

Myaree

The name of this suburb is of Aboriginal origin and is thought to mean “place of green foliage.” It was developed partly as a light industrial area during the late 1950s and into the 1960s and 1970s.

Some of the streets are named after early settlers and poultry farmers in the area such as Aiken, Love and Malland while other street names remember men who served and died during World War I. For example, Blaikie Street was named after Thomas Blaikie who was killed in action in France, 1917. Choules Place is named after Norman W. Choules of the 11th Battalion AIF who also died in France 1917.

Myaree was home to the twelve acre Melway Drive-in, a cinema located in Rome Road catering to people who wished to watch a movie in their cars. There was outside seating for those without vehicles. It opened in 1958 on a site that once had three poultry farms. Melway Drive-in had the largest screen in Western Australia, measuring 100 feet in width. It closed during the 1980s and was replaced by St Ives Retirement Village.



A416_2 Leach Highway, Myaree 1980's

Myaree was also home to Hulmes Wool Scouring, starting in 1934. In 1938, the business was restructured by businessmen Cooper and Goyder. Frank Scanlan eventually became manager and increased the buildings on the site. In 1955, Scanlan formed the company Melco, with Hulmes becoming a subsidiary of Melco. A chimney

stack on the site had a large Melco sign on it. The area's past is remembered with Hulme Court, a road linking McCoy Street and Leach Highway.

Other features of Myaree include Marmion Reserve and Pitman Park, which is named after Ella & George Pitman, bakers in Petra Street, East Fremantle and also poultry farmers in the North Lake Road area.

Myaree is the home of the Rhein-Donau Club Inc, located on North Lake Road close to the intersection of McCoy Street. This volunteer operated club of is a member of the National Body of German Speaking Clubs and was established at its present site in 1959.