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Bayswater Historical Society



BAYSWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS



Stories of a Bayswater family

Meet the **Callows**, a working class family who lived in Bayswater during the **Great Depression** of the **1930s**. Learn why this family lived in five different houses during this time. Can you believe that every house is still standing! Perhaps one of these houses has been YOUR home at some time? Learn about the challenges and successes of this ingenious and vibrant family.

A unique exhibition, please join us for the opening!



Halliday House, 114 King William St, Bayswater

EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED BY MEMBER FOR MAYLANDS, DAN BULL



Children's games in the garden.

Afternoon tea using recipes from the 1930s.

Spring - the best time to visit the house & gardens!



Entry to house.....\$5
Afternoon tea.....\$5



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Next Affiliates Committee
Meeting will be held in
February

Did you know the RWAHS Book Shop have more WA History books for sale, than any other Book Shop.

Open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm, situated at 109 Stirling Hwy (corner Baird St), Nedlands. WA 6010.

www.histwest.org.au under services, History West Shop or for any queries please see the contact details below.

If you have a book or know of a book that you would like the Book Shop to stock please contact the Book Shop - bookshop@histwest.org.au or 9386 3841.

Please send all queries and submissions relating to the newsletter to Rosie Stroud at the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society.
eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au or



Your Committee Members

An Affiliated Societies Committee is elected each year at the Annual State History Conference of Affiliated Societies. This Committee acts in the interests of Affiliated Societies and is represented on the Society's Council of management. Representatives for 2025-26 are below:

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Please feel free to contact anyone on the committee if you have a query or concern.

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Trove is hosting a webinar that will bring together presenters to explain the process and the benefits of becoming a Content Contributor including access to digitisation services. We will also share collection management and digitisation resources for those groups who are still establishing an online presence and working towards becoming a Trove Partner.

Trove Content Contributor webinar, 12 noon (AEDT), Thursday 16 October. [Register now.](#)

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Trove Collaborative Services



City of South Perth Historical Society

We are busy preparing for our next exhibition about War and Mateship, inspired by the Old Mill Theatre's play 'Mates'

Oliver Newman, the 13 year old winner of the Phillip Pandal Young Heritage Award, has put together a huge amount of information for us, much of the South Perth connections were unknown.

Lucy Hair of the UWA project "Two centuries of Chinese heritage in WA" gave us a fascinating, well attended talk.

Submitted by Anthea Harris



Fremantle History Society

For those who may be interested in coming to listen to this year's line-up of enlightening and thought-provoking papers:

A slight last-minute change of plans for the annual Fremantle Studies Day event - It **was** to be held at the Port Authority Building on Victoria Quay.

We will **now** be meeting at the Army Museum of Western Australia, details below:

Fremantle Studies Day 2025

FHC LH001753 E&F



Sunday 19th October 2025

10.45 am for an 11.00 am start, finishing at 3.00 pm

Army Museum of Western Australia

Lecture Theatre, Artillery Barracks, 6 Burt St, Fremantle WA 6160

Bookings ESSENTIAL Email: secretary.fhs@gmail.com by Tuesday 14th October

Cost: Members \$20.00, non-members \$25.00

Payment can be made online: BSB: 036-306 Account No: 604012 Reference: *Your name*

Launch of Fremantle Studies Volume 14

See: <https://fhs.org.au/> for more information

Submitted by Kristi

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

100th Anniversary of the death of Paddy Hannan. November 04, 2025.

November 04, 2025, marks 100 years since the death of Paddy Hannan, and the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society is holding a memorial to mark this milestone.

The Society is holding the memorial at Paddy Hannan's Tree, Outridge Terrace, on Tuesday, November 04, at 7:30 am until approximately 8:30 am.

Followed by morning tea at the Museum of the Goldfields, where they will have on display a wooden trunk and a walking stick that once belonged to Paddy Hannan.

In June 1893, Patrick Hannan and Thomas Flanagan were travelling with a large group of men heading to the new gold prospect at Mount Youle. It was while the group had stopped, in the area now known as Kalgoorlie, that Flanagan discovered the first alluvial gold on the slopes of Mt. Charlotte, about June 10, 1893. After telling the rest of the party a ruse (about a lost horse or so the story goes), the two men, now in company with Dan Shea, stayed behind while the rest of the party continued to Mount Youle and searched for more gold, uncovering 100oz in a short period of time.

A Reward Claim was pegged out, and Paddy Hannan rode the 30 miles back to Coolgardie, arriving at the Wardens Office (also the police station at the time) on the night of June 17, 1893. This sparked a gold rush that would eventually lead to the discovery of the richest gold find in Australian history—the Golden Mile.

Today, 132 years later, that find is still one of the world's largest gold producers - the KCGM Super Pit.

Paddy Hannan died in "the early hours of Wednesday, November 04, 1925 at his home in Brunswick. The death certificate shows the cause of death as heart failure and reveals that he had suffered from carcinoma of the stomach for the previous fifteen months. The news of his death was reported the next day, Thursday, November 5, in both *The Age* and *The Argus* in Melbourne. The news had quickly spread across the country, as it was also reported on the 5th by the *Kalgoorlie Miner*. The *Kalgoorlie Miner*, in their report, paid tribute to Hannan, describing him with the words, "*pioneer prospector of Kalgoorlie, whose historical discovery of gold near the present site of the Hannan Street railway station a little over 32 years ago had an important influence not only upon West Australia, but upon the whole of Australia.*" (Thomson, T. 1993).

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please get in touch with the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society on 9093 3360.

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society acknowledges the support of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Images attached: EG-N-184-026 Paddy Hannans Tree. EG-N-Paddy Hannan.



Paddy Hannans Tree, Kalgoorlie, W.A.

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