

THE KATE KELLY PROJECT 2008

A cultural development project by writer Merrill Findlay, composer Ross Carey and community partners, including the Forbes & District Historical Society and Forbes Shire Council, to produce Saving Kate Kelly, a music theatre event about the life and death of Kate Kelly in Forbes, NSW, in the late C19th



WANTED NOW!

Your stories and family folklore about Kate Kelly's life in and around Forbes and her death in the Forbes lagoon in 1898

For the Kate Kelly Project: Stage 1

DO YOU have any family stories, folklore or information about Kate Kelly, her husband 'Brickie' Foster, their children, or any of the people Kate associated with in and around Forbes in the 1880s and '90s?

If so then please contact Merrill Findlay today merrillfindlay@yahoo.com

Kate Kelly Project Stage 1: Putting flesh on her bones

The tasks: Documentary research and folklore interviews on KK's life and death as a first step in the development of the script, lyrics and music for *Saving Kate Kelly* (see Stages 2-6 below). The research will be published and will be available through the Forbes Museum. All interviewees and other contributors will be fully acknowledged.

Timeframe: February-June 2008

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For more information: see www.merrillfindlay.com/projects/katekelly_project.html

The **Kate Kelly Project** will be completed in six stages over the next 3-5 years as funding /sponsorship and community support permits:

Stage 1: as above

Stage 2: Writing a research essay, concept development and script treatment

Stage 3: Script and lyrics

Stage 4: Music research and composition

Stage 5: Theatre production work, community involvement and participant workshops, rehearsals, promotion and merchandising

Stage 6: Public performances of *Saving Kate Kelly*, community corroboree and possible tours

For regular project updates please check www.merrillfindlay.com

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