

# NEWS BOWL

The Newsletter of the Lane Cove Bowling and Recreation Club 151 Burns Bay Road Lane Cove West 2066  
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### LANE COVE'S CHAMPIONS BECOME ZONE 9 RESERVE PAIRS CHAMPIONS

Last Sunday was a great day for **Scott Bonthron** and **John Lloyd** in taking out the prestigious Zone 9 Reserve Pairs championship at Belrose.



Scott and John had a dominant tournament, except for a close call in the Quarter finals, and showed that they can compete with the bigger clubs in Belrose and Harbord.

Rain washed out play after 4 ends on Saturday and when play resumed on Sunday at 9:30am it was Scott & John 5: Harbord 4.

Right from commencement of play they had the upper hand winning 7 of the next 11 ends for a sizable lead of 14:8. Harbord clawed back to within 2 shots to trail 12:14 with 4 ends remaining.

Scott and John closed out the last 4 ends for a magnificent victory 19:12.

**MATCH REPORTS by winning skip John Lloyd**

Saturday morning, we arrived at Belrose Bowling Club for the semi-final at 9.30 am and hopefully the final after lunch.

We made the semi-final by beating a strong Pittwater team (@ Pittwater) by 1 shot (21:20) the previous Sunday.

Drawn against a strong Belrose pairing of John Cormio and Peter Geftakis (@ Belrose) we knew it would be a tough test. Having said that, we had a great win (22:12), mainly on the back of John's on shots, driving the Belrose boys mad, reversing counts and converting on numerous occasions.

Scotty randomly contributed adding shots when needed! An easy win on the scoreboard.

The other semi was a much tougher affair, with the Harbord boys Steve Gibson and Michael Sullivan grabbing a 3 on the last end to win by 1, after being down 13-19 with 3 ends to play!

We adjourned for lunch, and got a start in the final, winning the 1st end with a 2, dropped a 4 on the 2nd end as the rain got heavier. After 4 ends play was halted due to pouring rain, lightning and thunder.

Play was rescheduled for 9.30am next morning.

Leading 5-4 we started great, with Scotty putting pressure on the Harbord team with great lead bowls. We moved out to 11-4 before we dropped a shot. John struggled with his weight, leaving a lot of bowls short, and Scotty was keeping us in the game!

The Harbord boys showed great fight to claw back to 14-12 before a 2 got us a 4-shot lead with 3 ends to play!

Game over....NOT.

As John took the mat for his last bowl of the 19th end, reports were that Harbord were holding 6 or 7 shots. Could he cut it down? You bet he could, drawing a toucher to grab 1 shot and generous applause from the large Harbord crew behind the head!

5 shots up with 2 ends to play, certainties....NOT!

Scotty continued his great lead bowling (especially in the 2nd half of the match) Holding 2 shots Scotty roared into the head with his last bowl, and we went from 2 up to 3 down.

Harbord then moved the jack to just short of the ditch and were holding 4 or 5 when John took the mat.

Surely, he couldn't do it again! You bet he could, rolling his 3rd bowl about 39 metres to 2 inches from the jack! Scotty in disbelief said "did you mean to do that?" John just put a finger up, with a huge grin, and said 'Yeah! Lane Cove 19: Harbord 12.

Well done Harbord on making the final, now we have a long wait before heading to the state play-offs!

Go Lane Cove!



Statistics:

Team	S Bonthron-J Lloyd	Harbord BC
Points	19	12
Ends	14	7
1 point end	10	5
2-point end	3	-
3-point end	1	1
4-point end	-	1

## **ZONE 9 TRIPLES RESULTS**

### **Reserve Pairs Championship**

Final:

**Scott Bonthrone & John Lloyd** 19 defeated S Gibson & P Sullivan (Harbord) 12

Semi-finals:

S. Gibson & P. Sullivan (HARBORD) 22 defeated G. Scott & P. Maybury (Neutral Bay) 21; and

**S. Bonthrone & J. Lloyd** (LANE COVE) 22 defeated J. Cormio & P. Geftakis (BELROSE) 12

### **Open Pairs Championship**

S. Gliddon & J. Campton (BELROSE) 19 defeated S. Smith & C. Green (HARBORD) 13

### **Senior Pairs Championship**

J. Venteman & S. Ashdown (BELROSE) 22 defeated B. Landi & M. Blackwood (MONA VALE) 19



## NEW BOARD ELECTED FOR 2022-2023

At last Sunday's 33rd Annual General Meeting members present elected the new Board of Directors for the next year.

