707 Pounds per mile. Katanning Stock & Trading Co. commenced operations.

## 1908

Daisy Bates (born O'Dwyer Hunt in Ireland in 1861, died 1951) working in district with aboriginals, including time at Police Pools.

## 1909

Bank building in Clive St built by Harris, but never used as a bank. W.P. Bird settled here - founder of CP Bird & Associates in 1922. Then Bird Cameron, finally RSM Bird Cameron Accountancy Firm which is still operating here.

**1910**

Distillery built in Piesse vineyard. King George Hostel in Austral Terrace, designed by Summerhayes & Boas. Homestead built on "Indinup". Bank of New South Wales started in Albion St., subsequently moved to dedicated premises in Clive St.

**1911**

"Brockhurst" hospital built in Amherst St with Dr House in charge. ANZ Bank built in Clive St.

**1912**

Katanning to Nyabing railway in operation. F.H. Piesse died. Residence built in Blantyre St for George McLeod, a noted local hotelier. Katanning Club built in Amherst St.

**1913**

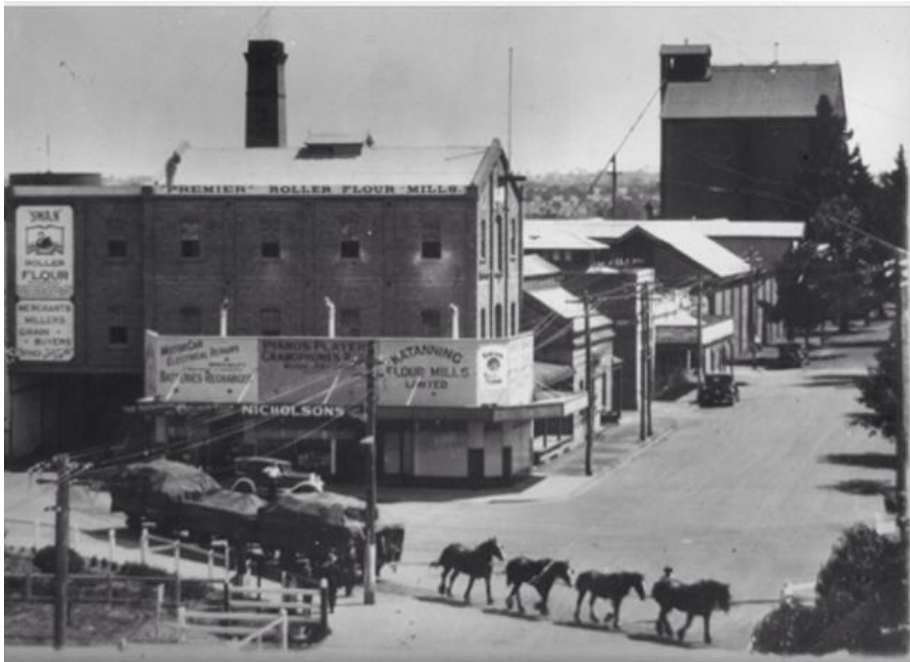
King George Hostel built in Austral Terrace. A.E. Piesse elected MLA.

**1914**

Porceilli contracted to make a brass statue of FH Piesse - erected in Austral Terrace. Katanning Club completed, amalgamated with Marloo Club in 1985. Carrolup used as Aboriginal Reserve (Kojonup Road Board). Southern Districts Advocate newspaper started by George Doak Snr. WW1, 1500 enlisted from here - 150 died.

**1916**

Katanning Farmers Co-op established (this was not the BKW Co-op). Local water supply opened. Butter Factory open in vicinity of distillery.



*Katanning Flour Mill c late 1920*



*Katanning Library & Art Gallery*

ceased and re-opened as WAMCO (Western Australian Meat Marketing Corp.). Opening of Lion's Aberdeen Village, a joint venture between Katanning Shire, Homeswest and the Lions Club.

**2000**

Opening of the second and major Department of Agriculture offices in town.

**2001**

TAFE College opened. Harris rotunda erected at cemetery. Great Southern Herald celebrated 100 years - Katanning's oldest continuous business. Fritz family purchased Winery Ruins for restoration.

**2002**

Great Southern Advocate started as a community newspaper by Shirley Brokenshire.

**2004**

Salvation Army closed after 111yrs of service to the community. Citadel sold to private owner.

**2005**

Shire removed old railway carriages from near station, citing vandalism.

**2006**

Carrolup (Aboriginal) Art exhibition, returned for display from Colgate University USA. Local Scout Association goes into recess. Scout Hall used by local RSL Reclaimed and restored Dongolocking School opened at museum site to be a dedicated School Museum. In the financial year to 30-6-06 there were 990,386 sheep through the Katanning saleyards. Presbyterian Church 100yrs.

**2007**

Katanning Stock & Trading Co. celebrated 100 years in December (the oldest firm still operating from its original position).

**2008**

Fairways on Katanning Country Club (Ktg Golf Club) reticulated and grassed, using grey water from sewerage system. Miniature steam train celebrated 20 years.



**1977**

Katanning Flour Mill closed.

**1978**

Cyclone "Alby" caused wide spread damage in the Great Southern. Sir Marcus Beeck knighted for services to agriculture. Both Sir Marcus and Sir Francis Burt born on "Gannawarra" farm just north of Katanning.

**1980**

Department of Agriculture bought Don Hoare's farm as an experimental farm. This to the east of town. Mosque built in Katanning. Department of Agriculture staff commenced operations at the farm.

**1982**

Last train (diesel) on Kojonup line-driver Max Bailey

**1983**

First country Triathlon held in Katanning.

