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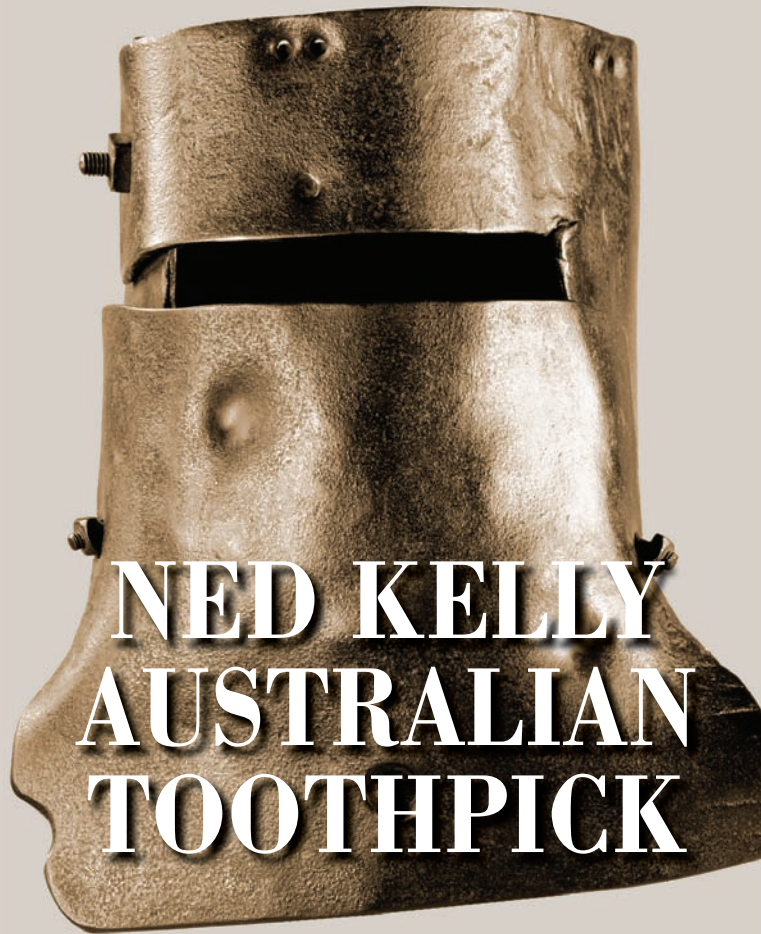
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**NED KELLY
AUSTRALIAN
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Ned Kelly, notorious Australian bushranger



Ned Kelly is the most famous of all Australian bushrangers. He is best known as the man who wore a 100-pound steel suit at the siege of Glenrowan, where he was finally captured.

Ned Kelly was born in 1855 in the Glenrowan district, Victoria, to an Irish convict father. Life was hard for the young Ned Kelly, and he was often in trouble with the law. On several occasions he was accused of stealing cattle, and he was first arrested at the age of 14 for assault.

During his teens, Ned Kelly had some minor run-ins with the law for receiving stolen property and assault offences – one of which saw him sentenced to three years hard labour.

When he was released, the Kelly family increasingly saw themselves as being persecuted by the police.

Shortly later, Kelly shot a policeman in the wrist for becoming too friendly with his sister Kate. Fearing the police would not believe his side of the story, Ned and his brother Dan, along with friends Joe Byrne and Steve Hart – the members of the Kelly gang – went into hiding.

While on the run, the four ambushed a group of police on their trail in Stringybark Creek, killing three, and from that point on they became wanted outlaws.

For the next two years the gang roamed the countryside, holding up banks and making a name for themselves as local folk heroes and symbols of Irish Australian resistance against oppression by the British ruling class.

But their period on the run ended in 1880 when, after a plan to derail a police train went wrong, the gang was cornered at the Glenrowan Hotel.

After a nine-hour siege Ned Kelly, wearing a suit of armour made from steel that had been purchased with the profits from the bank robberies, was captured after being repeatedly shot. The other three gang members died in the shoot-out.

Kelly was taken to Melbourne and sentenced to death for murder. He was hanged in Melbourne Gaol on 11 November 1880. His famous last words were "such is life."