Those members elected were:

**Chairman - Bevan Piper**

This will be Bevan's 5th term as Chairman also having served terms as Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Director respectively

**Vice Chairman - Kevin Mulhall**

Kevin will serve his 2nd term as Vice Chairman

**Treasurer - Lindsay Sturman**

This will be Lindsay's 3rd term as Treasurer also having served a term as a Director

**Director - John Lloyd**

John is now in his 3rd term as a Director



**Maureen, Andrew and David**

**Director - Maureen Terrey**

Maureen is a welcome newcomer to the Board

**Director - Andrew Gordon**

Andrew is another welcome addition to the Board

**Director - David Erskine**

David rejoins the Board having served five previous terms as a Director

**GREAT EFFORT PUTS PETER, GLENN AND CAROLE INTO MAJOR TRIPLES FINAL**

A rather miserable Saturday, weatherwise, did not stop some fine bowling when **Carole Boardman, Glenn Boardman** and **Peter Zucconi** clashed with **Sarah Hobson** (substitute for Graham Screen), **Marilyn Screen** and **John Bowring** (filling in the skip’s role for Graham) in the second semi-final of the Major Triples.

Team Zucconi meant business from the start whacking a 5-pointer on the first end of play. Team Bowring responded with a 3-pointer and it was game on!

In a very tight match Team Zucconi managed to hold Team Bowring to 1 point on 8 of the ends they won and their opening end 5-pointer would be the difference when played finished.

Team Zucconi won 26:21 and go on to play the winners of the first semi-final between Monica Smith, Stuart Smith and Vic Solway and Matt Lake, Rohan Marshall and John Lloyd in the final. A great final contest looms!

**Statistics:**

Team	C Boardman-G Boardman-P Zucconi	S Hobson-M Screen-J Bowring
Points	26	21
Ends	12	13
1 point end	4	8
2-point end	4	3
3-point end	3	1
4-point end	-	1
5-point end	1	-



## **BOWLS PREMIER LEAGUE 16 TEAMS ANNOUNCED**

BY VAL FEBBO

Two playing changes headline November's Bowls Premier League (BPL) as the 16th edition of the tournament nears its commencement at Club Pine Rivers in Brisbane's Moreton Bay region.

The first change is from the Perth Suns, who have brought in the 2021 Australian Championships' singles winner Blake Nairn to replace Dawn Hayman in the Western Australian line-up.

Tweed Heads Ospreys will also boast a new-look, with stalwart Chloe Stewart unable to take part in the event, paving the way for young Queenslander Kira Bourke to make her return to the competition.

BPL16 is scheduled for November 7-11, 2022, with 24 hours of live broadcast on Fox Sports, Kayo and Sky Sports NZ across Tuesday to Friday evenings from 4pm-10pm AEST, 5pm-11pm AEDT.

See below for the full ins and outs for each BPL franchise:

Adelaide Pioneers: Scott Thulborn, Wayne Ruediger, Katelyn Inch  
Coach: Les Carter  
No Change

Brisbane Pirates: Alex Marshall, Jo Edwards, Chris Rosanes  
Coach: Michael Breen  
No Change

Gold Coast Hawks: Shannon McIlroy, Kelsey Cottrell, Nathan Rice  
Coach: Anthony Kiepe  
In: Kiepe (Coach)  
Out: Steven Tong (Coach)

Melbourne eXtreme: Carla Krizanic, Matthew Flapper, Ali Forsyth  
Coach: Kelvin Kerkow  
No Change

Melbourne Pulse: Barrie Lester, Gary Kelly, Ellen Ryan

Coach: Jeremy Henry  
No Change

Moama Steamers: Ryan Bester, Natasha Van Eldik, Aron Sherriff  
Coach: Kevin Anderson  
In: Anderson (Coach)  
Out: Ryan Burnett (Coach)

Perth Suns: Blake Nairn, Kristina Krstic, Cody Packer  
Coach: Pieter Harris  
In: Nairn  
Out: Dawn Hayman

Sydney Lions: Karen Murphy, Ben Twist, Aaron Wilson  
Coach: Steve Glasson  
No Change

Tasmania Tridents: Rebecca Van Asch, Taelyn Male, Mark Nitz  
Coach: Mark Strochnetter

Tweed Heads Ospreys: Aaron Teys, Corey Wedlock, Kira Bourke  
Coach: Wayne Turley  
In: Bourke  
Out: Chloe Stewart

## **MURPHY OVERJOYED TO BE BACK IN CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**

BY VAL FEBBO

Bowls Australia (BA) Hall Of Fame member Karen Murphy AM will be back competing on the national stage at the end of the month as The Nationals take centre stage on the Gold Coast.

