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Steeped in history of the Ned Kelly Gang, Glenrowan is also renowned for 130 years of producing premium wines and the regions picturesque outlooks. Folklore has it that Ned Kelly helped the Bailey family plant their first vines, establishing the region's reputation for full-bodied reds, fragrant whites and fortifieds.

The township of Glenrowan is where the siege and capture of Ned Kelly and his gang occurred in 1880 and it's well signed with places of interest and interpretive signage depicting the events that took place, which are easily explored on foot or by bike.

There are a range of eateries on offer from a hearty meal at the hotel, a pie at the bakery or a Devonshire tea at the tea room. You will find seasonal farmgates and welcoming cellar doors offering casual lunches and homemade produce.

Enjoy a picnic or coffee while the kids play and explore at the park or take a short drive to explore the many vantage points and lookouts including sweeping views from the Warby Ovens National Park over Winton Wetlands and Mt Buffalo - all great for bird watching, bushwalking, mountain bike riding or fishing.



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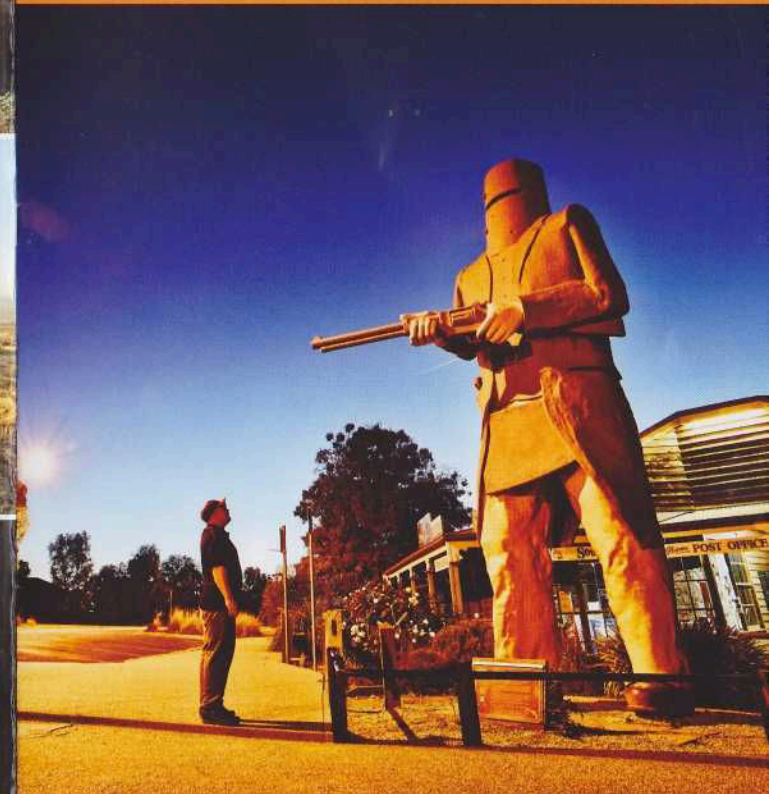


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GLENROWAN

Victoria, Australia

The home of premium wines, the majestic Warby Ovens National Park and Ned Kelly's Last Stand



Steeped in the history of the Kelly Gang, Glenrowan is equally renowned for producing premium wines, craft beers and adventures in the great outdoors



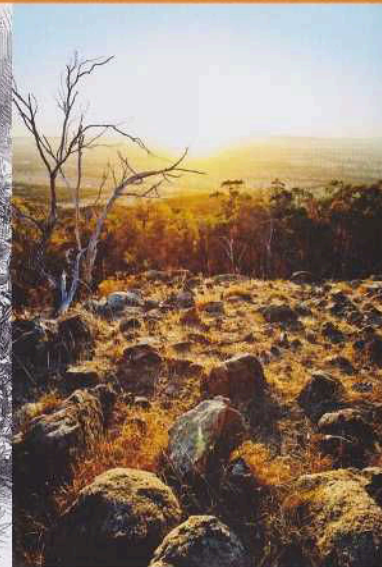
Glenrowan - the place of Ned Kelly's Last Stand

It was the siege of the Kelly Gang on Monday 28th June 1880 by Victorian Police and civilians in Glenrowan which has become an event etched in Australian history, folklore, and the nation's conscience.

After two days occupation of Glenrowan by the gang, the infamous siege at Glenrowan led to the capture of Ned Kelly and ultimately the destruction of the Kelly Gang.

