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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Future Members Meeting Dates:

- Saturday 8th December, 2018 (Christmas break up activity) at 10am.

Annual General Meeting:

- Saturday 16th March, 2019. Guest speaker is Nanette Collins, creator of Beechworth prison website hmgoolbeechworth.com.

What's New in the Library?

- "Startling Stories from Albury" by Howard C. Jones.
- "Amazing People of the Border" by Howard C. Jones.
- "Chiltern Past & Present, Volume 2."

MEMBERSHIP

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| Initial 1st year Admin Fee | \$10 |
| Single full membership | \$30 |
| Joint full membership | \$50 |

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members **Yvonne Smith, Jennifer Hunt, James Lamb and Des Woods.**

Welcome

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End of Year Get Together Saturday 8th December, 2018:

Our Christmas break up will be a visit to Tarrawingee Cemetery, commencing at 10am onsite. This will be followed by lunch at the Milawa Hotel, Snow Road, Milawa at 12 - 12.30pm. Further information will be forwarded to those who confirm their attendance before the event. To confirm numbers for catering purposes, please advise by e-mail at info@wfhs.org.au or phone (0417) 135 485 or 0427 514 629.

WFHS Library Closure:

WFHS Library will have its last open day on Saturday 15th December, 2018 and will be closed over the Christmas-New Year period. The Library will reopen on Thursday 31st January, 2019.

Community Raffle:

Raffle ticket books, sold or unsold, together with money collected should have been returned to WFHS by now. The raffle is our major fundraisers for the year, so thank you for your kind support and good luck!

Seniors Festival:

The Seniors Festival was successful again this year, with eleven research bookings resulting in some interesting family research. So far, two Seniors have elected to become members, with the possibility of another two. A hectic couple of weeks, but satisfying overall. Thank you to everyone involved!

Request:

A reminder to all members that our Committee is currently not at full strength. We still have four vacancies and would appreciate members seriously considering taking a position on Committee. We need new blood, new ideas, a broader view, voice and perspective, so please consider putting your hand up! If you would like to help, please contact any of the present Committee and they will be happy to provide induction and training as required.

The Poppy

*I am not a badge of
honour,
I am not a racist smear,
I am not a fashion
statement,
To be worn but once a year,
I am not glorification
Of conflict or of war.
I am not a paper ornament,
A token,
I am more.*

*I am a loving memory,
Of a father or a son,
A permanent reminder
Of each and every one.*

*I'm paper or enamel,
I'm old or shiny new,
I'm a way of saying thank you,
To every one of you.*

*I am a simple poppy,
A reminder to you all,
That courage, faith and honour,
Will stand where heroes fall.*

Paul Hunter 2014.



Lest We Forget

Can You Help:

1. Pinkerton:

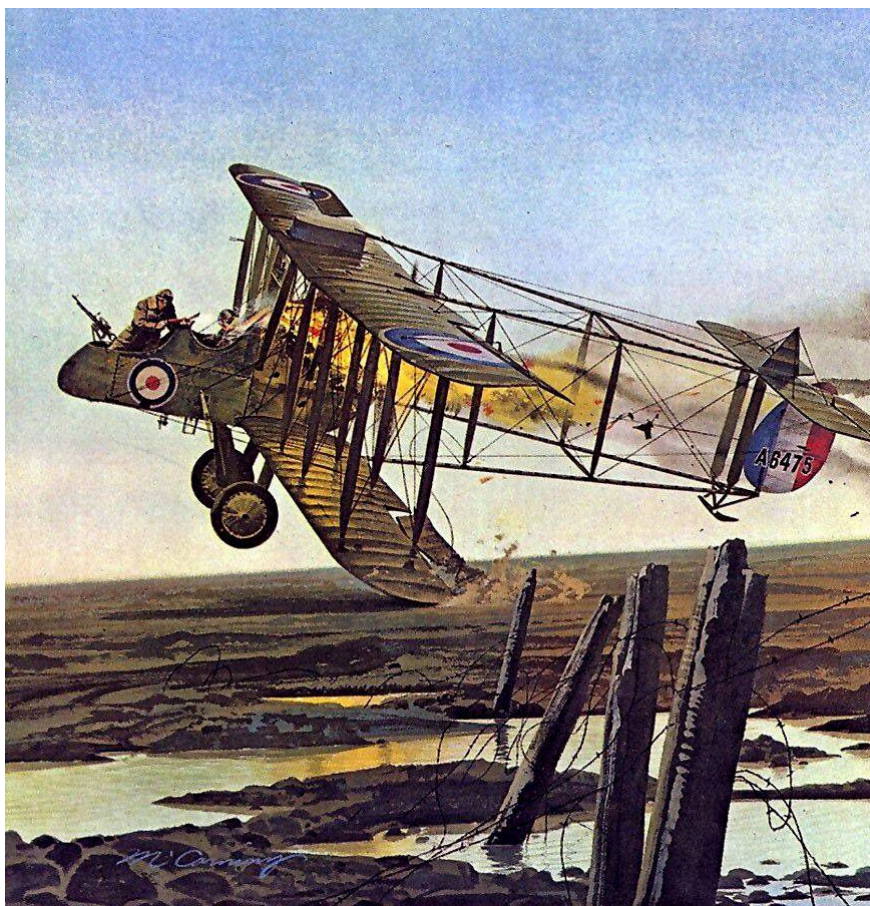
We have a request for any descendants of Second Lieutenant A.L. Pinkerton, Pilot, 11 Squadron, RFC to make contact.

