

Goldfields Diggings

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society 20223-13

March 2023

March Dates to Remember:

- 1st March - Volunteers' Morning Tea
- 6th March - Closed Public Holiday
- 8th March - International Women's Day
- 15th March - General Meeting - Ursula Brimble



Dump Point News

Since 2010 the position of the dump point on Hamilton St has been a little on the nose for members and supporters of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society, but finally we can breathe a breath of fresh air. With news that the dump point has been decommissioned and a new point has been established at Centennial Park.

Caravan sewer dump site an eyesore for historical society

By Usman Azad
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WORK will start in weeks on a sewage dump in Boulder, but the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society is still disappointed by the decision after council refused to reconsider their plans.

The dump is for motorhomes and will be similar to one on Forrest Street in Kalgoorlie. The historical society had appealed the decision and asked the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to choose another spot for the dump, but the council has rejected this.

EGHS president Scott Wilson told the *Kalgoorlie Miner* he still had safety concerns about the potential of spillages and was disappointed by the decision.

However, he held out hope councillors would reconsider the decision.

"The only option we have is to appeal to the good sense and fair play of the council and councillors," he said. "We have had our say but if they ultimately come back and say 'sorry this is where it is going' there is little else for us except for us to voice our disappointment."

Mr Wilson also revealed the society was evaluating a proposal to relocate their meeting place to the Australian Prospectors and Miners Hall of Fame.

"On the one hand to we have an opportunity to provide a better service if we do move," he said. "On the other hand we have a location that is in need of some repairs because of the earthquake that now has a smelly and unwanted waste point put out the front of it."



No dump here: The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society is up in arms over the prospect of having a caravan sewer dump on the verge outside their building. Photo: TRAVIS AMERSON

Article taken from the *Kalgoorlie Miner*, Tuesday 11 March 2011.



Why not make your new year's resolution to volunteer.



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Save the Date

13th May 2023

As part of the Australian Heritage Festival the EGHS is hosting an open day.

Date: Saturday 13th May 2023

Time: 9am until 1pm

Dryblowing demonstration at 10am and 11am

Books and bottles for sale

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

OPEN DAY

Sat. 13 May
9am-1pm



Dry blower demonstration
10am
11am



Tours
Bottles & Books for sale

Devonshire Tea



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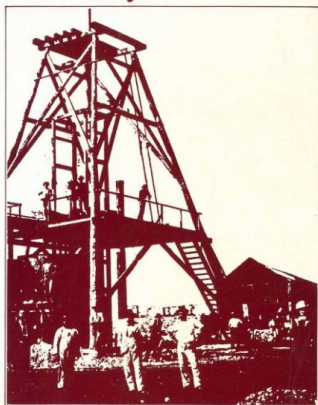
Easter Raffle

We will be running a small Easter raffle if you would like to donate some eggs for the prize please drop them into the society. Monday to Friday 9 to 2.

More details to follow.

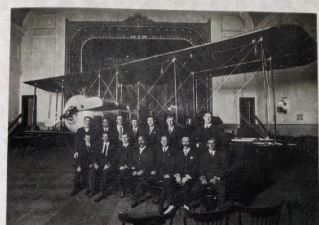


WHITE FEATHER The Story of Kanowna



Margaret Bull

\$22.00



The Kalgoorlie

A story of the first aeroplane made in W.A.

Also

The Balloon

Written by Margaret Bull for the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society, featuring stories told by Jim Miller.

\$8.00

Women of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

Women have always played an instrumental part in the running of the EGHS and as part of March and in celebration of International Women's Day the EGHS would like to pay tribute to all the women of the EGHS and especially those that have taken on leadership roles at the society.

Female Presidents of the EGHS.

1975 saw Margaret Bull step into the role as president, the first of only a handful of women, so far to take on this role. Margaret Bull continued to serve as the Vice President until 1989.

1975 -1984 – Margaret Bull

1987 -1989 – Jill Moffatt

1989 -1994 – Shyama Peebles

1995 -1998 – Pam Whiteford-Hey

2000 -2003 – Wendy Carter, Vice President from 1999/00.

Vice Presidents of the EGHS

1985 -1989 – Margaret Bull

1999 -2000 – Wendy Carter

2003 -2005 – Sue Worth

2006 -2007 – Betty Colgan

2007 -2011 - Robin Bowden

2012 - 2013 – Jan Lamont

2013 - 2014 – Anne Skinner

2016 -2019 – Anne Skinner



The first woman to hold an executive role on the committee was June O'Brien, where she took on the position as secretary with her husband in 1969.

