

Goldfields Diggings

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society 2022-11

December 2022

December Dates to Remember:

07th Dec 2022 - Final Volunteers Morning tea of the year.

16th Dec - Christmas Sundowner - Hannans Club from 5.30pm.

22nd December - 17th January - Closed.

10th Jan - John Rees talk on Water at the Museum of the Goldfields.

14th Jan - Claire Weir - talk on Water at the Museum of the Goldfields.

26th Jan - Australia Day - Closed. Australia Day Awards.

27th Jan - Walk of Fame Unveiling, Hannan St.

Merry Christmas

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the volunteers, members and supporters of the Historical Society a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and I look forward to working with you all again when we return from the break.

The Society is holding a Christmas Sundowner on the 16th December at the Hannans Club from 5.30pm. Please feel free to call in and have a chat and a drink.

A reminder that the Society will be closed from the 22nd December 2022 until the 17th January



New Years Resolution



Why not make your new years resolution to volunteer.



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The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society will be closed from 22nd December and reopening on the 17th January 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the year and wish every on a safe and happy New Year.

Reminder - there will be no January newsletter but we will be back up and running in February.



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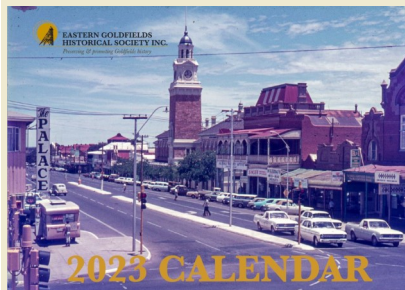
Donations

BSB: 066514

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Stocking Stuffers

Did you know that one of the 2023 EGHS calendars will fit perfectly into your Christmas Stockings!

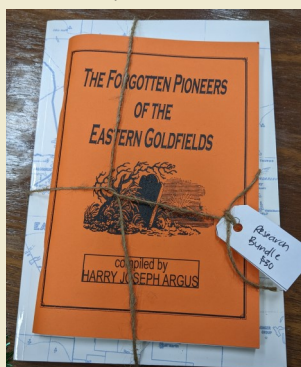


\$15.00

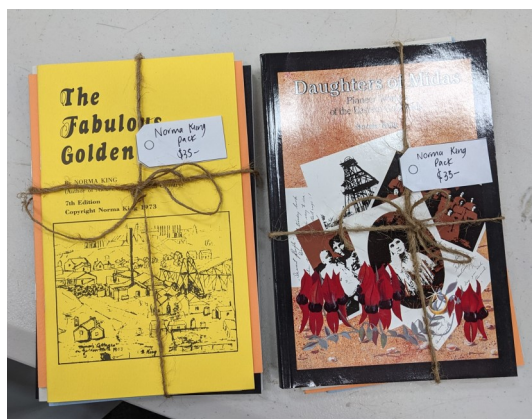
Slouch hat penny key rings
\$10.00



Researchers gift pack. Includes The Forgotten Pioneers of the Eastern Goldfields and A Guide to Printed Sources of the Eastern Goldfields Region of Western Australia.
\$30.00

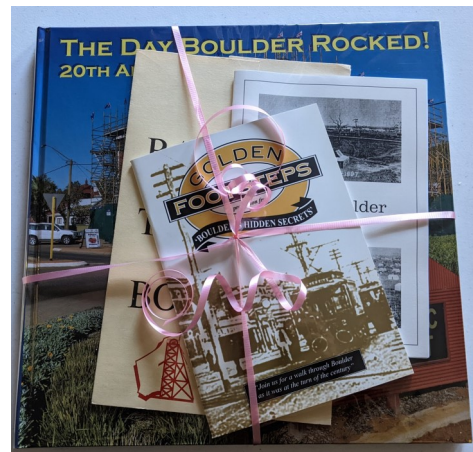


Christmas gifts at the Society



Norma King Gift Pack. Includes - Daughters of Midas, The Fabulous Golden Mile, Ghost Towns of the North Country, Gold Finds Near Kambalda and Early Days Around Coolgardie.
\$35.00

Looking for a gift for that hard to buy person? We've got you covered. We have a great selection of books, book packs, and key rings. Call in you will be surprised.



Archival Kits available prices start from \$60.00 call in and have a look.



