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“They’re not heroes. They do not intend to be thought or spoken of as heroes. They’re just ordinary Australians, doing their particular work as their country would wish them to do it. And pray God, Australians in days to come will be worthy of them”: C E W Bean, journalist, war correspondent, historian and author of the Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-1918. This article was inspired by the re-opening and re-dedication of the Burt Memorial Hall at St George’s Cathedral in Perth, built by the Hon Septimus Burt KC who lost two sons in the Great War. In looking at the life of a pioneer like

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