Many wonderful women have taken up roles at the EGHS over the last 77 years. We thank you for your tireless commitment to promoting and preserving the history of the Eastern Goldfields.

Margaret Bull

Margaret Bull first came to the Goldfields as a teacher in 1942, having been born in Fremantle and living in different towns in the states south west. Margaret taught in different schools across Kalgoorlie and was the principal of Kalgoorlie Junior Primary School for many years.

Margaret lost her eye sight in 1968 and chose to research and write local history. The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society has many of Margaret's history writings, some published and some in the process of being published. Her published titles include - *White Feather: The Story of Kanowna and Verses from the Goldfields*. The EGHS also has also published a small booklet called *The Kalgoorlie*, which was written by Margaret Bull.

Member News



Congratulations to EGHS member, Arthur Ward, on selection in the W.A. State Veterans Representative team for Clay Target Shooting.

The National championships will be held at the Australian Clay Target Association National Grounds at Wagga Wagga in March. All the best Arthur. A great way to celebrate 50 years competing in your sport.

Good luck Arthur!



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.

Do you need help digitising old photographs from your own collections?

Call in and speak to the volunteers. We would be happy to help.

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society is looking for volunteers.

Can you spare an hour or two once a week?

Do you have a passion for local history?

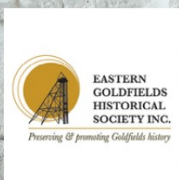
We can help!

Phone, email or call in.

08 9093 3360

eghs@kalgoorliehistory.org.au

Old Boulder Power Station. Hamilton St. Boulder.



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.



Acclaimed West Australian military historian Neville Browning OAM, will visit the Goldfields War Museum to sign copies of his latest book:

Bayonets & Barbed Wire

16th Battalion A.I.F. 1914-1919

Presentations covering the history of the 16th Battalion will be made by Neville and Tim Cudini from the Goldfields War Museum

Saturday 11 March
10am - 12pm
Boulder Town Hall,
116 Burt Street, Boulder

Enquiries phone: 9021 9690
email: mailbag@ckb.wa.gov.au

CKBHistoryandHeritage

Left: William Taylor of Southern Cross and 16th Battalion, killed in action 28 September 1917

GOLDFIELDS WAR MUSEUM City of Kalgoorlie Boulder



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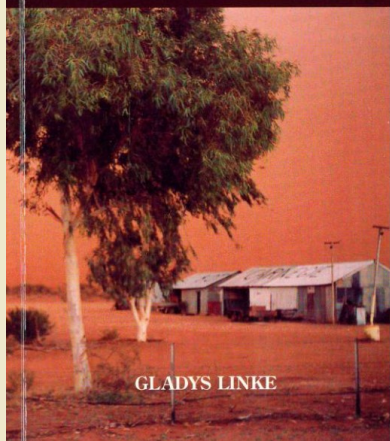
Volunteer Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer to help in the Bookshop. This will include jobs such as dusting the displays, keeping the book shelf stocked and keeping our Hesperian Books in alphabetical order.

Ideally it would be great if you could come in once a week and spend about half an hour keeping your eye on things .

If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing please call in and have a chat.

And if Her Droughts are Bitter



GLADYS LINKE

\$22.00

The Linke family and their life on the far outback Prenti Downs and Carnegie Stations. The book also details aspects of the canning Stock Route. Tommy Injebong. Len Beadell.

An important book on the problems of bush station life.

Silvina Lanyon - by Ursula Brimble



Silvina Lanyon challenged me to discover her story, and what led her to become successful in her business ventures leading to her eventual settlement in Mandurah, Western Australia.

The family's beginnings in the Western Australian Goldfields in 1903 were hard. Loss of a child and bankruptcy of her husband James and his father-in-law, did not help matters. Silvina's business of 'rooms to let and dining' did not go well. With five children to support and James away at war, Silvina had to find a way to feed her family when they moved to Midland Junction.

Silvina's success in Midland Junction enabled her to expand the business, but with the burning of her grocery premises, the insurance payout gave her money to invest. This investment allowed her to buy a mobile projector and van. It is from this beginning that saw Silvina Lanyon move into the film industry in the Peel Region, establishing a guesthouse, Picture Garden and building two Picture Theatres in Mandurah.

