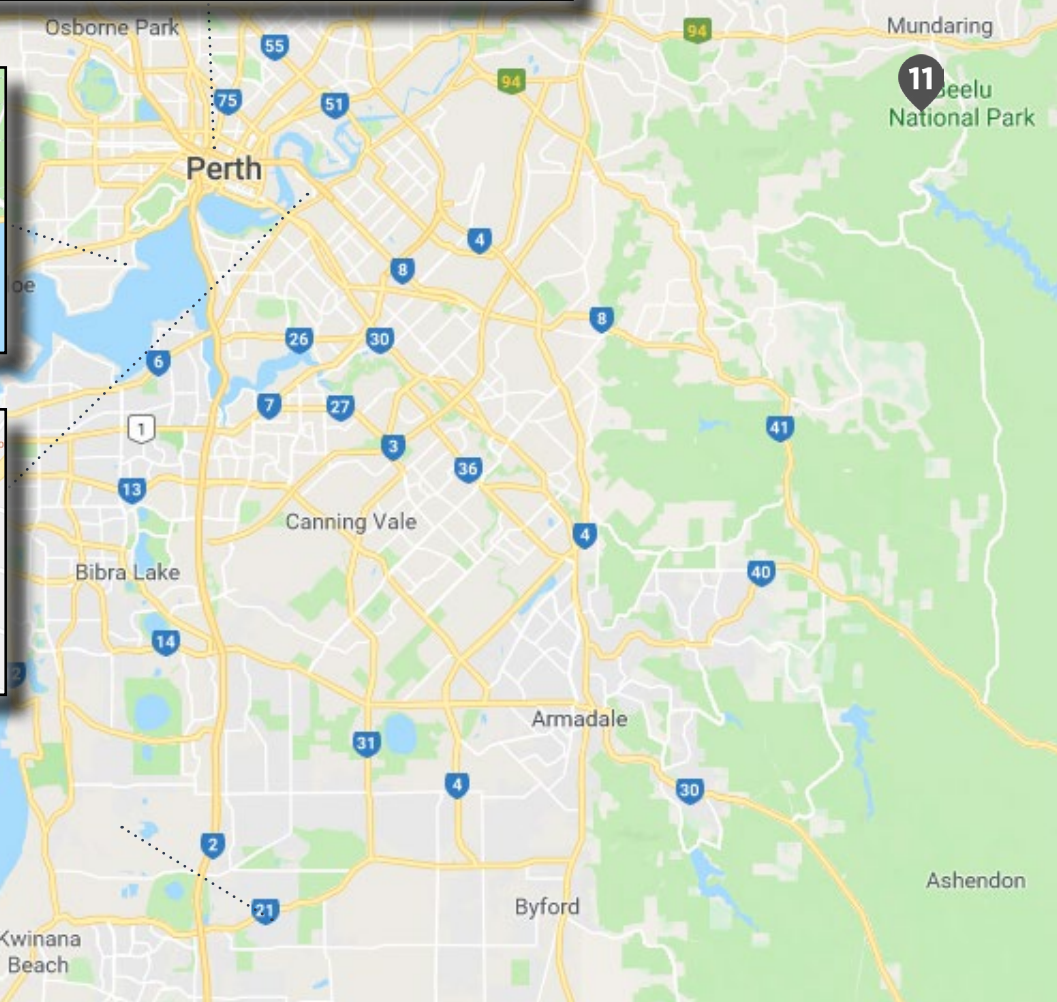
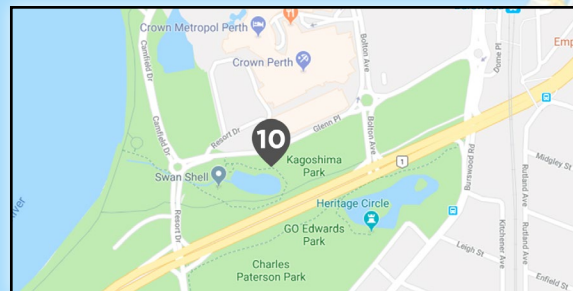
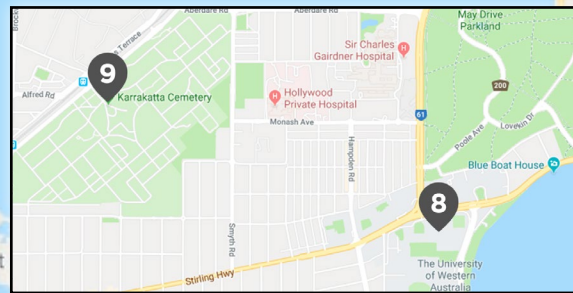
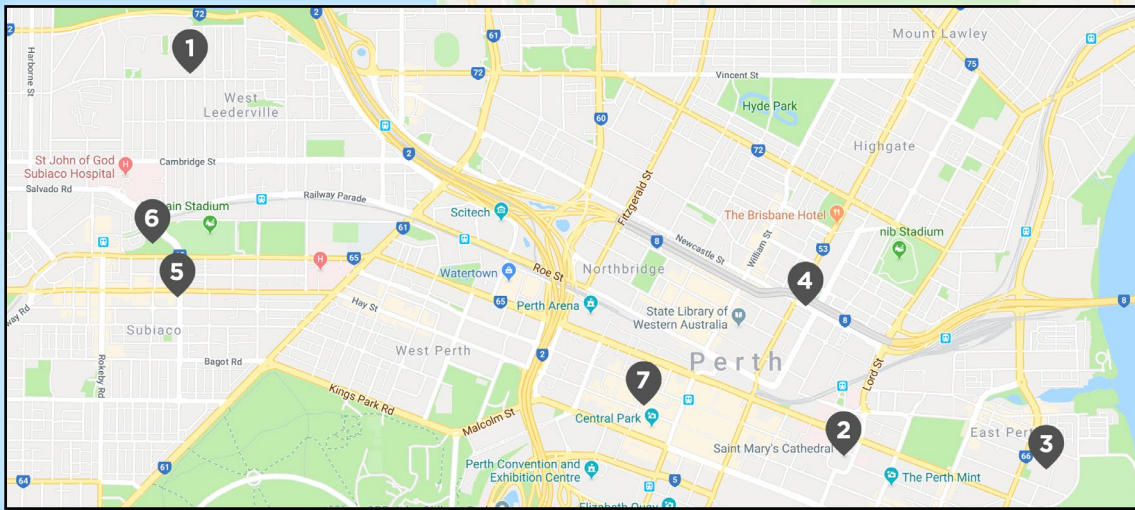


