

BUSH MEAD

SHAPED BY NATURE

A **COMMUNITY**
RICH
IN **HISTORY**

Over a century of memories...

Located just 16km from Perth, Bushmead's history started with a bang. After its inception in 1893, the area was set aside for the training of Australian troops. This led to the establishment of the Bushmead Rifle Range in 1915, cementing its importance as a place of protection and defence.

At the very top of the rifle range ran the Upper Darling Range Railway, completed in 1891 and running regular train services until mid-1949. Though the railway was renowned for its important role in the transportation of goods from Midland, it was also the site of WA's first major railway accident. In 1904, following days of bad weather, a goods train was derailed by flooding at Poison Gully, just 400m from Bushmead, causing the deaths of two men.

Over the years, the area was also used for grazing, surrounded by a backdrop of unspoiled natural bush.

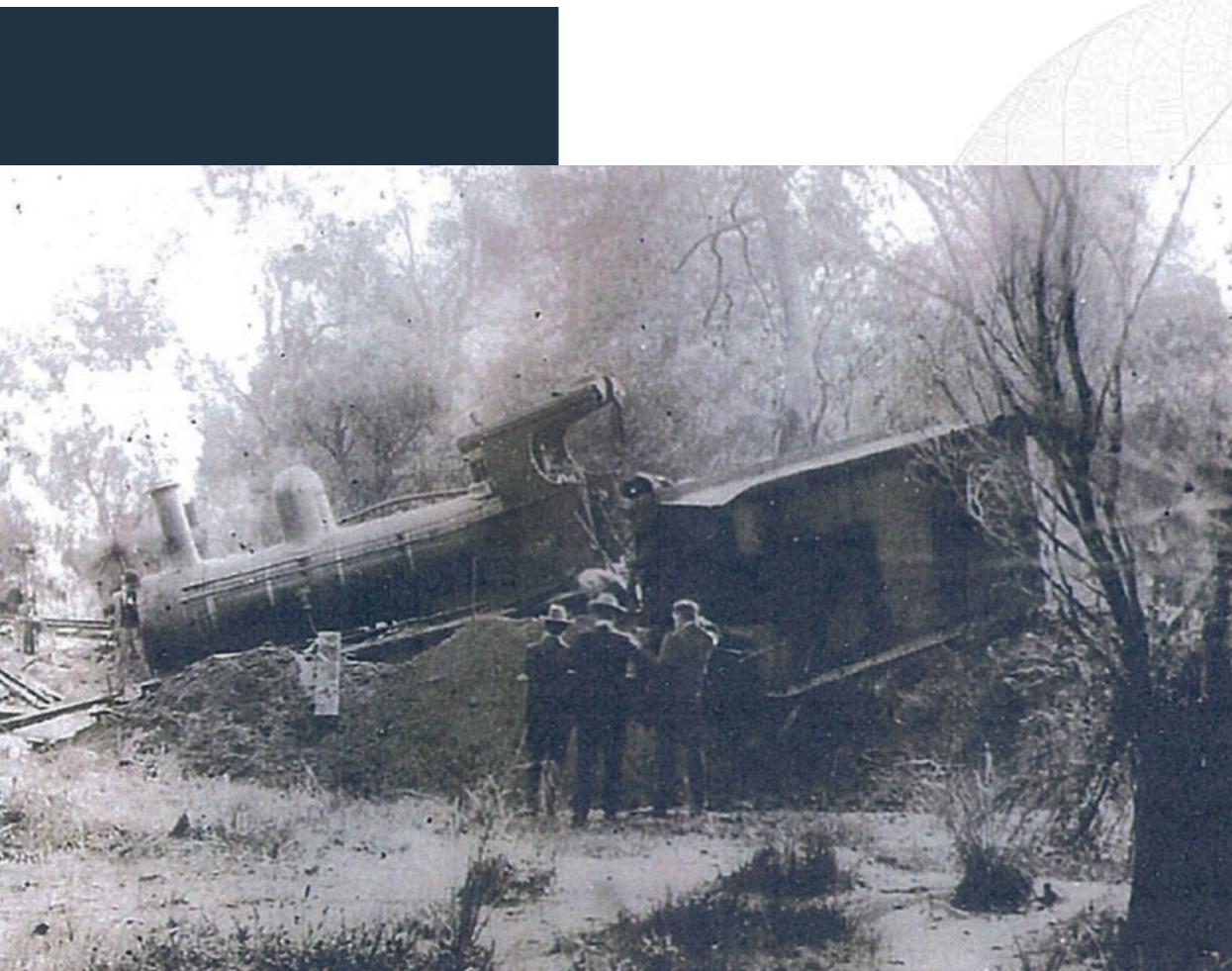
...and new memories waiting to be told.

In 2010, the Bushmead site was purchased by Cedar Woods, who immediately recognised its importance as an area of natural beauty, one whose history and future could be shared with generations to come.

With this in mind, over two thirds of the community has been preserved as parks and recreational reserve, ensuring the natural habitat remains protected and cherished. The Bushmead of today has been carefully shaped by nature as well as its history, and we are truly proud to play a role in its story. Now, it's your turn.

A vision for the future.

Bushmead has always been a site of stunning natural beauty, and Cedar Woods plans to keep it that way. The community has been carefully planned over the last 20 years, with extensive conservation and revegetation work carried out. Once this work is complete, the entire 185 hectares of conservation bushland will be handed to the State Government as a permanent regional reserve.



Here pictured we show 24 year old rifleman Bob Richardson Jnr., treasurer of the Midland Club, of which his father is Captain, and his brother-in-law, Ron Hill, secretary.

The Club's Vice Captain is Jim McDonald.

The Midland Club has a membership approaching 30 in number, all of whom are very keen riflemen. Like bowls, competitive rifle shooting seems to be attracting many young men to the Bushmead Range, and the blending of the younger men with the older, in competition work is creating a lot of interest.



Bushmead Rifle Range - 1921



Bushmead is born



Bushmead Rifle Range is established



Grazing rights granted in the area



Upper Darling Range Railway services cease after 58 years



Bushmead site is earmarked for urban development

1893

1915

1936

1949

1994

2010

2017



Cedar Woods purchased the Bushmead site



First blocks at Bushmead are sold



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