

Goldfields Diggings

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society 20223-15

May 2023

May Dates to Remember:

3rd May - Volunteers Morning Tea

7th May - Burt St Markets EGHS to open

13th May - Australian Heritage Festival Open Day

17th May - General Meeting

19th May - Volunteers' Day Out

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

OPEN DAY

Sat. 13 May
9am-1pm

Dry blower demonstration
10am
11am

Tours
Bottles & Books
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Tea

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Can you Help?

We are looking for someone to help transport a microfilm reader from Perth to Kalgoorlie. You will need a large car with a fair bit of space. Let us know if you can assist.

General Meetings

7pm, 3rd Wednesday of the month (excludes Dec & Jan).
The AGM is held on the 3rd Wednesday of August.

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday
9am until 2pm

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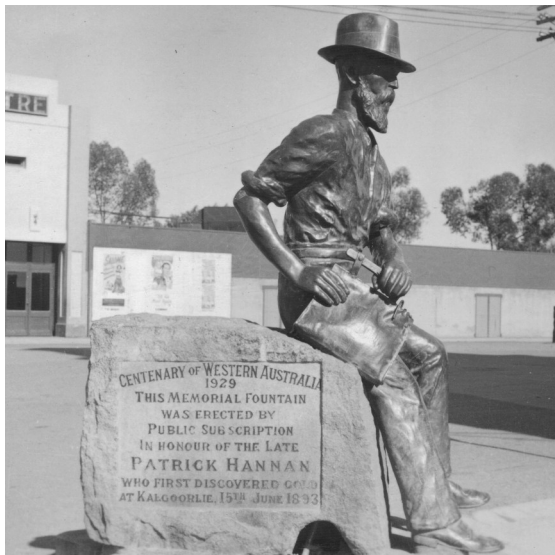
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Paddy Hannan's Statue

The following paper, dealing with the events leading up to the erection of the memorial to Paddy Hannan at the corner of Hannan and Wilson streets and prepared by Mr. H. E Beer, was read at a meeting of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society in March, 1951.

The Paddy Hannan memorial fountain at the town hall corner, while being a tribute to the founder of Kalgoorlie, is intended to remind the present generation of the great hardships and privations, particularly in regard to water, endured by that great band of pioneers who blazed trails into the unknown in search of gold, and incidentally laid the foundations for the real beginning of the development of this State.



It is, too, emblematic of their great generosity. No prospector would refuse another a drink no matter how little was in his bag. The motto was "Share and share alike and trust to luck to find more." Up to 1928 the only memorial to the foundation of Kalgoorlie was a miserable, stunted and dying "pepper" tree planted in what is believed to be the hole from which the first gold came, it was surrounded by a dilapidated picket fence to which was attached a tin plate which, in faded letters, recorded the fact that here Paddy Hannan made his great discovery. The location, behind Glen Devon Flats (then the Glen Devon Hotel) at the corner of Egan street and Outridge Terrace, was so out of the way that unless visitors were taken to the spot, they would not know a memorial existed. In fact many residents were in ignorance of the fact.

Early in the year (1928) an editorial in the "Kalgoorlie Sun" directed attention to these facts, also that although Lord Forrest and C. Y.

O'Connor, by the provision of a permanent water supply, had made the development of the goldfields possible, no mark of gratitude existed. The

article suggested that memorials be erected in Hannan street to show visitors that the residents were neither unmindful of, nor ungrateful for, the benefits they enjoyed. It was suggested also that as the following year — 1929 — was the State's centenary, it would be fitting to have these memorials unveiled as part of the celebrations.



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.

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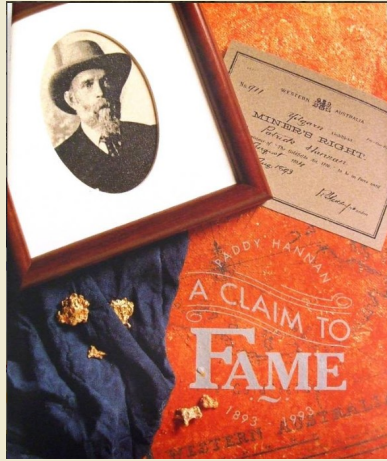
If you make a donation to the EGHS you may be able to deduct that gift from your own income - claim the donation as a deduction when filing your personal income tax return for the year.

For more information please speak to your accountant.

