



*Madsen's Kitchen.*

Credit: Jenny Bebbington



*Local mining items.*

Credit: Connie Dyke



*Working 3 Pole Gold Mining Stamper.*

Credit: Connie Dyke

**Mt Perry Museum**

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**'Did You Know' – intriguing facts about the Museum**

- Local Mt Perry man, Madsen, featured in an early edition of Pix magazine. He was mustering along Monto Rd when he is reported to have seen Min Min lights.
- Florence Broadhurst, Australia's best known wall paper designer, was born in Drummer's Creek, near by Mt Perry and her house still exists in Mt Perry.
- From the museum you can walk and explore the amazing old smelter site from the Queensland Copper Company.
- Coffins were made in bulk in Bundaberg and sent to Mt Perry around the 1880s. And guess what - you can find two unused examples in the Mt Perry Museum.
- Mt Perry is reportedly named after Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Augustus Perry, Deputy Surveyor General of NSW who was said to be part of the escort of Napoleon when he was exiled to St Helena in 1815.

**Our Profile**

*Coffins, Min Min lights, corrugated iron rollers, operating tables, electric washing machines and stamper batteries. Florence Broadhurst, Lieutenant Perry, failed railway lines, corporate scandal, colonial copper, gold and settlers. All this and more at Mt Perry Museum.*

Situated in the original 1880s Mt Perry Shire Council Chambers, the Mt Perry Museum houses a collection of heritage objects specific to Mt Perry and the surrounding districts. Mining is an important part of that heritage and our collection features historic and operational mining equipment from across a district where mining heritage is all around, including remnants from the earliest days of the copper mines in the 1860s.

Mining brought new settlers who developed a range of businesses to service the community including an astounding 25 pubs at one time or another, cordial factories, dressmakers, butchers and haberdashers. Elements from some of these businesses can be found on display in the museum. People came from everywhere, from countries across the world and our embroidery collection reflects this wonderful diversity. A scary collection of historic hospital equipment from the renowned Mt Perry Hospital is also on display.

The township of Mt Perry has a diverse collection of original buildings and within the grounds of the museum stands Madsen's kitchen, an original slab structure from nearby Drummers Creek which has been restored. The evocative interior depicts the kitchen as it was when it was used in the 1860s, with domestic objects from across the life of the building.

The Mt Perry Heritage Walk brochure guides visitors along the streets of Mt Perry and identifies where early buildings were once located and the histories of some of these buildings are supported by objects within the museum.

The museum boasts a working stamper battery, curvilinear table and blacksmith's forge, all of which can be seen in operation by prior arrangement. Come and see our wonderful local collection with connections to every part of Mt Perry and districts' past.

**What the Standards Program has meant for our museum**

**Strategic direction:** The program has confirmed our future direction, given us a focus on what is Mt Perry's heritage story, and given us a great knowledge base in museum operations.

**Museum Operations:** For a small museum it was great to be told that some things we are doing are right, and it was great to be shown achievable ways to do other things better.