The Pigs Postpone the Trip - G. Spencer Compton

It was a hot January month on the goldfields in 1900. Coolgardie at that time had a very considerable population; and a lot more industries than it could boast today. Among other things there were breweries; and much malted grain and other brewery waste available. There was also a pig-farmer, and the pigs of this particular man were well fed with the brewery refuse. There was also a market for pigs at near-by Kalgoorlie, and the farmer had an order for sixty. The trucks for delivering the pigs to Kalgoorlie had been ordered, and all was in readiness for the arrival of the pigs from the farm. No pigs! On making enquiries the farmer found that on that day the pigs had been indeed well fed; but the brewery mash and malt had been badly drained, and was left with a very high alcohol content – at which the pigs had made no protest. On arrival at the farm to see for himself what had held up the railing, the man was somewhat horrified but also somewhat amused, to see his pigs rolling and staggering about in a state of intoxication. The 'brewery-fed' pigs could not be delivered until another, or perhaps another couple of days.

Elliot & Allen Christmas Pharmacy Display



Free to good home

The purpose of the Curatorial Committee at the Society is to make recommendations to the committee and members regarding the collection and preservation of items that are relevant to the Eastern Goldfields region. As part of the acquisition criteria an item needs to fit with EGHS mission, purpose, collection aim and fall within the collection area. The item needs to be historically significant and have a clearly established provenance to the area. In addition to the above criteria the item must be in good condition and the Society must have the space to adequately display, stored and cared for. The committee comes together several times a month to look at objects that have been donated to the Society and objects that are already in the collection.

In a previous newsletter we asked if anyone had information pertaining to the piano pictured below. Searching our archives we have not been able to find any information on the piano and have made the decision to deaccession the item from our collection.

If you would be interested in taking the piano or if you have any questions regarding the curatorial committee processes please get in contact with eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au.

You will need to be able to remove the item yourself.



DGR Status

Did you know that the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society Is recognised as a DGR or Deductible Gift Recipient?

A DGR is an organisation that can receive donations that are tax deductible.

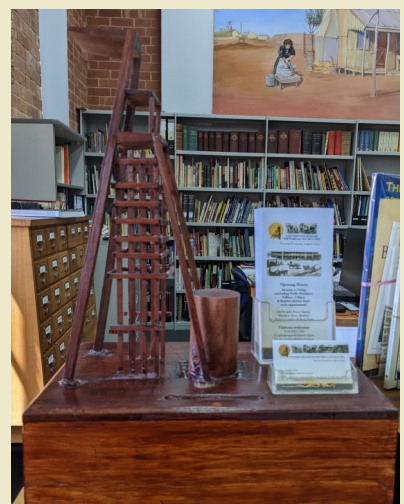
What does this mean?

If you make a donation to the EGHS you may be able to deduct that gift from your own income - claim the donation as a deduction when filing your personal income tax return for the year.

For more information please speak to your accountant.

Thanks to the men's shed for the new donation box. Looks great and is looking forward to being filled with your donations.

Call in and have a look and while you are here drop a donation in.





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Can you help?

We are looking for images of headframes from WMC Mines (any and all) but specifically any images of winders or headframes from the ***Oritava*** from 1939. The mine was previously called the ***Adeline***.

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Flash back to summertime and one of our gorgeous volunteers has made it to page 4. Do you know who she is? All will be revealed in the next newsletter.



Amanda Lovitt

Recently Amanda Lovitt visited the Society and spoke about her latest research project - the Anna Salen. If you can help add to the project Amanda can be contacted through the EGHS or via Facebook.



THE NEW WOMAN.
At Coolah, a person known as Frederick Wilson, for about two years employed as a cook at Burnsa station, went to town ill, and subsequently died at an hotel. When preparing the body for interment they discovered Wilson was a woman. No clue has been found for her reason in donning male attire and passing as a man.

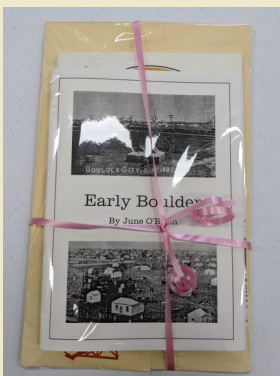
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page25214129>

Gates

Do you have an old gate or two hanging around even an old bed head that's in the chook yard that you don't need any more. We are on the hunt for some old gates, send us a picture.
eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au