Murphy will be the New South Wales representative in the women's Champion of Champions tournament, an event that she conquered a decade ago in a year where she also claimed two World Championships gold medals.

During the Nationals, Murphy will also be bestowed Australian bowls' highest honour, as she is elevated to a legend in the Hall of Fame, alongside Steve Glasson OAM and Rob Parrella OAM, at the 2022 Hall of Fame and Awards Night on October 10.



# BOWLS NSW UPDATE TO MEMBERS

BY ADMIN

23 September 2022

Bowls NSW would like to provide an update to members on the current activity within Bowls NSW.

Firstly, we apologise for the delay in announcing the 2022-23 Single Gender State Pennant Finals venues. Host venues have been confirmed.

The immediate focus of the Board is on the recruitment of a new CEO. The Board will share updates with members as they become available. The time is also right for the two director positions to be filled, and an EOI has been published to that effect. The Board is also working with staff to develop the Operational Plan to coincide with the Bowls NSW Strategic Plan which will be released to members by 15th November 2022.

Our talented staff members are continuing to work hard, running the day-to-day operations of the sport within New South Wales. A major priority currently being worked through by staff is improving the reach of Bowls NSW direct communications to members.

Staff members are also focused on the following:

Preparing an information package to be available for clubs wanting to unify at club level;

Making the access to BowlsLink training easier and more readily available across NSW;

Making arrangements for the Single Gender State Pennant Finals and the KENO Blues Sides to represent NSW at the Nationals;

Finalising the Annual Report and preparing for the AGM;

Preparing for the State O40s pairs Finals;

Preparing for the State Mixed Pairs Qualifying and State Rookies Qualifying

The Bowls NSW Club Conference initially scheduled for October this year has been moved to early 2023, with a confirmed date to be announced shortly.

Bowls NSW will continue to keep members informed about any changes in our office as well as new and other focus areas as further updates become available.

## State Pennant Finals & Inter-Zone Venues Announced

Host venues for the 2022/23 Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals have been confirmed, as well as the host venues for the 2022/23 Men's Inter-Zone Sides Championship.

### 2022/23 Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals

All Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals will be played between Friday 18th – Sunday 20th November, with Thursday 17th November reserved for practice sessions.

Bowls NSW is incredibly excited to announce our continued partnership with Port Macquarie Hastings Council which will see both the Men's & Women's Division 1 State Pennant Finals held across Port City and Lake Cathie Bowling Club. Bowls NSW acknowledges the support of Port Macquarie Hastings Council in sponsoring this event.

Below is the full list of confirmed venues for the 2022/23 Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals.

Further information will be provided to qualifying Regional/Zone clubs closer to the event dates.

### 2022/23 Men's Inter-Zone Sides Championship

Club Maitland City and Lorn Park Bowling Club have secured the rights to host the Men's Open & Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championships. The Senior Inter-Zone will be held from 23rd – 25th May 2023 with the Open Inter-Zone to be held from 27th – 29th May 2023.

Further information on this event will be supplied to Zones in early 2023.



## LANE COVE BOWLING CLUB'S GALA 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022**

**Bowls and Gourmet Barbeque**

**Raffles and Spider**

**2 Games of 2 bowl triples over 11 ends each**

**1<sup>st</sup> match at 10.30am Lunch at 1.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> match at 2.00pm**

**\$15 per head**

**Wear club uniform for historical photograph**

**Book over the bar or enter your name on the noticeboard.**

**BOWLING RESULTS**

Wednesday 21 September 2022

**Social**

John Bowring, Vic Solway & Bevan Piper 18 defeated Monica Smith, Lindsay Sturman & Sarah Hobson 15;

Deon Van Niekerk, Andrew Gordon & Kevin Mulhall 28 defeated Maureen Cosby, David Erskine & Stuart Smith 18 and

Ole Hostrup & David Madson 25 defeated Kay Mulhall & Mal Knight 14.

Saturday 24 September 2022

**Major Triples – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi-final**

Carole Boardman, Glenn Boardman & Peter Zucconi 26 defeated Sarah Hobson, Marilyn Screen & John Bowring 21

**Social**

Maureen Cosby, Ole Hostrup & Stuart Smith 18 defeated Monica Smith, Mark Burrows & Greg Moon 17; and

Steve Brouggy, Phil Wade & Kevin Mulhall 21 defeated Ray Moran/Jenny Moran, David Erskine & Vic Solway 19

Sunday 18 September 2022

**Zone 9 Reserve Pairs – Semi-final**



Scott Bonthron & John Lloyd 22 defeated J. Cormio & P. Geftakis (Belrose)