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# IRISH HERITAGE TRAIL (NORTH)

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## 1. Catholic education building

*50 Ruislip St, Leederville WA*

The buildings which comprise the Catholic Education Centre were established in stages from 1903 to the 1920s by the Good Shepherd Sisters. In 1905, an industrial-sized laundry was constructed. The large kitchens within the convent provided a catering service.

## 2. St Mary's Cathedral Crypt

*17 Victoria Sq, Perth*

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Patrick Joseph Clune (1864-1935) first catholic Archbishop of Perth was born in County Clare, Ireland. He was responsible for construction of the new cathedral in 1926 which was interrupted by the great depression of 1929 but finally finished in 2009. He met British Prime Minister Lloyd George in 1920 to negotiate a truce between Britain and Sinn Fein in Ireland. He was interred in the crypt on 3/9/13. Also interred are County Cavan-born Irish Clerics Bishop John Brady (1800-1871) and Bishop Matthew Gibney (1835-1925) who was famous for giving bushranger Ned Kelly the last rites following a shoot-out at Glenrowan, Victoria in 1880, and Archbishop Redmond Prendiville (1900-1968) from County Kerry.

## 3. East Perth Cemetery

*Bronte St, East Perth*

The East Perth Cemetery is the burial place of a number of Fenians. This included Joseph Noonan, who went into partnership with Hugh Brophy, establishing a highly successful bridge building and construction company. They won a number of contracts from the Catholic Church, the government, and private enterprise, and hired ticket-of-leave men to do stone cutting, carpentry and labouring. Their buildings include Walter Padbury's store and residence in Guildford, the Greenough Flats police station, the convent for the Sisters of Mercy in Goderich Street Perth, and St. Patrick's church in York. It is believed that Noonan was involved in planning the Perth Town Hall. Noonan remained in Western Australia, living in Howick Street Perth, and maintaining his republican beliefs throughout his life. He died on 18th May 1885, and is buried in the East Perth Cemetery.

