

Dissent! Treason! Flying Eggs!

*An Invitation - a public history event:
making sense of the Warwick Egg Incident 100 years on*

Saturday 18 November 2017

10.00am to 12.30 pm

St Mary's Hall, 47 Wood St, Warwick (beside the Catholic Church)



WHO THREW THAT EGG ?

As a taster, the story goes...

On 29 November 1917, whilst campaigning for conscription, Prime Minister Billy Hughes was egged at Warwick railway station by an Irish-Australian, Bart Brosnan - or was it his brother Pat?

Hughes then threw himself into the melee and ordered Senior Sergeant Henry Kenny of the Queensland police force, another Irish-Australian, to arrest the culprit.

After Kenny refused and Queensland Premier T.J. Ryan declined to discipline the policeman, Hughes established a Commonwealth police force. In a telegram to the Governor-General, Hughes explained: 'This will apply to Queensland where present position is one of latent rebellion. Police is honeycombed with Sinn Feiners and I.W.W. ... [T]here are towns in North Queensland where the Law ... is openly ignored and I.W.W. and Sinn Féin run the show.'

On the day....

- ☀ Enjoy two special presentations which help explain:
 - What led up to the WEGGI from the perspective of Irish Australians in Warwick
 - How the WEGGI fits into the broader story of conscription and Irish Australia
- ☀ Meet our friendly historians: Rod and Robin Sullivan (University of Queensland), Jeff Kildea (University of New South Wales), Greg Hallam (Queensland Rail), Pat Ryan (Killarney) and join with them for a Q&A panel session
- ☀ Be entertained by the Combined Unions Choir in recognition of the labour movement's leadership in the anti-conscription campaigns in 1916 and 1917
- ☀ \$15 general admission \$6 unwaged with a '1917' style morning tea included. RSVP by 11/11/17 but to secure your seat book early on <https://www.trybooking.com/RKHS>. For more information or queries ring 0418 989 590.

This event forms part of a program of community activities coordinated by the Southern Downs Steam Rail to commemorate the centenary of the egging of Prime Minister Billy Hughes