S. Gibson & P. Sullivan (Harbord) 21 defeated G. Scott & P. Maybury (Neutral Bay) 20

**Zone 9 Reserve Paris – Final**

Scott Bonthron & John Lloyd 19 defeated S. Gibson & P. Sullivan (Harbord) 12

**BOWLING PROGRAMME (Critical Dates)**

Date	Event
28 September	Zone 9 Triples (Open, Senior, Reserve) – entries close
2 October	Major Fours – entries close
8 October	70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday LCB&RC
8 November	City Tattersalls visit

**BIRTHDAYS:** ‘Since we cannot get what we like, let us like what we can get.’



Tillykke med fødselsdagen to **Ole Hostrup** who celebrates on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and the No. 1 song on his birth was *Sunday, Monday, or Always* sung by Bing Crosby.

*Day of Wrath (Danish: Vredens dag)* starring Thorkild Roose, Lisbeth Movin, Sigrid Neiiendam, Preben Lerdorff Rye was a popular movie in the theatres.

### ON TELEVISION



Horse Racing – Epsom Handicap (Randwick)

Rugby League – Penrith vs Cowboys

Rugby Union – Australia vs Scotland

The Bowls Show – 7TWO



1. Which country produces the most coffee in the world?
2. In what year was the first-ever Wimbledon Championship held?
- 3 Which email service is owned by Microsoft?
4. What is the painting “La Gioconda” more usually known as?
5. Where would you find the world’s most ancient forest?

Answers: 1 Brazil. 2 1877. 3 Hotmail. 4 Mona Lisa. 5 Daintree Forest north of Cairns.

**Riddle:** What time is it when an elephant sits on a fence? (Answer page 24)



# THE LANE COVE BOWLO

THE PLACE TO BE ON FRIDAY FOR RAFFLE RAP

16 PRIZES MINIMUM - draw at 6.30pm

Meat trays, wine, gift cards, seafood vouchers and much more



This week's winners - Will, Greg and Jay

*Members  
Badge  
Draw*



*Wednesdays & Saturdays*  
Drawn after the Raffle 4.30pm to 5pm. Jackpot rolls over to the next draw if winning member is not present at the club

**WORD OF THE WEEK:** ANABIOSIS (noun): A state of suspended animation; a return to life after apparent death

**IDIOM OF THE WEEK:** “The life you live is the lesson you teach.”

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** ‘Each man must work for himself, and unless he so works, no outside help can avail him.’ - Theodore Roosevelt

**PRINCIPLE OF THE WEEK:** **Excellence** - To stand out with valuable qualities

**WICKED WORDS:** “Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.” - Robert Fulghum

**ANOTHER VIEW:”** People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”-- Maya Angelou

**A NOVEL NOTE:** “Now that I have what I wanted, I feel somehow freed up to want more. Free to want without hesitation. I think wanting is man’s natural state.” *The New Wilderness* by Diane Cook

**DID YOU KNOW:** The Motto Of France Is Liberté, Égalitié, Fraternité  
One of the most well-known facts about France is its fight for democracy and the fall of its corrupt aristocracy. In the massive public proceedings during the French Revolution that came together to bring change to not only France but also spark liberty movements across the world, the slogan “Liberté, Égalitié, Fraternité” (Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity in English) was widely used and has since remained the country’s motto.

**FUN FACT:** Though an odd law, France has a decree that requires all private and public radios in the country to play nearly 35% French music.

**SHE SAID IT:** "To fulfill a dream, to be allowed to sweat over lovely labour, to be given the chance to create, is the meat and potatoes of life. The money is the gravy."  
- Bette Davis

**SHE ALSO SAID IT:** "Without single women and their impressive sense of self, we'd be without Queen Elizabeth I, Marie-Sophie Germain, Susan B. Anthony, Florence Nightingale, Jane Austen, Harper Lee, Diane Keaton, Greta Garbo, Jane Goodall and me, myself and I." - Chelsea Handler

**HE SAID IT:** "The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life." - Muhammad Ali

## AUSSIE DESTINATIONS – Enngonia, NSW

One pub town near the Queensland border which is famous for its association with local bushrangers.



Today Enngonia is little more than a few buildings and a popular watering hole, the Oasis Hotel/Motel, on the Mitchell Highway. Its main claim upon the traveller is that it is particularly rich in bushranger history. In 1868 two incidents occurred which drew attention to the town. The bushranger and horse thief known as Midnight was shot and killed to the west of the town and the bushranger Frank Pearson, known as Captain Starlight, shot and killed Constable John McCabe in the Shearer's Inn. Earlier in the year the Sydney Morning Herald had identified the problem writing "Great complaints are made by squatters in the back country with reference to the 'mobs of lazy, idle, loafing scoundrels' which infest these districts, and whose whole end and object appear to be to live without working."

