

TIMELINE

1892 Finding gold at Coolgardie

Gold was found by Arthur Bayley and William Ford at Fly Flats at an aboriginal well named Coolgardie.

1893 Finding gold at Kalgoorlie

Patrick Hannan, Tom Flannagan and Dan Shea found gold 40km NE of Coolgardie

1894 Golden Mile – Lake View gold mine started operations

Although the Great Boulder Proprietary was the first to peg out the Golden Mile, The Lake View gold mine was the first to produce gold.

1895 Kalgoorlie founded

Municipality of Kalgoorlie was gazetted.

1896 Goldfields water scheme started

The start of the construction of the water scheme which brought water to Kalgoorlie and Boulder

Rail to Perth

Rail link to Perth was completed.

1897 Boulder founded

The Municipality of Boulder was gazetted

Kalgoorlie Roads Board founded

Kalgoorlie roads board was gazetted.

1899 Boer War

A number of men from Kalgoorlie and Boulder enlist to fight in South Africa against the Boer.

1901 Federation referendum

11, 416 people voted yes in Kalgoorlie and Boulder for federation.

1902 Trams start operating in Kalgoorlie and Boulder

The construction of the Kalgoorlie Electric Tramways started.

1903 Water piped to Kalgoorlie

The Goldfields water scheme is finished and opened in Kalgoorlie at Mount Charlotte.

1907 first feature film is shown at "Her Majesty's Theatre."

Her Majesty's Theatre on Dugan St. shows the first feature film on the Goldfields "The Story of the Kelly Gang."

1908 Boulder and Kalgoorlie Town Halls built.

Both town halls are completed by the Municipalities of Boulder and Kalgoorlie.

1913 Construction started on the Trans Continental rail line.

At Port Augusta in South Australia and Kalgoorlie WA both construction at both ends of the rail line is started.

1914 WW I

Hundreds of young men from Kalgoorlie and Boulder enlist for service in the Australian Infantry Force (AIF), including two ex Mayors of Boulder, Lt. Col. Lyon Johnston and Major Charles Davies.

1916 Conscription Referendum

Goldfields Region votes "Yes" on the matter of conscription.

1917 The Trans continental rail line opened

At Kalgoorlie the final rail dog is driven into the line and the Trans Continental is opened.

1926 Pitman & Walsh murders

The brutal murder of two gold squad detectives, Sgt. Pitman and Inspector Walsh.

1929 Paddy Hannan statue unveiled

In celebration of the centenary of the State of Western Australia the statue of Paddy Hannan is unveiled.

1931 First Radio Station on Goldfields – 6KG

First commercial radio Station starts broadcasting from Bourke St. Piccadilly.

1934 Kalgoorlie riots

What starts as a fight at the Home from Home Hotels turns into two nights of rioting in Kalgoorlie and Boulder.

1936 6GF started broadcasting

ABC goldfields starts broadcasting from the Kalgoorlie Town Hall, before moving to it's studios at Binduli .

1938 First indoor Olympic swimming pool in WA is built in Kalgoorlie

Known as the Lord John Forrest Olympic Swimming Pool, it was opened by the Mayor Richard Moore, with his daughter Isobel Moore and Councillor Harold Kingsbury a swimming champion diving off the platform together.

1939 WW II

A large number of young men enlist into the defence forces to serve during WW II.

1945 Kalgoorlie's 50th Anniversary

Fifty years since the founding of Kalgoorlie.

1947 Boulder's 50th anniversary

Fifty years since the founding of Boulder

1950 Korean War starts

A number of men from Kalgoorlie and Boulder enlist for service into the Korean War

1952 trams cease operating in Kalgoorlie & Boulder

Last of the trams cease operation and lines ripped up.

1954 HM Queen Elizabeth II first visit to Kalgoorlie & Boulder

A year after her coronation HM Queen Elizabeth II comes to town

1958 View Way Drive-in opened

First Drive-in on the goldfields opens with the movie "Magnificent Matador."

1962 Australia starts it's involvement in Vietnam

Local men enlist and are conscripted in to service.

1968 first set of traffic lights installed at the intersection of Hannan and Maritana Streets**1970 ABWK Channel 6 started the first television broadcasts in Kalgoorlie**

After a number of mishaps the Goldfields get TV.

1988 Second Paddy Hannan statue unveiled

A Paddy Hannan Statue cast in bronze replaces the copper statue.

1989 City of Kalgoorlie - Boulder founded

The amalgamation of the Shire of Boulder and the Town of Kalgoorlie.

Super pit starts being dug out

Alan Bond buys up the last of the gold mines and starts digging the Super pit.

1993 Centenary of gold

100 years since Hannan, Flannagan and Shea found gold at Kalgoorlie.

1999 Oasis aquatic centre opens in Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Originally known as the YMCA, this aquatic centre replaced the Lord John Forrest Swimming Pool.

2010 5.0 earthquake hits Boulder

At 8:20am Boulder is rocked by a 5.0 earthquake which damages many buildings.

Kalgoorlie Golf Club opens.

2018 125th Anniversary of finding gold in Kalgoorlie-Boulder

It has been 125 years Paddy Hannan found the first gold in the area.