## 4. Protestant Hall

*160-162 Beaufort Street, Perth*

Built for the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society, a voluntary mutual aid association for provision of medical services and financial assistance. It served as a cultural focal point for the Loyal Orange Institution of Western Australia since it was built c. 1897. The facade features a

painted relief of King William astride his white horse. The Loyal Orange Institution of Western Australia is a Christian fraternal organization made up of Protestants from all denominations. The Order is made up of Lodges (Clubs) in each State, which come under the jurisdiction of a State Grand Lodge.

## 5. Irish Club of Western Australia

*61 Townshend Rd, Subiaco*

Formed in 1950 the club moved to the present premises in 1974. The club is fully licensed with an active kitchen and features a theatre, library and meeting rooms. The club hosts Irish music classes and sessions and Irish language classes and is the home to a range of Irish cultural organisations including Irish dancing, literature, history, business, social and sport.

## 6. An Gorta Mor - Irish Famine Memorial

*Market Square Park, Roberts Road, Subiaco*

Designed and created by Irish sculptors Charlie and Joan Smith the memorial was unveiled by President of Ireland Michael D Higgins on Monday 9 October, 2017, who described it as 'a most beautiful and moving depiction of the desolation that unfolded during and following those apocalyptic famine years in the 1840s'. The memorial committee chaired by Fred Rea wanted to keep alive the memories of the thousands of young Irish women who relocated from the misery of workhouses to the Australian colonies in search of a better life.

## 7. Harper's Buildings

*810-820 Hay Street, Perth*

Built by Nathaniel Harper (1865-1954) who came from County Antrim. He arrived in New Zealand in 1883 and began a career in mine management. He moved to Broken Hill in 1887, then via Tasmania arrived in WA in 1892. He is credited with conceiving the scheme for the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme and made a submission to Premier Sir John Forrest. He became MP for Beverley and later Pingelly. He owned extensive farming and mining interests and built many notable buildings in Perth including the Esplanade Hotel and Harpers buildings. The latter was built in 1937 as an 'ultra-modern building'. The basement featured a purpose-built wine tasting room which was an innovation in WA and was decorated with 'Egyptian Terazo work'.

## 8. Hackett Hall and Winthrop Hall

*University of WA, Crawley*

Sir John Winthrop Hackett, KCMG (1848-1916) was born in Shankill, County Dublin and educated at Trinity College

following which he was called to the Irish Bar. He arrived in NSW in 1875. He changed career from law to journalism and then moved via Melbourne to the Gascoyne District in WA where he had a short stint at farming. He then moved to Perth and partnered with Charles Harper in The West Australian newspaper. As editor he became a major influence in WA advising Premier John Forrest. He supported secular education, women's suffrage, federalism and the establishment of the University of WA. He was elected first chancellor of the university in 1913, was a member of the legislative council until his death, was President of Perth Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery and a prominent member of the Church of England. He left substantial bequests to the University and the Anglican Church.

## 9. Grave of Martin O'Meara, VC

*Karrakatta Cemetery, Roman Catholic Section a War Grave Number: 0093.*

Born Lorrha, Co Tipperary 1885 Martin emigrated to South Australia in 1912 and moved to WA in 1914 settling in Collie. He enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in 1915. He was presented with a Victoria Cross by King George V at Buckingham Palace in 1917. On his return to WA in 1918 he suffered a mental breakdown and spend the remainder of his life in Claremont Mental Hospital where he died in 1935.

## 10. Burswood Park Heritage Trail

Precinct of Burswood Casino

Series of 8 public sculptures by Irish Sculptors Charlie and Joan Smith featuring Irish figures: Paddy Hannan (1842-1925), Goldfields Pioneer, from County Clare discovered gold in Kalgoorlie; The Storyteller - Mary Durack (1913-1994), author and historian, grand-daughter of County Clare Cattle station pioneer in WA Kimberley region Patsy Durack (1834-1898).

## 11. Mundaring Weir

*Sawyers Valley, Perth Hills*

The Irish Australian engineer C. Y. O'Connor was involved in the design of a scheme that transported water to the Eastern Goldfields of Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie, a distance of 530 km. The weir was completed in 1903. The lake created by the dam was known as the Helena River Reservoir, however it is now known as Lake C.Y. O'Connor. The Weir features a museum formally known as 'C Y O'Connor Museum' in the No 1 Pump Station.