Penny key rings \$5.00



\$15.00

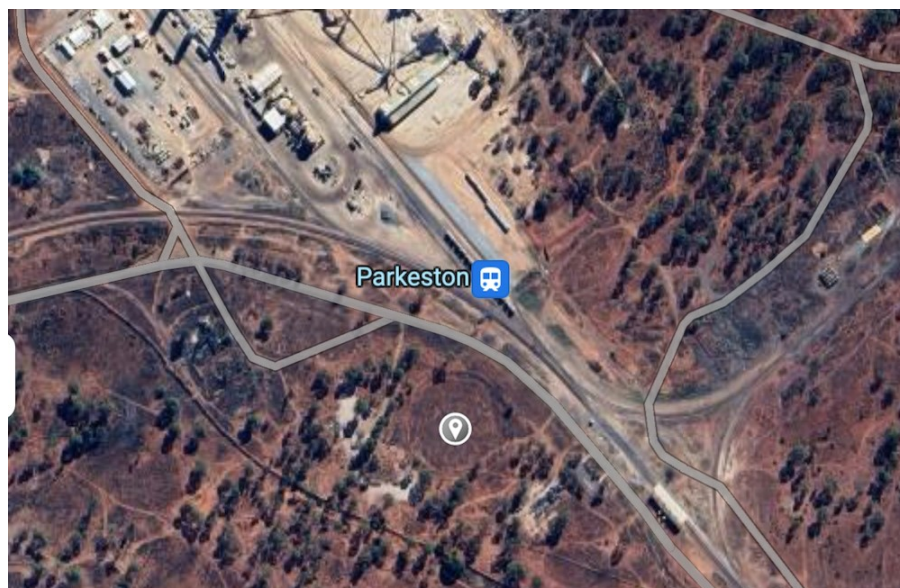


Cricket Pitch Fever - Can you Help



Les Everett has some questions about two pitches and would like to know if anyone knows anything about them? One on Johnston St, in Boulder and the other is near the Parkeston Power Station?

If you can shed any light please contact eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au

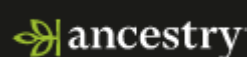


Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help as “greeters” at the Society. This will involve greeting people on arrival and helping in the bookshop. If you are interested in helping out for an hour or two one day per week (or more), please get in touch. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Members' Corner

Did you know that the EGHS has a subscription to Ancestry.com? Members are welcome to come down to the Society and search for information on Ancestry. Non-members are also welcome, for a small fee.



YouTube - Oral History Recordings

The EGHS is now on YouTube. Via video link only at this stage, members can listen to a selection of Oral History Recordings.

Do you have time to come down to the Society and help upload some of our oral histories?

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Aussie Bread Tags for Wheel Chairs

The EGHS is now one of the two collection points in the Goldfields. Don't forget to drop them off!



The EGHS has set up an account with containers for change. If you would like to donate to a worthy cause please consider us.

Scheme ID: C10397895



Drill Halls of the Goldfields

We are looking for images and information on the Drill Halls from across the Eastern Goldfields. If you have anything you can share please get involved.

Reward Offered

A reward has been offered for anyone who can supply a copy of -

The Sun Annual from 1902.

If you have one that you are willing to share please get in contact -
eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au

We still have lots of books that we would like someone to read and write indexes for. If you are interested, please get in contact with us.

We are also on the look out for a small garden shed. If you have one that you might like to donate to the Society, please let us know.

We are always interested in images and stories from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and up until now, that pertain to the Eastern Goldfields.

If you have them and you would like to share them, come and see the volunteers at the Society.

Still on the Pan

We recently came across a letter in the archives and we thought we should share it with you.

54 Forrest St.
Boulder 6432
26-5-75

The Town clerk.
The Shire of Boulder.
Davidson St.
Boulder.

Dear Sir.
At our meeting on Wednesday evening concern was felt over the toilet facilities at the Historical Hall at Timbilton. These toilets are still on the pan system and we were wondering if there is any possibility of septic being installed in the future.

I remain
Yours truly
L. O'Brien



Snips from the WA Historical Society 1963

THE BIRTHDAY SCHEME:

All members know of the work of our Birthday Scheme and will be sorry to learn that its organizer, Mrs P. Jackes has been forced to resign from that position because of family commitments. For more than eight years Mrs Jackes has carried on the work of sending out birthday cards and visiting old people whose reminiscences she has collected for our records. Her quick sympathy and understanding gave pleasure to many on the Birthday Roll, membership of which reached 135 under her supervision. At its last meeting the Council expressed regret at her decision and thanked her for her work.



Ora Banda

We are still looking for images of the Ora Banda Hotel, inside and out, to help build a pictorial history of the hotel.

Please forward your images to:

eghs@kalgoorliehistory.org.au