

GD BRUNY'S "BUSHRANGER ORIGINS":

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SYNOPSIS:

Bushranger Origins encapsulates convictism and the elemental need to be free, brought on by those who were dispossessed and enslaved by a bigoted, nineteenth century, English aristocracy. These aspects entwine to form a powerful amalgam, depicting a sub-culture which evolved during early Australian settlement, on the island-jail Van Diemen's Land. Actual characters and events would be shot as live-action, while being played-out in scripted dramatic representation, supported by graphically illustrated impressions and voice-over.

BUSHRANGER ORIGINS

- * people, are its core ingredient
- * lower-class Crown subjects
- * an over-abundance of woebegone masses in putrid ghettos
- * surviving mostly by way of petty theft
- * hurled into vastly over-crowded jails
- * manipulated by a fabulously wealthy aristocracy
- * cajoling Government and the Crown
- * in their quest to discard thousands of the unwanted

* human cargo

* transported for life to a substituted place; known as the Great South Land, after America's War of Independence, in 1776

* those caught-up in a pretentious old-world people-experiment

* victims of man's inhumanity to man.

* gluttonous subjugation

* the maltreated somehow endure

* survival, strengthens their resolve

* freedom, their mistress

* VANDEMONIANS

In 1805, on the island-jail known as Van Diemen's Land, several of the transported were sent out into the bush, with gun and dog, to bring back food for a starving, infant settlement; abandoned, in their hour of need, by Sydney Town.

The convicts didn't return.

They adapted to the wilderness.

The name "Bush Rangers" was unofficially bestowed on them.

The bolters formed gangs.

Some comprised one hundred absconders.

The Authorities lost gun-control.

By 1820, bush-ranging gang-numbers reached into the hundreds.

Out of necessity, the marauders terrorised the island-jail's settlers.

Successive Lieutenant-Governors were unable to curb their existence.

Many of the brigands were illustrious.

Most lived hard and died young.

Among them, rose one who would be long-lived and become the Grand Bush-ranging Master. *[He who was destined to train a teenage boy to be known as, Ned Kelly]*

They roamed the island-jail, virtually unrestrained, for more than forty years until, in 1848, the first and mightiest bush-ranging epoch fell dormant.

In 1850, they re-emerged, migrating to the new, non-convict Colony of gold-rush Victoria, on the continent of Australia, where they brought their felonious skills; using them to devastating effect.

While they could be regarded as Australia's equivalent to America's Wild West bad-men their level of desperation and instinct to survive branded them the worst of the worst.

Bushrangers and bush-ranging reigned for almost one hundred years, before vanishing, eternally, into virtual obscurity.