We are looking for a volunteer to help in the Bookshop. This will include jobs such as dusting the displays, keeping the book shelves stocked and keeping our Hesperian Books in alphabetical order. Ideally it would be great if you could come in once or twice a week and spend about half an hour keeping your eye on things .

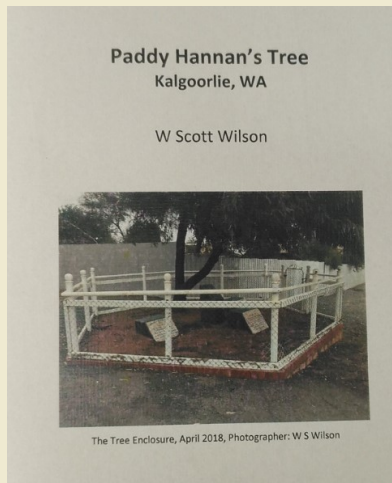
If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing please call in and have a chat.

Paddy Hannan A Claim to Fame- Tess Thomson.



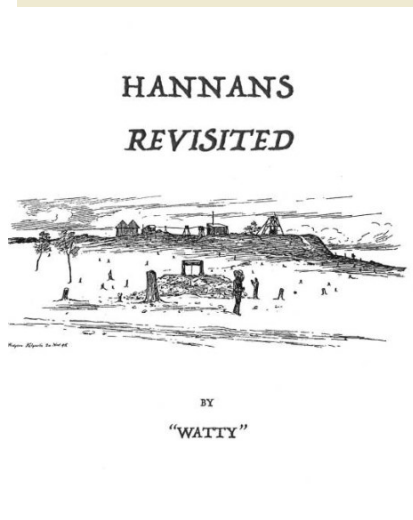
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Paddy Hannan's Tree - Scott Wilson.



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Hannans Revisited - Watty

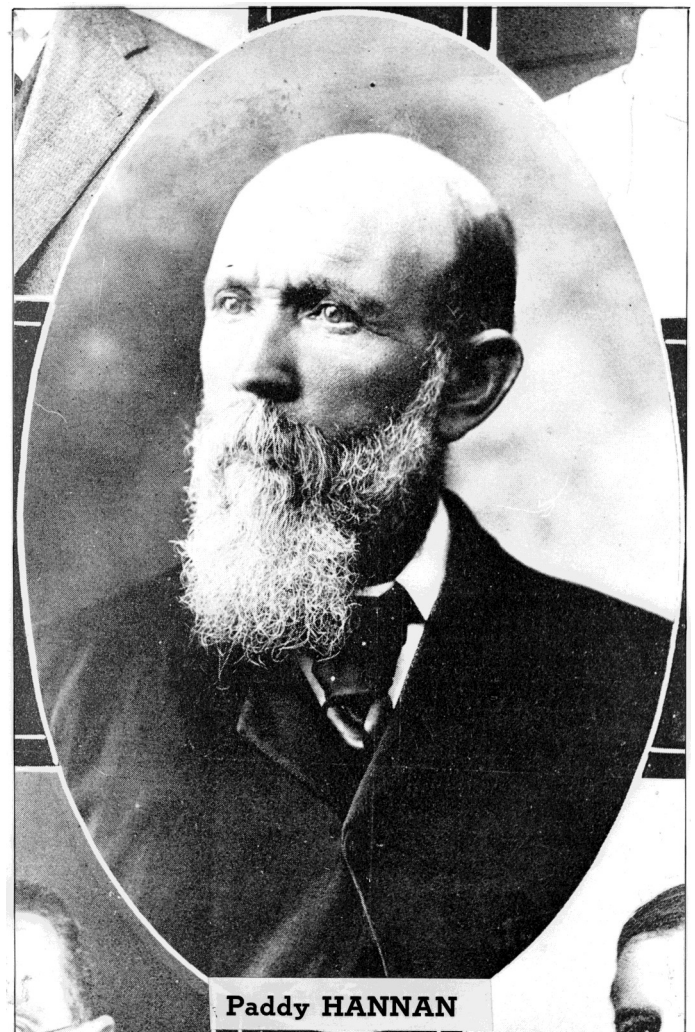


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Paddy Hannan's Statue continued

The Kalgoorlie Municipal Council acted on the suggestion and offered a prize of £5 5/ for the best suggestion for a memorial to the founder of Kalgoorlie. The "Kalgoorlie Miner" reported on August 14, 1928: "The Kalgoorlie Municipal Council resolved five months ago to offer a £5 5/ prize for the best suggestion of a memorial to Paddy Hannan for the discovery of gold leading to the foundation of Kalgoorlie. Twenty-five suggestions were forthcoming. The contents were read to the council last night.