### Location

Enngonia is located 859 km north-west from Sydney; 97 km north of Bourke and 40 km south of the Queensland border.

### Origin of Name

No one is sure of the origin of the town's name although one popular explanation is that one of the first settlers was named Erin and his simple house was named Erin's Gunyah. Certainly, when there was correspondence with the Postal Authorities in 1870, Robert Kerrigan wrote from a place he called "Eringunyah". It seems that the postal authorities, trying to grapple with spellings including Eringunla, Eringonia and Eningunyah, ruled that the name should be 'Enngonia'.

### Population

In 2016, there were 148 people in Enngonia, with 30 families, and 61 private dwellings. Aboriginal people made up 44.9% of the population.



### Oasis Hotel/Motel

The Oasis is the source of all knowledge about the district and should be visited by people wanting to explore the district and to learn more about Captain Starlight.

In 1973, long before the present owners arrived, it became a footnote in Australia's racial history when on 9 November that year Professor Fred Hollows arrived in the town as part of the trachoma eradication programme he was carrying out through Bourke District Hospital. Hollows had stayed at the hotel/motel before but it had come under new management.

"Upon arriving, Hollows was approached by the new licensee and told that the Aboriginal members of his party would not be served in the hotel's bar and lounge area; if they required refreshments they were to walk to the back of the hotel where they would be served through a small hatchery whilst remaining outside. Professor Hollows booked the party out of the hotel. After their day's work in the local Aboriginal community Hollows' trachoma eradication team retired to the Oasis for a drink in the lounge where the Aboriginal members of the group were all loudly refused service. Professor Hollows detailed this incident to Lionel Murphy, then Attorney General, in a letter sent in the week of the introduction of the Racial Discrimination Bill: 'Such discrimination makes my work both as an ophthalmologist to the total community and as a person especially interested in improving Aboriginal health very difficult.'" Murphy replied that under the Human Rights Bill of 1973 "everyone is entitled without any discrimination to the equal protection of the law". This is worth recalling when you stop for a drink at the Oasis Hotel/Motel. It was only 40 years ago.



## **The Grave of Midnight**

The grave is that of Thomas Law, a convict, horse thief and murderer who was caught by a police posse.

### **Thomas Law, Alias Midnight**

When he was confined in Parramatta Gaol he was known as Thomas Law but he was also known as George Gibson and Henry Wilson and he used the alias "Midnight".

He escaped from Parramatta Gaol in 1878 and quickly became known to the police because he kept stealing horses. He travelled with his brother and by the time they had reached Dubbo there were warrants for both their arrests on charges of horse stealing.



The police caught Law's brother near Dubbo and three officers – Sergeant Wallings and Constable Walsh from Dubbo and Senior Constable Souter from Warren – were sent to Mrs Mills Inn where it was believed Midnight was hiding. Midnight attempted to escape and during the subsequent shootout Sergeant Wallings was shot and killed. Word spread quickly and there was a heightened commitment to finding the horse thief and murderer.

We are lucky to have a very detailed account of the death of Midnight. It was recorded in the Kalgoorlie Western Argus on 4 August 1903 in a series the paper was doing on bushrangers.

The article included a first person account from Constable Hatton who was at the shooting of the bushranger: "Having received certain information, I went to Enngonia Station, in company with Senior-Constable Duffy and Constable Grey. Between 10 and 11 o'clock on the night of October 2 (twelve days after the murder of Wallings) I heard horses crossing the road about 300 yards from Kerrigan's public house. I went with Constable Grey to meet them, and when we arrived I saw a man on the ground with three horses.

"I called out, 'Who is that?' and the man at once jumped on the horse he had been riding. I called upon him to stand and as he began to move I told him I