Pinkerton was the pilot of a FE2B that was shot down on 16 September, 1916. His observer was Lieutenant J.W. Sanders, 11 Squadron RFC. The plane crash landed safely, and both Pinkerton and Sanders walked away, but spent the next 2 1/4 years as prisoners-of-war.

They were repatriated from Germany to Britain on 18 December 1918.

Bill Sanders, a descendant of Lieutenant Sanders intends going to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 18 December 2018 to pay his respects to his grandfather, and was wondering if somebody from Lieutenant Pinkerton's family would like to join him in honouring them.

Any information to info@wfhs.org.au.



2. Charles Bernard Meadway:

We are looking for information on and photos of Charles Bernard MEADWAY, also known as "Barney" MEADWAY formerly of Wangaratta. Barney was born in 1879 in Dunedin New Zealand, and came to Australia in 1885 as a 6 year old. The family lived first in Bendigo, and later in Wangaratta. In 1902 he enlisted in the 6th Battalion Australian

Commonwealth Horse to fight the Boers, but the war ended within a month of his enlistment.

In 1906, he played his one and only VFL game with Carlton. The following year, he played 3 successive games for Collingwood, but opportunities dried up. He returned to Wangaratta to concentrate on his trap shooting and bush football.

At nearly 36 years old and still single, he enlisted with the AIF in 1915. He joined the Remount Unit in the deserts of the Middle East. He competed in the Egyptian shooting tournament at Cairo Gun Club while on deployment.

Meadway returned from the war in 1919, became a successful businessman and a crack shot internationally, winning his first Australian championship in 1920, the first of six. He also competed in Monte Carlo 3 times against the world's best.

If you can help with any photos or information on this fascinating local champion, please let us know at info@wfhs.org.au.

The Weekly Times, Saturday, December 24, 1938

BARNEY MEADWAY'S COME-BACK

Wins Sparrow Trophy At Tottenham

By "CROSSBOLT"

C. B. ("Barney") Meadway, who, a few years ago, was in world class as a trap shot, signalled his return to the sport at Tottenham last week with a fine exhibition at starlings. He grassed 12 straight and won a competition for a trophy presented by Mr. R. R. Stevenson.

BARNEY MEADWAY, a native of Wangaratta, and now a resident of Melbourne, has been an absentee from the traps for a long time, but he showed at Tottenham on Saturday was a reminder of the prowess which made him such an outstanding shot a number of years ago. Meadway still holds the world's record for sparrow shooting. He killed 108 in succession from various distances at Wangaratta. While serving with the Light Horse in the Great War, he won the championship of Egypt, stopping 16 birds out of 18 from a distance of 32½ yards. The boundary was only 17 inches high. He also competed with success under the pit system against leading Egyptian and European shots. Both before and after the war, Meadway won numerous championships in Victoria and other States. It will be recalled that on the eve of his winning a Commonwealth starling championship at North Brighton in 1920, he killed 29 starlings out of 31. In his day, Meadway was also a prominent footballer and cricketer.



C. B. Meadway in action at Tottenham.

3. "Yaralla Dairy" Perry Street, Wangaratta

Via Lost Wangaratta Facebook page, Robert Twomey Senior is interested in any information about the business known at "Yaralla Dairy", owned by G. A. Morrow. Described in advertising as being in Perry Street.

MILK OI

I WILL be retailing Milk from J. D. Read's Jersey Herd, which is the richest in the State. Milk and Cream always on hand.

G. A. MORROW,
"Yaralla" Dairy, Wangaratta.

Phone 134.

Eldorado Cemetery tour November 2017

For those members who missed this guided tour last year, a couple of the more interesting headstones with information gleaned from various sources including WFHS library holdings.

Edwin Bawden (Known as Ned)



Ned was born in Eldorado in 1876, the only son out of 8 children of *William Henry Bawden* and *Fanny Thomas Bawden (nee Hollow)*. Ned volunteered for service in South Africa with the Imperial Bushman's Corps. He was appointed farrier sergeant with the 4th Australian Imperial Regiment.

Ned survived the Boer War but on the way home fell victim to measles and then pneumonia. The conditions on the boats at the time left much to be desired, and after the hardships of the war, Ned died of pneumonia in Melbourne in August, 1901, only 8 days after returning to Australia.

Prior to enlisting, Ned worked for a blacksmith in Wilby. The residents of Wilby had decided to present Ned with a suitably inscribed revolver as a "welcome home" gift. In the circumstances, the money was used for a memorial stone which was erected on One Tree Hill (now called Monument Hill) overlooking Eldorado. (Directly behind the Eldorado store and McEvoy Tavern).