They ranged from inexpensive memorials to designs involving the expenditure of £500. Rough edifices of stone were suggested in some instances: bronze and marble in others and drinking fountain for public use and ornamentation, and animal drinking troughs as well. The suggestions were referred to a special committee for report." On August 28, the special committee reported and recommended that Keith Craig, of Ward street, Kalgoorlie, be awarded the prize. He believed that the best way to perpetuate the memory of Paddy Hannan would be to erect a drinking fountain showing him in typical prospecting garb and carrying a water bag from which the



precious water flowed. That is as far as available records go, except to say that Baker and Matthews won the £5 5/ prize for the design we know so well and subsequently the contract for the erection of the fountain.

But there are other points that I, who as editor of the "Kalgoorlie Sun", and therefore responsible for the original move and reported all subsequent proceedings can recall.





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2023 Nominations Margaret Medcalf Awards Open.

Calling all researchers

The Margaret Medcalf Award recognises excellence in referencing and research in the use of State Archives held by the State Records Office of Western Australia (SRO).

Any work completed or published in 2022 calendar year is eligible to be submitted for nomination, and anyone, including the author of the work, may submit a nomination.

Nominated works need not be published, may be fiction or non-fiction, and in any media. Electronic versions of publications are encouraged for judging processes.

More information see the following link [MM-NF-23.pdf](#) (www.wa.gov.au) or contact eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au and I will forward you the link information.

 **VOLUNTEER**

dreamstime.



Paddy Hannan's Statue Continued

Among the 25 suggestions received were some from architects accompanied by sketches, others by business men, but the winner was the youngest of the lot—I am not sure whether he was 14 or 16 years of age. When suggesting the water bag and flowing water, he recalled that when Paddy Hannan and his mates came to Kalgoorlie, water was very scarce and had to be carried and carefully conserved in water bags, yet no man whose bag was empty was denied a drink though the owner of the bag might thirst later, "It is only fitting" wrote Keith, "that now, thanks to Forrest and O'Connor, we have plenty of water. Paddy Hannan, as representative of those early pioneers, should dispense it freely and at the same time remind the drinker how much is owed to the privations of the pioneers and the courage, ingenuity and skill of Lord Forrest and C. Y. O'Connor. It should also be a lesson in unselfishness."

Those are the words—or at least the sentiments—as I recall them after 22 years. The fountain, paid for by public subscription, was erected on its present site and memorial tablets to Forrest and O'Connor placed in close proximity on the wall of the town hall and unveiled as part of the state centenary celebrations in 1929. It might be mentioned that soon after the decision to erect the fountain was taken, the old tree died and was replaced. On the 50th anniversary of the finding of gold, two tablets, one on each side of the tree were unveiled, making a permanent record.

Paddy Hannan's Pick Disappears

KALGOORLIE, Sept. 16: Paddy Hannan's pick has been stolen. Its absence from the left-hand side of the slab of stone on which the statue is mounted outside the Kalgoorlie Town Hall was first noticed on Wednesday by one of the Kalgoorlie Municipal Council's street sweepers who reported it to the Town Clerk (Mr. J. H. Darcy).

The matter has been placed in the hands of the Kalgoorlie C.I.B. and the council has offered a reward of £10 for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

It is possible that the pick may have been taken as a souvenir as, in order to remove it, the thick steel wire holding

it in place had to be cut in two places.

The pick was made of bronze and Mr. Darcy said yesterday that it would cost £20 or £25 to replace it.

Shortly after the statue was erected in 1930, part of the water-bag was stolen. So great was the interest of old fossickers in securing souvenirs from the statue of their former companion that it was thought advisable to wire on securely all movable parts.

Wanton Vandalism

In a fit of courage, alcoholic probably, a vandal tore the arm from the statue of Paddy Hannan on Monday night. It was a great joke at the time, no doubt, but it is a poor sort of fun to wilfully damage something the community's respect and esteem for a fine man, one of the founders of the goldfields, has