would shoot if he did not stand; but he bent down and galloped away through the scrub. I fired two shots at him from a distance of about 20 yards. When he galloped away he left the other two horses behind him, one having on a pack and the other a saddle. I took the horses over to the hotel, and on searching the pack I found a Snider rifle and a revolver, both loaded, wrapped in a coat on top. There were also a bullet-mould and powder flask, some provisions, and a purse containing money. Grey and I then saddled up the two horses and went in search, remaining out about two hours. On the following morning Stub-Inspector Duffy, Constable Grey and the black tracker took up the tracks from Enngonia with me, and followed them all day. We kept following them until between 10 and 11 o'clock on the morning of the 5th. We then saw a chestnut horse tied up in a mulga scrub near the Maranoa Station, near the Queensland border. It had a saddle and bridle on. I at once galloped up and saw a man rising from the ground, apparently from sleep. Constable Grey and I got in between the man and the horse, which was about 20 yards distant. I had my revolver in my hand, and called upon him in the Queen's name to stand, saying 'We are constables.' I also told him to put up his hands or I would shoot him, repeating this several times. "Constable Grey did the same, and at one time I thought he was putting up his hands. He was then in a sitting posture, and I said to Grey, 'You jump down and handcuff him while I keep him covered.' At that moment he jumped up, ran past my horse, and dodged under Grey's horse's neck to his own horse, which was tied to a tree. He reached the horse and grabbed the reins on the off side. I fired at the horse three times to prevent the man from escaping. The horse at this time kept moving along, the man trying to mount, holding the reins in one hand and having the other hand on the saddle. He had one foot in the stirrup, and was trying to mount on the off side. At one time he nearly got into the saddle, and I had my revolver levelled straight at him to fire, but did not do so, as he fell backwards, and the horse plunged round. At that time I fired another shot at the horse, and I believe it was that shot which killed the man; but I am not certain, as I never fired one shot at him, all my shots being at the horse. I fired five times altogether. When I fired the last shot the horse made a plunge and fell, and the deceased fell also, and remained upon the ground. I then immediately jumped off my horse, caught the man by the hands, and called upon Grey to put the handcuffs on him. This was done, and I then examined him, and found a hole made by a bullet which had pierced his left side above the hip bone, and appeared to have come out below the right hip. I then arrested him on the charge of having murdered Sergeant Wallings. He exclaimed: 'Oh! I'm done! It served me right.' He also said: 'I have no one to blame but myself - I have run to, all this.' I then asked him his name, and he replied: 'That doesn't matter. It doesn't matter what my name is; let me die !'

"He subsequently said to me, 'My name is Harry Wilson.' I sent to Maranoa station for a cart, into which we lifted the deceased, and brought him to Wapweetah station. where he died on the following morning."

"Previous to his death he complained of great pain, and said, 'There was a chance of my escaping, but if I was arrested there was no chance. If I had been arrested at first I should have got years and years for horse-stealing. Oh! that I had the world for my rifle! I'd learn some of you to be merciful!'"

Constable Grey's story corresponded in every essential with that told by Hatton, but he furnished one or two details omitted by his companion. As soon as he saw the bushranger attempting to reach his horse he turned in his saddle and fired his rifle at the animal, but the shot not taking effect, he fired a second time, and the bullet struck the horse through the saddle flap. A third shot was also fired by Grey, which struck the horse at the girth; and as "Midnight" was at the time endeavouring to clamber into the saddle on the other side, it was thought that one of the bullets passed clean through the horse and inflicted the fatal wound upon the man. In reply to Grey's question as to his name, "Midnight" said: "My right name I will never tell; I have lived like a dog, and like a dog I'll die - what I have been all my life."

This constable found in "Midnight's" coat pocket a handkerchief marked with the name, "Jane Mills."

All doubt as to the man that was shot being the murderer of Sergeant Wallings was set at rest by Constable Walsh, who arrived at the station where he was lying dead, and fully identified him. He also identified the bridle and pouch found in the dead bushranger's possession as the property of Sergeant Wallings, and the saddle as the property of the Government.

At the coronial inquiry a verdict was returned to the effect that "Midnight" had been killed by a shot fired by either Constable Hatton or Constable Grey, when endeavouring to shoot his horse in the effort to prevent his escape, and that he was the murderer of Sergeant Wallings.

The remains were buried near Wapweetah Station, those who performed the last offices doing so with a pardonable feeling of satisfaction that a violent death had overtaken the man who, by violence, had taken the life of one of the most useful officers of police in the colony.

### **The Murderous Captain Starlight**

Frank Pearson (1837–22 December 1899) was an Australian bushranger, operating under the pseudonym Captain Starlight.

Pearson's early life is a mystery as he gave a range of different versions of his background. He used so many aliases that his origins are obscure; however, he may have been connected to a family with the surname Arnold.

Frank Pearson burst onto the scene in 1868, when he abandoned his practice as a doctor, stole a horse and took off on a bushranging spree that ended in a shoot out and the death of a policeman. Pearson was a very talented man: intelligent, well educated and well read, and a clever artist and composer. He was also a pathological liar with no moral compass whatsoever. He had so many aliases that we don't even know what his real name was.