**1986**

"Kobeelya" boarding school closed. Purchased by Baptist Community.

**1987**

Department of Agriculture bought Peter Balston's farm, also on Nyabing

Rd, to add to its research operations.

**1988**

Bicentennial celebrations.

**1989**

Marribank handed over to Aboriginal community.

**1995**

Gold mining at Badgebup. Closed in 1997 after recovering 22,000oz of gold.

**1997**

Recreation centre opened - a major Katanning Shire project. Noongar Aboriginal centre opened. Ladyman family celebrated 100 years in area - settled around Carrolup.

**1998**

Katanning won the National Landcare Award. Evans family purchased Wakes Garage for historical purposes. Heritage gardens and Beeck Gazebo opened opposite the Town Hall.

**1999**

New Library and Art Gallery opened in Austral Terrace, near Shire Office. Metro Meat (CITIC International)

**1919**

Great Southern Sheep Breeders Association formed. Woodanilling Co-op founded.

**1920**

In the early 20's the first agricultural tractors appeared, among the many brands were Rumley, McCormack Deering, Cletrac, 2Ton Holt, Case, Hart Parr and Fordson. The latter two would possibly have been among the most used. Prior to this steam traction engines were used to cut chaff and log down the bush for clearing. It appears that in early 20's Wilbur Furphy established a foundry, in time taken over by Les Radford and closed in the late 30's.

**1921**

Katanning Flour Mill ceased under Piesse family and a new company formed of local business men to reopen the mill. The Broomehill Co-op

was formed.

**1922**

"Kobeelya" became a boarding school for girls. St Peters Church built at Badgebup by Warren Family. CP Bird & Associates - see 1909.

**1923**

St Patrick's Church built in Amherst St., old one demolished. Crouch, Public Accountant opened in Albion St. Kent (Nyabing) Road Board formed - excised from Katanning.

**1925**

New Government Hospital built in Adam St.

**1926**

Hospital Comforts Fund started to raise money for furniture and fittings for hospital. "Our Lady of the Missions" Nuns arrive in Katanning. Silver Band Hall built in Amherst St, moved to Historical Society site in 1986. Second



*Katanning Recreation & Leisure Centre*



*Built as St Rita's Convent - now Reidy House*

story built on Mechanics Institute/ Town Hall.

#### 1927

Roley (Nugget) Coombes, ultimately to become Chairman of the Reserve Bank Board, a teacher in Katanning .

#### 1929

Approx. 1500 cars, trucks and motor bikes registered in Road Board area.

#### 1930

Local CWA formed. St Rita's Convent built, now Reidy House.

#### 1933

Radio Station 6WB started to broadcast , one of the oldest country stations, known as Radio West in 2006. Marloo Club formed at King George Hostel.

#### 1936

Southern Districts Advocate Newspaper sold to Great Southern Herald.

#### 1937

Katanning Historical Society formed. First in country W.A., second in W.A.

#### 1938

Wakes Garage opened. Wake Bros. did original invention work on Orbital Motor. This idea was subsequently taken by an employee and developed by others.

#### 1939

Population 2300. Jubilee year in Katanning. Police Pools and Railway memorials built. Trots had electric lighting. Butter factory was moved to

premises on Broomehill Road.

Swimming Pool built. First purpose built pool in WA, and the first chlorinated in WA. WW2 declared.

#### 1940

Population 3400. Wake's tyre retreading operating.

#### 1942

Filmer's Store and workshop built corner of Clive and Daping Streets. City evacuees at St Rita's Convent.

#### 1943

Broomehill Co-op took over Smith & Sons store in Katanning to become Broomehill & Katanning District Co-op.

#### 1944

Library added to Town Hall, operated by Mechanics Institute.

#### 1945

Eleanor Roberts Youth Library opened for children, first free lending library in WA.

#### 1946

Broomehill & Katanning District Co-op amalgamated with Woodanilling Co-op to become the BKW Co-op.

#### 1949

Power house built in Albion St, owned by Katanning Flour Mill Pty Ltd, powered by diesel engines to generate DC power for town supply. Previously all power was generated by steam engine.

#### 1950

Carrolup closed to become Marribank Native Mission under leadership of Baptist Church. Post War migrants arriving in area.



*BKW Co-op c 1946*

#### 1951

Katanning Arts and Crafts formed.

#### 1955

Town clock erected on corner Austral Terrace and Clive St. Bethshan Home for the Aged established.

#### 1957

Rotary Club Chartered.

#### 1958

Opening of Comprehensive Water Supply Scheme - from Wellington Dam near Collie. Rotary Club Wishing Well installed near Clive St rail crossing to commemorate opening of water scheme.

#### 1960

State electricity came to the area, AC power, generated from Collie coalfields. CBH expanded grain bins to handle bulk grain. Strathfield Drive-in theatre built. Katanning Senior High School came into operation.

#### 1961

Population 4500. Road Board became Shire Council on 23rd June.

#### 1962

Katanning went on to deep sewage

system. Museum opened in Taylor St by Katanning Historical Society. First "Caboodle" Xmas party held on Prosser Oval, a Rotary Club project. The "silent policeman" (a traffic directing device) was removed from the intersection of Austral Terrace & Clive St (replaced by a "round-a-about" in 1988). Pig sale yards opened, subsequently closed in 1994. Apex Club chartered.

#### 1969

Over 1969/70 Steam was phased out to diesel locomotives.

#### 1970

Last passenger train between Perth and Albany. Line now used only for hauling grain.

#### 1973

Abattoir opened in Katanning as Southern Meat Packers. Arrival of first families from Cocos and Christmas Island to work at SMP. Lions Club chartered.

#### 1975

Telephone exchange became automatic.