



Former policeman Larry Morgan has created his own historical collection of memorabilia called Policeman's Way in Donnybrook. PICTURE: JON GELLWEILER

## Collection highlights retired officer's pride in profession

LARRY Morgan has always been a collector.

During his time he has amassed hundreds of stamps, precious stones and, thanks to a 37-year career in the police force, what could be Australia's most extensive collection of international police memorabilia.

Mr Morgan said his most prized item was Larry Junior — a bear made out of the police tunic he wore during his time as an officer

at the central police station in Perth. He said the bear was a reminder of the pride he took in the profession.

"It was a great career and a great job," he said.

"The camaraderie, the places I went, the people I met — I was very fortunate."

His shed in Donnybrook has been transformed into Policeman's Way, full of hundreds of police badges, pins, hats, model cars

and even a toy "flying pig" from as far afield as Germany, Vietnam, France and China.

Each item has its own story, remembered in fine detail by the sharp-witted retiree.

The most recent donation was the official records book from the Mt Morgan Police Station kept between 1903 and 1911.

He now offers guided tours by appointment and said the collection was priceless.

"About a million would probably do it," he said. "There is no one capable of valuing it."

Mr Morgan said he wanted to showcase a different side to the police force.

"I want to show that we're human, we have other interests, families."

Appointments to see the display can be made by calling Mr Morgan on 9731 2907 or by email at petalar-morgan@optusnet.com.au.

## Grant will help repair memorial

THE Bunbury City Council has received an Anzac Centenary Local Grant to restore the Bunbury War Memorial to its original condition.

This will include removing paint and repairing damage to the stone monument.

The grant will provide \$30,000 toward the project's total cost of \$44,700.

Forrest MHR Nola Marino said the memorial would be a major focus of Anzac Day commemorations next year and the project highlighted the important local stories of servicemen and women.

## MLA's daughter declines bail bid

THE daughter of Collie-Preston MLA Mick Murray wants to stay in custody because she feels it is a better place to deal with her drug addiction, a court was told on Tuesday.

Bree Murray, 35, appeared in the Bunbury Magistrate's Court charged with three offences over an alleged drug haul worth \$150,000.

Police allegedly found methy-lamphetamine, MDMA, cannabis and cash at an East Bunbury home on September 2.

In court, defence lawyer Judith Fordham said Ms Murray had chosen not to apply for bail because she "feels better off" in prison.

She also revealed Ms Murray is set to appear in the District Court on October 10 for unrelated charges.

Ms Fordham said Ms Murray was expected to enter pleas on the latest charges at the October appearance.

Her father, the Opposition spokesman for regional roads, racing and gaming, and forestry, last week said his daughter had been fighting her addiction for 15 years.