In 1873 Paddy McDonnell, like most people in the district, was enthused about the construction of the North Eastern Railway through Rowen's Gap. He saw a business opportunity and built McDonnell's Railway Tavern on Gladstone Street Glenrowan. Members of the Kelly family were close friends of the McDonnell's and the tavern became a favourite watering hole for Ned and his mates.

In the lead up to the siege at Glenrowan, Ned was foreman of a gang of sleeper cutters working for contractors Nelson & Faulds. The contractors cut 100,000 railway sleepers from the Mugga Ironbark forest surrounding Ned's mother's selection on the Eleven Mile Creek. Many of these sleepers were to be laid on the new North Eastern Railway line which passes through Glenrowan.



Ned had come up with a plan to derail the Police Special train on its way through the area. Ned, being a local, had an intimate knowledge of the Glenrowan people and the surrounding landscape including the new railway line.

This influenced him to select a spot 800 metres east of the new Glenrowan Railway Station as the place to sabotage the railway line. His intention was to derail a Police Special train sending it and its occupants plunging into a deep gully alongside the line.

The plan was set in motion when Dan Kelly and Joe Byrne murdered Aaron Sherritt in the Woolshed Valley near Beechworth on the evening of the 26th June 1880 because they suspected him of being a police informant. The murder was intended to trigger the despatch by rail of a contingent of Police including Aboriginal trackers who would pass through Glenrowan en route to Beechworth to track Dan and Joe for the murder of Aaron Sherritt. The Police Aboriginal Trackers expected to be on board the train were a prime target.

In the meantime Ned and Steve Hart rode quietly into Glenrowan arriving at McDonnell's Railway Tavern where they unloaded and stabled their horses. While waiting for Dan Kelly and Joe Byrne to arrive from the Woolshed Valley they began to put their plans to sabotage the railway line into action.

Unfortunately for Ned the plan to derail the Police Special train came unstuck. Ned thought the Aboriginal trackers were in Benalla and they would accompany a police contingent, but they had in fact returned to Melbourne before leaving for Queensland.

Also, the delay in the notification of Aaron Sherritt's murder and the authorities failure to act quickly meant that the Police Special train did not approach Glenrowan until thirty one hours later.

Lack of sleep and nervous tension waiting for the train probably contributed to some poor decision making by Ned. This included the release of Thomas Curnow, who alerted the police of the gangs plans, which led to the siege commencing and to the eventual destruction of the Kelly Gang.



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The days leading up to the capture of Ned Kelly in Glenrowan...

Saturday 26th June 1880

- 6.15 pm As planned, Dan Kelly and Joe Byrne murder Aaron Sherritt in the Woolshed Valley, El Dorado.
- 8.30 pm Dan and Joe begin riding to Glenrowan.
- 11.00 pm Ned Kelly and Steve Hart ride into the new township of Glenrowan, their packhorses heavily laden with suits of armour, gunpowder and sundry items are stabled behind McDonnell's Railway Tavern.

Sunday 27th June 1880

Gravel Contractor's Encampment (3)

*"We are police, and you had better get up"
Ned Kelly*

Alfonso Piazz, a Benalla gravel contractor and his workmen were camped about 60 metres east of the Glenrowan Inn. On Saturday night, they stayed later at the Inn for a "little jollification" before retiring to their tents.

- 1.45 am After an unsuccessful attempt to sabotage the railway line, Ned and Steve bail up gravel carters camped near the Glenrowan Inn, mistaking them for railway platelayers. The first shot is fired when a contractor resists.

Ann Jones' Glenrowan Inn (1)

"I am sorry, but I must detain you"

These words marked the beginning of a long detainment at 2am on Sunday at Ann Jones' Glenrowan Inn.

- 2.00 am Ann Jones and her family are bailed up, followed by station master Stanistreet and his family at the gatehouse.
- 2.15 am Ned rides to the old township to fetch railway platelayers James Reardon and Dennis Sullivan. Reardon's family are also taken prisoners.
- 2.45 am Dan Kelly and Joe Byrne arrive from their long ride from Woolshed.
- 3.15 am Under direction from Ned and Steve, a working party consisting of the platelayers and prisoners set out from the gatehouse to sabotage the railway line 800 metres east of the railway station.
- 5.15 am Mission accomplished, the working party returns to the gatehouse.
- 6.10 am Paddy McDonnell and his family are rounded up.
- 6.25 am Male prisoners escorted to Ann Jones Glenrowan Inn. Women and children remain at the gatehouse guarded by Steve Hart.