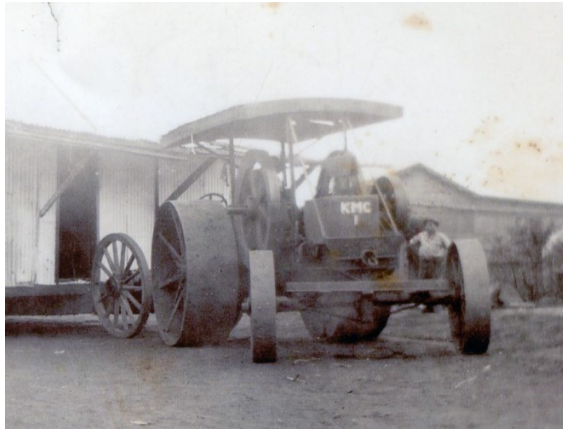
built up. Paddy Hannan's name bears an honoured place in the history of Kalgoorlie and his statue an honoured place in the town, and surely such imbecile destroyers can respect that if, as their recent behaviour indicates, they cannot respect the ornamental trees and other things of beauty designed to adorn the town. Fortunately, the arm was recovered yesterday morning by the Kalgoorlie Municipal Council's foreman and arrangements made immediately by the town clerk for its replacement.

Top - Kalgoorlie Miner (WA : 1895 - 1954), Wednesday 30 July 1941, page 4. Left - West Australian (Perth, WA : 1879 - 1954), Saturday 17 September 1949, page 7

Type D 20 Horsepower Titan Tractor

In our last newsletter we asked our readers to get in touch if they had any information regarding the number plates KMC 1 and the photographs of the tractor pulling the houses. You did not disappoint!

The tractor in the image is made by International Harvester Co. It is a rare 1912 IHC Titan Type D with a single cylinder engine.



Originally owned by the Pike family, having been shipped to Fremantle and then driven to Kalgoorlie to be put to work. After surviving on a property outside Kalgoorlie until the early 2000s, collector and restorer Tony Pailthorpe purchased the tractor and set out to return it to its original glory.

Meticulously restored to factory specs, the Titan was showcased at a 2017 field day in the South West of the State. On the death of collector Tony Pailthorpe, his collection of engines was sent to auction where the Titan D drew strong interest; however, failing to meet reserve, it was passed in.



Image above taken from ABC News Website. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-04-23/tony-pailthorpe-vintage-machinery-collection-sold/9685520>

Since then, the Society was contacted by a friend of Tony's and he informed us that the tractor was still in Australia, even though there had been strong interest from overseas buyers.

Licence Plates

Jim Gordon, author of the book "Western Australian Number Plates" (2022), wrote, "Licensing was the function of Municipal Councils and Road Boards, and licensing for Horse Drawn Vehicles (HDVs - see Chapter 13.1) and their drivers was already well underway and covered by the Cart and Carriage Licencing Act 1876. Coolgardie Municipal Council (CMC) commenced plate issues for HDVs in 1900 for 1901 expiry, and this was soon followed by other Perth and Fremantle Municipalities and spread rapidly into country regions. The fees collected by the local authorities remained their own; consequently, they were quick to seize upon this opportunity to collect fees from their constituents. The introduction of the Dog Act in 1904 and the issue of dog tags by these authorities was seen by many as another opportunity to extract money from residents... Kalgoorlie was among the first to adopt and modify these by-laws almost immediately and they were gazetted on 19th Feb 1906 as By-Law #87. There is no specification for plates in this by-law, other than vehicles and drivers must be licenced. A photo dated 1908 of KMC 1 is possibly WA's oldest extant motor vehicle registration, as it is quite possible this registration was issued in early 1906."

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

**Total raised this year
\$11.50**



Kanowna

We are looking for images of Kanowna to help build a pictorial history of the town. Please forward your images to:

eghs@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.

The plant display is looking a bit empty...

If you have any plants you would like to donate to the Society, that would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off.

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.

Research Questions

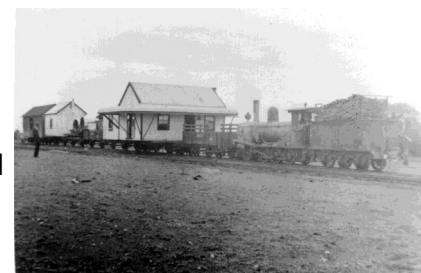
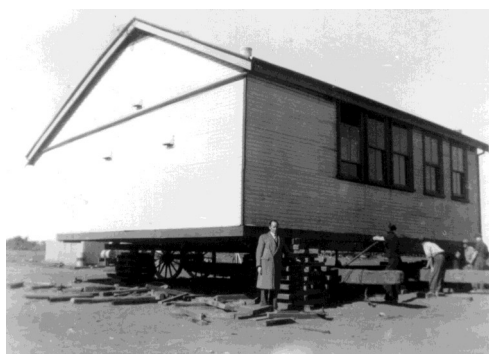
We are searching for information on St. Georges Cricket Club. Do you have any information? Photos? We would like to compile the history of the club.