Pearson was found guilty of murdering a policeman at trial on 3 May 1869 and sentenced to death. The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment and he was released in 1884 after fifteen years. The commutation of his sentence was controversial. There is some evidence to suggest that William Munnings Arnold, Parliamentary Speaker of the time, may have influenced the decision

Pearson returned to Queensland and in 1887 was arrested for forgery and false pretences, under the name of Frank Gordon (alias Dr Lamb), tried in Rockhampton and sentenced to a year in prison in Brisbane. He was admitted to Boggo Road Gaol and shortly afterwards, transferred to St. Helena Island . In 1896 he moved to Perth where, as Major Patrick Frances Pelly he was employed on the recommendation of the WA Premier, Sir John Forrest, as a clerk-accountant with the Western Australia Geological Survey. In Perth he often related elaborate and false stories of his past as a major in the British army and a member of the Russian Czar's bodyguard.

On 22 December 1899, Pearson died after accidentally swallowing cyanide. He was drunk and mistook it for his medicine. He is buried in Karrakatta Cemetery, Western Australia.

### **Belalie Station and Will Ogilvie**

Belalie Station is a private property and of particular interest is a small corrugated iron hut with some very interesting bottles of "strange brew" where the poet Will Ogilvie, who worked at Belalie, drank and wrote some of his poetry. Scottish born Ogilvie spent years working on and returning to Belalie Station and, though buried in his homeland, claimed to the last that "the Back of Bourke" was where his heart remained. Ogilvie arrived in Australia in 1889. During his two years on Belalie station he worked as a jackaroo, drover and second bookkeeper. Whilst on Belalie he found the inspiration for some of his best known Australian verse. His love of outback Australia was unambiguous. As he wrote in *My Life in the Open* the Australian bush "has a peculiar witchery of its own ... that spell that brings the drover and traveller back again and again to worship at the shrine of its silent beauty; that charm that chains the true bushman to his love though half the world lies between."



### **The Men Of The Open Spaces – by William Henry Ogilvie**

These are the men with the sun-tanned faces  
and the keen far-sighted eyes-  
the men of the open spaces,  
and the land where the mirage lies.

The men who have learnt to master  
the forces of fire and drought  
and the demon Flood's disaster  
in the fields of furthest out.

The men who have stood together  
and shared in the fight with fate  
and known the strength of the tether  
that holds a mate to his mate.

Who ride with a gallant bearing  
where every saddle's a throne,  
and each is an emperor sharing  
an empire enough for his own.

They are strangers to airs and graces,  
and scornful of power and pride-  
the Men of the Open Spaces,  
who rule the world when they ride.

## History

- \* The town was probably named after a man called Erin who built a shack for himself which was little more than a gunyah. It was named 'Erin's Gunyah' which was later corrupted to 'Enngonia'.
- \* A post office was established at Belalie Station in 1866.
- \* On 2 October, 1868 police caught up with a bushranger named Midnight and shot and killed him 39 km west of Enngonia.
- \* On 6 October, 1868 Charles Rutherford and Frank Pearson (known as Captain Starlight) were confronted in the Shearer's Inn by two police troopers. Starlight shot and killed Constable John McCabe.
- \* In March, 1871 Robert Kerrigan became the town's first postmaster and the postal authorities decided the settlement's name would be Enngonia.
- \* In 1884 the telegraph line reached Enngonia.
- \* In 1896 a post office was built at the corner of Belalie and McCabe Streets.
- \* By the late 19th century the large properties in the area were labour intensive and substantial numbers of people passed through the area on horse or driving bullock teams. At the time Enngonia was an important stopping point on the route to Bourke.
- \* The Enngonia telephone exchange was established in 1912.
- \* In 1941 the Enngonia Post Office was destroyed by fire.
- \* Today Enngonia is a small service centre for the surrounding properties. It comprises a police station, a small school, a hotel/motel with caravan facilities, and a few houses.



## JOKE OF THE WEEK In the great days of the British Empire

In the great days of the British Empire a new commanding officer was sent to a remote African bush outpost to relieve the retiring colonel.



After welcoming his replacement and showing the usual courtesies, gin and tonic, cucumber sandwiches etc, decreed by protocol, the retiring colonel said, "You must meet my Adjutant, Captain Smithers. He's my right-hand man and is really the strength of this entire post. His talent and energy are simply boundless.

Captain Smithers was summoned and introduced to the new CO, who was surprised to meet a hunchback, one-eyed, toothless, hairless, scabbed and pockmarked specimen of humanity, a particularly unattractive man less than three feet tall. "Smithers, old man, tell your new CO about yourself".

