

# Toodyay Museums



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# Newcastle Gaol Precinct

## Newcastle Gaol

Built in 1865 to replace earlier lock ups, the Newcastle Gaol has had a number of uses over the years. After the gaol closed in 1907 the building became a private residence until the 1940's before being restored and turned into a museum in 1962. Each of the cells house a display including:

- Law & Order
- Growing up in Toodyay
- The Dorizzi Brothers Memorial cell
- Moondyne Joe - where the legend began
- "Native Cell"
- Trades & Textiles

Throughout the year special exhibits are displayed in the former prisoner's day room and kitchen (courtroom). Details on the 2020 exhibits can be found later in the brochure.



## Police Stables

The 1891 Police Stables were restored in 1977. The exhibits permanently on display are:

- Horse drawn wagons
- Fire Cart
- Horse Tack

Other displays change during the year



## Machinery Shed

Located behind the Newcastle Gaol, the Machinery Shed was constructed in 1962 to coincide with the opening of the Newcastle Gaol Museum. The Shed houses a range of agricultural and larger domestic items.

## Wicklow Shearing Shed

The Wicklow Shearing Shed was originally located on the Wicklow Hills property. Salvaged materials from the site were used to recreate the shed at the Newcastle Gaol Precinct in 1999. The structure holds artifacts and information relating to sheep shearing and farming history. The venue is also used for various events such as school holiday programs and the ANZAC day breakfast. Hire bookings can be arranged via the Toodyay Visitor Centre.



## 1907 Lock Up

Built in 1907 to replace the Newcastle Gaol, the Lock Up was used as short term detention to hold people before they appeared in court. The male and female sections were completely separate from each other, and only the male section can be accessed today. The Lock Up has minimal interpretation but shows the cramped and uncomfortable living conditions of the detainees. Access can be arranged by appointment only.

### Location

Clinton Street, Toodyay

### Opening Hours

Open 7 days 10am to 3pm

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and Good Friday

### Entry Fees

\$6 Adults

\$4 Concession

\$14 Families (2 Adults and 2 children)

Free entry for Toodyay residents and children under 6 years of age

Group tours can be arranged with prior notice, please contact the Toodyay Visitor Centre.



# Special Exhibition at the Newcastle Gaol

## Families - Linking our past, present & future

Every family has a unique story worth saving

### Topics include:

- Toodyay's Pioneers
  - Local Families
- How to save your family's history



Alexander James Ferguson, his wife Sarah Elizabeth Ferguson (nee Waters) and their thirteen children, ca1900

Shire of Toodyay museum collection: 2001.1132



Back: Eric Moody, Eileen Abdullah

Seated: James Gillespie (Snr)

Front: Matthew Moody, Geralt Moody, Cynthia Moody

Photograph taken on Teddy Hayes's property Wicklow Hills.  
Courtesy: Elvis Moody

Inspired by the National Trust's  
2021 Heritage Festival theme  
"Our Heritage for the Future"



# Connor's Mill



## Location

Stirling Terrace, Toodyay

Entry is via the Toodyay Visitor Centre on Piesse Street

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Open seven days, 9am to 3.30pm

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Connor's Mill was built in 1870 by George Hasell for Dan Connor. It was the third steam powered mill built in Toodyay (formerly Newcastle). The building has had a number of uses, starting as a flour mill, then being used as a power house, a private residence, the Toodyay Information Centre and now a Museum.

Connor's Mill is three floors high and houses agricultural history and working displays, including a Brotherhood steam engine and milling machinery.

Other displays include:

- Apiary
- Timber
- Viticulture
- Pastoralism
- Ballardong Noongar connection to Country



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