Other interesting research dilemmas we have had recently include buildings being transported into Kalgoorlie-Boulder from outlying towns and being turned into homes. Are you living in a repurposed home? Or vice versa, was your home relocated from Kalgoorlie-Boulder? If so, where did it go?

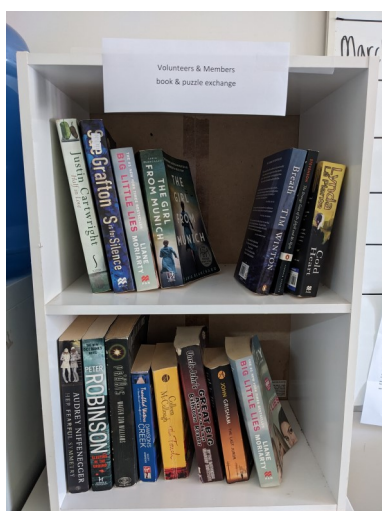
Let us know, we would love to add this information to our database.

From our April newsletter, Phil Bianchi contacted the Society with some images taken by Ray Tovey of the buildings being moved from the Kurrawang Woodline headquarters to the new Lakewood woodline headquarters just south east of Boulder over the period 1937 -39. These are too good not to share.

Thanks Phil.



Members' Corner



Introducing a book & puzzle swap for volunteers and members. Call in and drop off some books and pick up a few new ones to read.

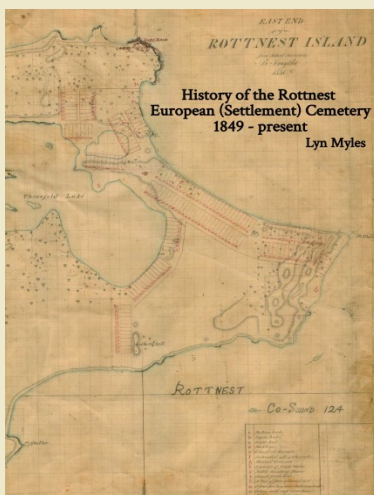
Take a book - leave a book

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.



New to Swan Genealogy

For those with a special interest in cemeteries, Swan Genealogy has released *History of the Rottnest European (Settlement) Cemetery 1849—present*. The European Cemetery was originally designed as two separate cemeteries based on denomination and surrounded by a limestone wall. The larger cemetery was designated as Church of England and the smaller rectangular one was Roman Catholic. Correspondence between the Rottnest Superintendent W.H. Timperley and the Fremantle Colonial Secretary Malcolm Fraser dated 14 April 1885 confirmed that the two cemeteries were consecrated. A Cemetery photo taken by Will Dawson in 1902 and another c1899, shows the cemetery had dry limestone walls surrounding the two areas. Paul Rigby and Kirwan Ward's book called Rottnest Island Sketchbook (1969) described them as being 5 foot tall. Later additions / changes to the Cemetery include the replacement fencing for the cemetery when the stone walls were removed, being post and wire put around both cemeteries making it into a combined single area. On the Digby Drive side it was constructed of wooden post and rail fencing. This was possibly done around 1912 when the Boys Reformatory building was upgraded for tourism and made into a State Hostel.



The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society invites applications for grants of \$1,000 towards publishing research dealing with significant new Goldfields heritage research, not limited to book publishing but can include – digital media, oral histories, blog sites, webpages, podcasts etc.

Purpose

The **Wilson Endowing Fund Publishing Grant** 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 \$1000 per year, with the total amount payable being at the discretion of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society Committee.

Applications are invited all year round and all applicants will be notified on their success. Works of unsuccessful applicants will be returned and no copy will be retained by the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society.

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.

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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.

Wilson Academic Bursary Guidelines 2023

Can you Help?

We are searching for biography information for the following people as part of the Quartermain Diaries:

Allan Brand
Jack Clugston
Dr. Henderson
Dr. Peter Jeffery
Paul Jeffery
Douglas Kemsley
Dr. Mason
Arthur McBride
Ross McRae
Allan Miles
Dorothy Miles
Tony Moriarty
Ernest Shaw
Ernie Shaw

Indexing

We have a number of indexes that need to be typed up.

If this is something that interests you, please get in touch. This can be done at home and does not require you to be at the Society.

Email:

eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au

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