"Well, sir, I graduated with honours from Sandhurst, joined the regiment and won the Military Cross and Bar after three expeditions behind enemy lines.

I've represented Great Britain in equestrian events and won a Silver Medal in the middleweight boxing division of the Olympics. I have researched the history of..."

At which point the colonel interrupted, "Yes, yes, never mind that Smithers, he can find all that in your file.

Tell him about the day you told the witch doctor to rack off.

**Riddle:** Time to fix the fence.



## TICKLES CORNER



You seem like the sort of people who know which colour of crayon tastes the best!

**BEST LINE** \_\_\_\_\_ **S****1943****The Song of Bernadette****1943**

**THE SONG OF BERNADETTE (1943)** is one of the greatest religious dramas ever filmed in Hollywood. Though it tells a religious story, you don't have to be religious to be moved by this inspiring portrayal. It is one of the few Hollywood films that can be called an artistic masterpiece.

14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, living in a small town in the south of 1850s France, claims to have seen a divine vision, prompting extreme scepticism, concern from her family, and religious and political turmoil.

Starring a young Jennifer Jones in her first major starring role and winning a much deserved Oscar for Best Actress of the Year, this is a film of rare sensitivity and great restraint. Jennifer Jones is positively radiant in her role of an innocent young French girl who sees a vision in a Grotto (a highlight in the film and greatly enhanced by Alfred Newman's masterful music). Also in the stellar cast are Charles Bickford, Lee J. Cobb, Gladys Cooper, Vincent Price, Anne Revere as Bernadette's mother and the underrated Roman Bohnin as Bernadette's father.



**Bernadette:** Your Reverence, I DID see her.

**Peyramale:** Yes, my child, you did. And you will see her again.

**Bernadette:** Perhaps I haven't suffered enough.

**Peyramale:** You've suffered enough, my child, for the Heaven of Heavens.

**Director:** Henry King \* **Writers:** George Seaton(screenplay)/Franz Werfel(novel) \* **Stars:** Jennifer Jones as Bernadette Soubirous, Charles Bickford as Abbé Dominique Peyramale, William Eythe as Antoine Nicoleau, Gladys Cooper as Marie Therese Vauzou, Bernadette's schoolteacher and later the Mistress of Novices, Vincent Price as Vital Dutour, Imperial Prosecutor and Lee J. Cobb as Dr. Dozous.



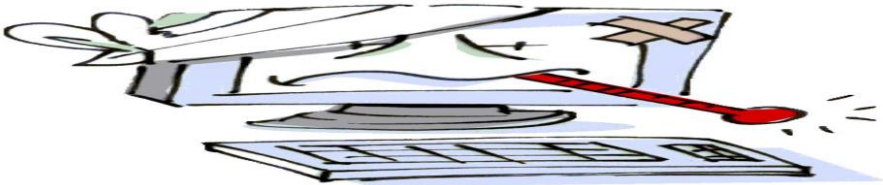
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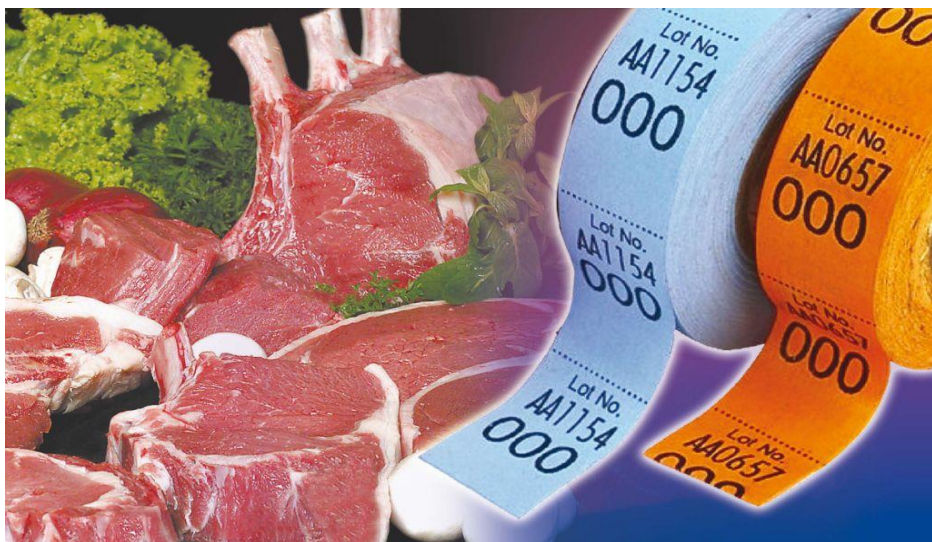
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