

Temporary Display

Ann Jones's Cash Box: recovered from the ashes of the Glenrowan Inn 1880



For the first time, since its discovery amongst the ashes of the Glenrowan Inn a brass cash box belonging Ann Jones, owner of the Inn, will be on display at the Victoria Police Museum.

The small brass box has been in private hands since its discovery by a farm-hand after the Inn was burnt to the ground during the infamous shoot-out between police and the Kelly Gang in 1880. The box has been kindly loaned to the Victoria Police Museum by the current owner, Steve Curry, who was happy to see it go on public display.

Jim McCann, Manager of the Victoria Police Museum, says it is a good example of how the history of the Kelly Gang remains dynamic, with new artefacts still being discovered.

“These artefacts are important to ongoing research into one of Australia’s most significant stories. They provide an opportunity to broaden the history relating to the Kelly Gang and give a voice to those impacted by events of the day”

Ann Jones’s life was gravely changed by the events of June of 1880 when the Kelly Gang took over her Inn. Her son was killed during police gun-fire against the Gang, her daughter was wounded and her livelihood, the Inn itself, burnt to the ground. Afterwards, she was charged by police with aiding the Gang, but was later acquitted. Eventually, Ann rebuilt the Inn, but was denied a licence. In a bizarre twist of fate she was forced to lease the premises to police to use as a station.

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