- 7.30 am The wait for the Police Special train begins. During the day, all passersby are taken prisoner.
- 5.00 pm Ned releases 21 prisoners, including the McDonnells.
- 11.00 pm All prisoners are held in the Glenrowan Inn. Ned captures Constable Hugh Bracken in the old township and takes him prisoner. Still no sign of the Police Special train.
- 11.30 pm Ned releases Thomas Curnow.

Monday 28th June 1880

- 2.05 am A pilot engine and Police Special train from Melbourne, depart from Benalla carrying 27 passengers.
- 2.20 am Thomas Curnow stops the Police Special pilot engine and alerts police that the Kellys are in the Glenrowan Inn.
- 2.50 am The train slowly pulls into the Glenrowan station and stops. The Gang prepares for battle.

Police take shelter (2)

"Stay low and aim straight"

The moon was high behind Morgan's Lookout, throwing the front of the Glenrowan Inn into darkness and shining onto the small group of police who had disembarked from the train, running up the gravel road in the railway reserve towards the Inn.



Glenrowan – full of history, adventures in the great outdoors & premium wines

A short drive from Wangaratta and Benalla, Glenrowan is the perfect destination for time out, a day trip or to stay a little longer.

- Wine tasting
- Cycling
- Scenic views
- Enjoying food & wine
- Family, fun & adventures
- Seasonal fruit picking



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- 3.00 am Constable Bracken escapes from the Inn to the railway station platform, and reports the situation.
- 3.05 am Superintendent Hare leads his contingent towards the Glenrowan Inn for an assault.
- 3.08 am The first volley. Hare is shot through left wrist, Ned seriously wounded in the left arm and right foot and Joe Byrne wounded in the lower leg. Jack Lloyd mistakenly fires the signal rockets. Ned struggles into the bush to rest.

The Kelly Cope of trees (5)

"My God. Some of them have escaped"

Seriously wounded in the first volley of the siege in those moonlit hours, Ned struggled about 100 metres north east of the Glenrowan Inn to a thicket of small trees.

- 3.10 am Young John Jones, son of Ann, is mortally wounded. Sister Jane's forehead is grazed by a bullet.
- 3.30 am The gang's horses are shot by police.
- 4.00 am Martin Cherry, prisoner, mortally wounded.
- 5.50 am Police Sergeant Steel arrives with reinforcements from Wangaratta.
- 6.00 am Police Superintendent Sadlier arrives with reinforcements from Benalla.
- 6.05 am Joe Byrne is mortally wounded.

Ned Kelly's Capture Site (4)

"I could have got away last night, for I got into the bush with my grey mare, and lay there all night. But I wanted to see the thing end"

Defiantly emerging from the bush behind the cordon of police laying siege to the Glenrowan Inn, Ned advanced into a fusillade of gunfire, bullets hitting him 'like blows from a man's fist'.

- 7.00 am Ned Kelly emerges from the bush behind police lines, engaging in a gun battle - he is captured and taken to the railway station.
- 9.00 am Police reinforcements arrive from Beechworth.
- 10.00 am The rest of the prisoners evacuate the Glenrowan Inn.

Glenrowan Railway Station (6)

"We were now about to enter Kelly country and caution is necessary"

About 800 metres east of the Glenrowan Railway Station, Ned planned to derail the Special Police train.

- 12.00 am Roman Catholic Dean of Perth (later Bishop) Father Gibney arrives by train en route to Albury.
- He delivers last rites to Ned. A large crowd is gathering, including Ned's sisters and friends.
- 2.50 pm Police set fire to the Glenrowan Inn to flush out gang members.
- 3.00 pm Fr. Gibney enters the burning Inn, finds all remaining gang members deceased. Joe Byrne's body is dragged from the building.
- 4.30 pm The charred bodies of Dan Kelly and Steve Hart are retrieved from the ashes and taken to the railway station.

McDonnell's Railway Tavern (7)

"A Regular Haunt"

The site of McDonnell's Railway Tavern, a favourite local watering hole of Ned and his mates.

- 5.00 pm Superintendent Sadlier, in the interest of calming tension, offers the bodies to relatives who were wrapped in blankets, and taken across the railway reserve to McDonnell's Railway Tavern.

We would like to acknowledge that this timeline was curated by Linton Briggs and Gary Dean.