Aside from her business exploits, Silvina loved the 'Arts'. Cabaret dancing was one that she managed personally in her theatre. Oil painting was another and it showed her ability as an artist.

Join us on Wednesday 15th March as Ursula shares the journey that lead her to research and write the story of Silvina life.

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society
presents Ursula Brimble with the story of

Silvina Lanyon

Business woman and theatre proprietor tracing her
footsteps into Western Australia 1903 - 1960

15th March 2023 @ 7pm

Old Boulder Power Station, Hamilton St, Boulder

RSVP: eghs@kalgoorliehistory.org.au

Phone: 9093 3360

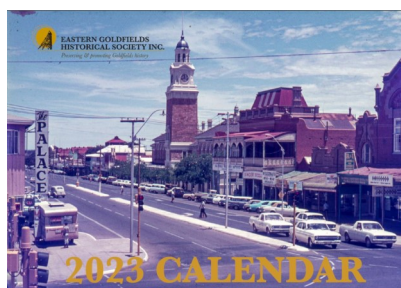


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a free event



**LIMITED NUMBERS
AVAILABLE.**

REDUCED TO \$5.00

Among the Flowers at Goongarrie. 1902



Goongarrie is an abandoned eastern goldfields townsite, located about 85 km north, north west of Kalgoorlie.

When it was proposed to establish a townsite here in 1894 the area was known as the 90 Mile Camp on account of its estimated distance from Coolgardie.

Being located near Lake Goongarrie, the name Goongarrie was chosen for the townsite when it was gazetted in 1895.

130 Women Project

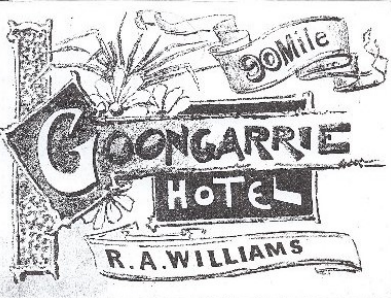
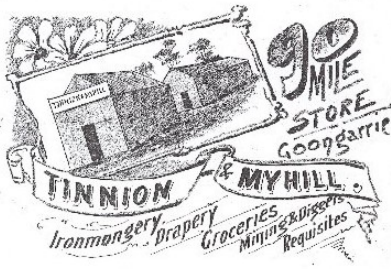
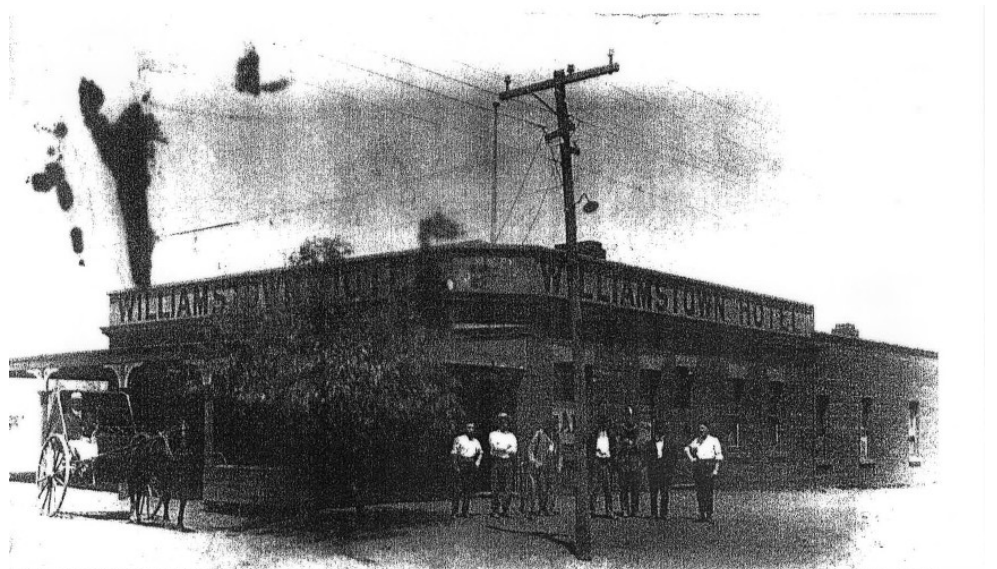
The 130 Women Project exhibition will be open from the 10th March until the 6th April, 10am-2pm Wednesday to Sunday. The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society was a research, events and project supporter. Please make time to get along and view the exhibition.