In recent years, the Wangaratta RSL sub branch arranged for a new bronze plaque to be commissioned and fixed to the memorial.

Alexander and John Falconer



John was the eldest of 6 boys born to *Hugh Falconer* and *Mary Elizabeth Shellnack*. Alexander was the fourth son. *Hugh Falconer* was the manager of Cock's Pioneer mine when on 30th November, 1904, the three boys drowned in one of the mine's dams.

Nicholas James Douglas, an engine driver, and his brother *Frederick George Douglas* a fireman were instrumental in the rescue of the boys from the water. They spent three hours trying to resuscitate the boys, but were unsuccessful, as was Dr. McCardel. *Hugh Falconer* identified the bodies as those of his sons, *John Charles*, aged 15 and *Alexander McDonald*, aged 8. *Letitia Wilson* identified the body of her son, *Stanley Wilson* as the third child drowned.

The coroner found that death was due to accidental drowning, and praised the efforts of *Nicholas* and *Fred Douglas* in particular, who retrieved the bodies from the dam.

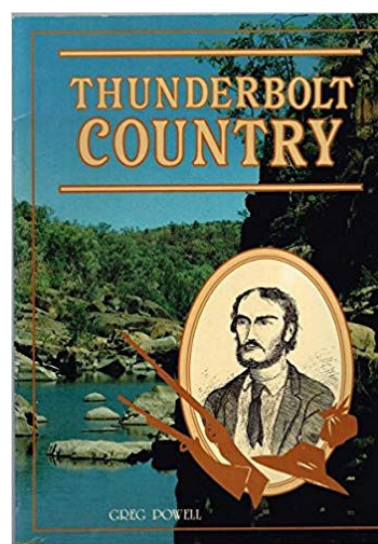
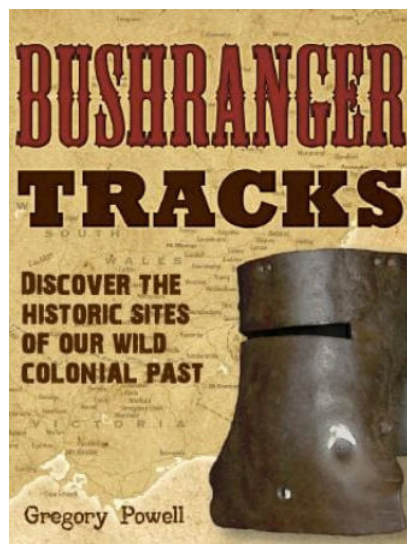
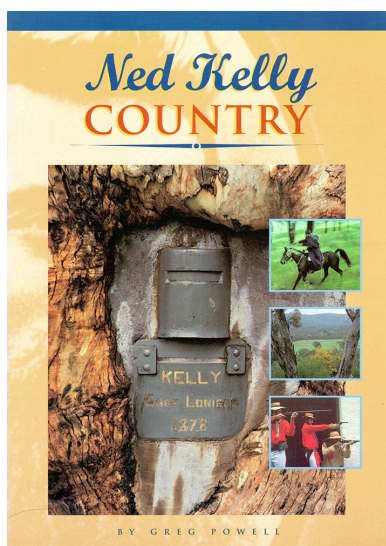
Bushranger Tracks

On a recent visit to Beechworth, I was fortunate to meet Hunter Valley author, Gregory Powell, of Valentine. A retired primary school teacher with a love of bushwalking and history, he has published four bushranger books.

Gregory was a founding member of the Hunter Bushrangers Re-enactment Group (1969-2009), and he credits his interest in bushranger haunts to a visit to Kelly Country, in Victoria, back in 1969.

Over the last 40 years, he has researched bushrangers who roamed over a wide expanse of territory in New South Wales and Victoria more than a century ago. He not only looks at household names like Ned Kelly, Captain Starlight and Ben Hall, but lesser known outlaws such as the Jewboy Gang of the Hunter Valley, or "Yellow Billy" whose real name was William White.

The book mainly focuses on New South Wales, with the Victorian section focusing on Ned Kelly.



Above - A few of Greg Powell's bushranger book titles.

One thing Greg loves to do is talk to groups of people about his research and tell the stories of the lesser known lawbreakers discovered during his travels.

According to Gregory, the two decades from 2010 to 2030 will mark the 150th anniversaries of Australia's most significant bushranger incidents. The day I caught up with him, Greg was back in Victoria chasing down a few more clues to be included in a revised edition of his book "Bushranger Tracks." He is so passionate and knowledgeable about our less than lawful colonial history, and it was such a pleasure to chat to him about all things bushranger.

Highlight of the day for me was buying a copy of the book inscribed by the author.

For those who are interested in the revised edition, "Bushranger Tracks: Beyond the Legend" will be released on 3 December, 2018 by publishers New Holland Publishers at a cost of \$24.99.



The Committee would like to wish all our members and followers a Merry Christmas, and a wonderful year in 2019.

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