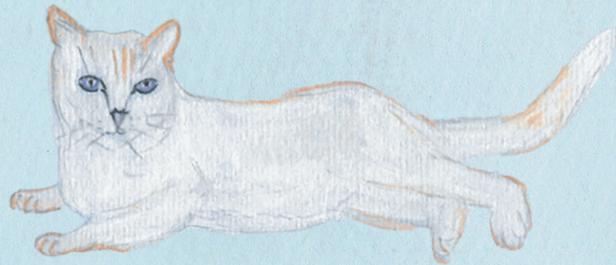


# THE MUSEUM CAT



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## Dedication

For our grandchildren, Sari, Fyfe, Edee, Huxley, Reeve, Charlie and Archie, who love to go to the 'New zeum' every time they visit,

and for all the children that visit the museum to look around, sit on the tractors and learn about the history of Cunderdin and Western Australia.

My name is Boo.

I am an important cat with an important job to do.





Please  
ring bell  
for  
attendant

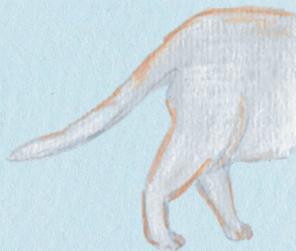
I live at the Cunderdin Museum. The museum used to be the Number 3 Pumping Station that helped pump water from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie after the Goldrush.





PEOP  
WALKATCHBA  
OU AJRADING

Each day, I walk around the museum exhibits to make sure that everything looks good for our visitors.



## About the Museum and Boo

The Number 3 Pumping Station was a part of the Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply Scheme and was developed to pump water from Mundaring in the Perth Hills to Kalgoorlie in the Goldfields. When the steam-driven pumping station was decommissioned to make way for electric pumps, forward-thinking community members felt it would make an ideal setting for a museum. The Cunderdin Museum was opened in 1973.

Boo officially belongs to Michelle, the curator of the museum collection, but he thinks we all belong to him. Rescued from a farm in a neighbouring district, Boo has spent most of his life as the museum cat. Partial to chicken and lots of attention, he will patrol the museum and grounds and make every attempt to escape when locked in at night.

## About Jan Whisson (OAM)

As a rural primary school principal, Jan endeavoured to instil a love of art, history and reading in her students. She was recently awarded an Order of Australia medal for her services to primary education.

Now retired, she volunteers her time at the Cunderdin Museum where she has seen Boo's exploits firsthand and gives him the attention he demands.

Creating a picture book has been a dream throughout her teaching career - it just needed the right main character to kickstart the process!