<https://www.130women.com.au/>



Williams Town Heritage Project

The Williamstown Heritage Project exhibition will be open from 10th March through to 15th April at the Museum of the Goldfields. The Williamstown Heritage Project captures and celebrates the history and heritage of the Williamstown area and its residents, both past and present, as part of the Williamstown Relocation Program. There are no fees to visit the exhibition.



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!

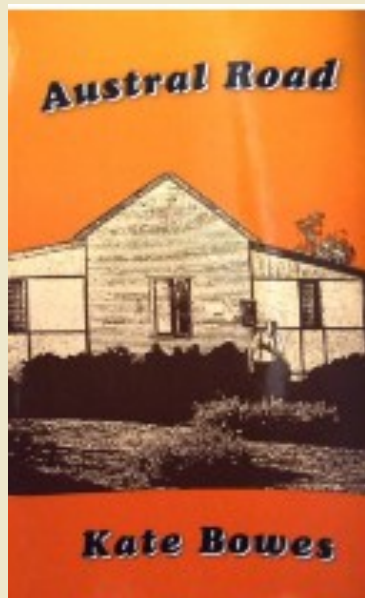
We still have lots of books that we would like someone to read and write indexes for. If you are interested, please get in contact with us.

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.

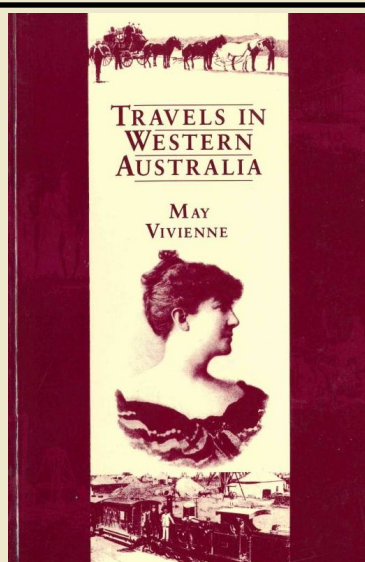
If you have them and you would like to share them, come and see the volunteers at the Society.

Wilson Academic Bursary Guidelines 2023



\$35.00

An account of everyday life on the Goldfields during World War II.



\$30.00

Travels in Western Australia, The writer sparkled through Western Australia and the goldfields by train, coach and bicycle, charming all. Always popular, this is a goldfields' gem.

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

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society is pleased to offer an academic bursary valued up to \$2000 (including GST for ABN holders) for research into, and the recording of, Goldfields' history.

Purpose

The **Wilson Academic Bursary** aims to encourage new, high quality research which will contribute to the understanding of the history and heritage of the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia.

Recipient obligations

The successful recipient is expected to undertake research into a previously unexplored aspect of Eastern Goldfields' history or heritage. Conditions of the bursary require the findings are made publicly accessible, including via the EGHS library, on completion. Recognition of support from the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society is required in the final product. The research must result in a high-quality piece of writing, including referencing. The format of the final piece is negotiable, but is expected to take the form of a manuscript of at least 15 000 words. Photographs and/or sketches are encouraged, if they enhance the final product.

The applicant will have **12 months** to complete the project and will be paid in **four, equal, quarterly instalments** with receipt of evidence of work. Bursaries are available up to the value of \$2000 per year, with the total amount payable being at the discretion of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society Committee.

Eligibility

A wide range of applicants are encouraged to apply. Applications from community members, students, local historians, academics or individuals interested in Goldfields history will be considered.

Selection criteria

Proposals must be focused on new research or a new perspective on past research, intrinsically connected to the Eastern Goldfields. Confirmation is also required that the piece is original, and not published elsewhere, or submitted for another publication.

Applications

Applicants must complete the **Eastern Goldfields Historical Society Bursary Application Form**. A research proposal of 250 words and Curriculum Vitae must accompany the bursary application form. Applications can be emailed or posted to the attention of the Executive Officer: eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au; or Eastern Goldfields Historical Society, PO Box 643, Kalgoorlie, 6430.

The **Wilson Academic Bursary** has been named after Life Member of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society, W. Scott Wilson and his wife Maria, who endowed the money for this research. We are thankful for their donation.