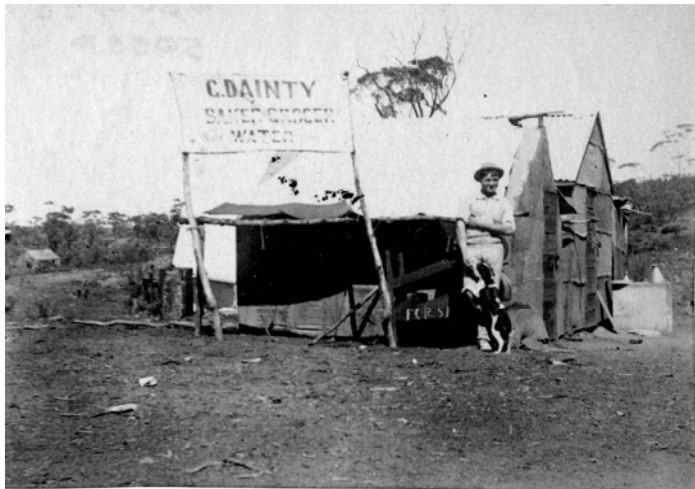


*During National Water Week visit No 1 Pump Station,  
Mundaring Weir for an excursion on the 2010 theme:*

## *Australia's Most Precious Resource*

Students discover water's value through the lives of people who lived more than 100 years ago



### *More precious than gold*

- Programs relate to the WA Curriculum Framework.
- Workshops tailored for Years 1-7.
- Additional resources available from National Trust and Water Corporation.
- The Water Corporation supports a visit as part of its Waterwise Schools Program.

George Dainty in Coolgardie, about 1895. He died of thirst on the waterless goldfields. Photo courtesy Battye Library.

### **Water - Australia's Most Precious Resource** - suitable years 1 - 7

What happened when gold was discovered in WA's arid interior in the 1890s? How did the government provide permanent freshwater? Which is more valuable - water or gold?

The program uses the 1890s Gold Rush to emphasise the life-giving value of water, using historic photographs and documents. Students explore the need for the goldfields water supply, key players in the project and how the pipeline works. They explore the ongoing problem of supplying the goldfields and relate it to topical water issues such as conservation, desalination and sustainability.

### **National Water Week 17 -23 October 2010**

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Water for sale by the gallon jug in Coolgardie, about 1895.  
Photo courtesy Battye Library

