

CYGNET BAY PEARLS ACKNOWLEDGES MILLENNIA OF CULTURAL USE OF PEARLSHELL ON THE WEST KIMBERLEY COAST PREDATING THIS TIME-LINE.

Human beings have been captivated by the beauty of mother of pearl shell for thousands of years. Evidence shows that the first Australians have collected and traded pearlshell for 20,000 years, and they continue to do so today.

The cultural and customary uses of pearlshell are well documented in the 'Lustre' exhibition, created in a

collaboration between the Western Australian Museum, Nyamba Buru Yawuru and Cygnet Bay Pearls. 'Lustre', launched in 2015, is now traveling the country. You can find more information at:

www.museum.wa.gov.au/museums/maritime/lustre-pearling-australia

For information about Yawuru culture and Broome's past download the Jetty to Jetty Trail app at www.j2jbroome.com.au



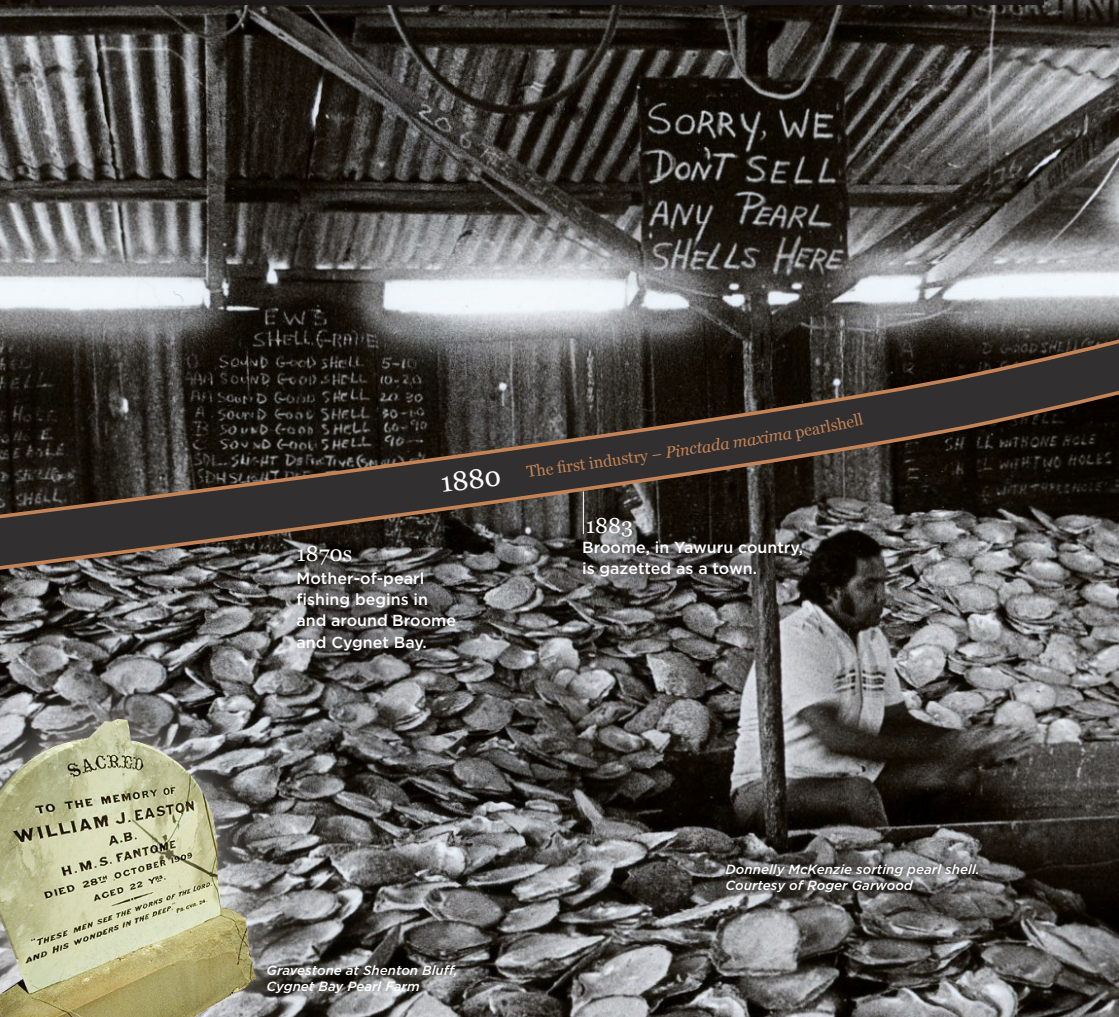
Corroboree the Browns were invited to, 1960



A significant riji of the Wiggan family dynasty



Bruce Wiggan continues the tradition



1880 The first industry – *Pinctada maxima* pearlshell

1870s
Mother-of-pearl fishing begins in and around Broome and Cygnet Bay.

1883
Broome, in Yawuru country, is gazetted as a town.

Donnelly McKenzie sorting pearl shell.
Courtesy of Roger Garwood



Gravestone at Shenton Bluff, Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm