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Online News

Images of the 1954 Royal Tour on Photo Investigator

During research for the exhibition *A Wonderful Welcome: the 1954 Royal Tour of NSW*, we digitised 50 photographs documenting the visit by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh.

They include 44 images from: NRS 4245, Royal Visit, Sydney: Photographic album 1954 – a photo album showing decorations and illuminations of public buildings and parks in Sydney for the Royal Visit of 1954.

» Browse the photos «

The 1954 Royal tour of Australia by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh commenced in Sydney, New South Wales on 3rd February 1954 and finished two months later in Fremantle, Western Australia on 1st April 1954. This album contains photographs relating to the Sydney portion of the tour, dated the 3rd to 15th February 1954.

There are also 16 more images from the State Records Archives Photographic Reference Print Collection, NRS 17420:

Watch this space, Anzac Website - Coming Soon!

Click on the above image for a larger view

Pictured Rock of Ross from "Railway Budget" magazine, 1915. NRS 12200 V423, p.148

As part of the Centenary of Anzac State Records NSW is developing a website which will showcase records relating to WWI in our collection. Our collection includes records of the Anzac Memorial Trust, Anzac Day Commemorative Committee and Anzac Wharf. Topics will include stories about internment, the conscription debate, women in the workforce, what Sydney looked like in the war years, war fundraising, the development of baby health clinics, the first Anzac Day, war memorials and how the war affected the public service.

2013 Christmas Competition Winners!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Christmas quiz competition. We were bombarded with entries.

Congratulations to S. Bond, K. Dickson, H. Vickery, B. Lowe, B. Miller, D. Grainger, P. Trigg, V. Dench, J. Hope and C. Holden, who will all be provided with a free copy of a Me of Note chapter.

Well Done!

Treasures found in the records

Hand-some souvenirs with cost-love this Valentine's Day? Well if you were around in the early 1970's you could have purchased some oriental love-tokens from the 'Oriental Drawer, Astrologer, Fortune Teller and Photographer' Hassan Bradstreet. An advertised (and newspaper clipping below) Hassan Bradstreet was contractable visits on all matters relating to love, marriage, speculations, lawsuits, mining transactions, and business undertakings etc.

NRS 592 [SR55]] Hassan Bradstreet and NRS 2109 Darlinghurst Gaol Photographic Book no. 2714 [2114035]

The Oriental Love Souvenirs

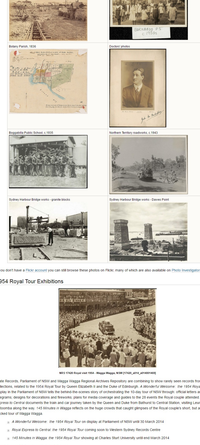
As advertised:

> **The power of these extraordinary lumpages to all love affairs cannot be entered and enable the possessor to realize their DESIRE'S fulfil, fulfil to honor, with full direction for use, and cost free to any address on receipt of 25 fine penny stamps.**

Hassan claimed that the lumpages were almost instantaneous in their effects. Unfortunately for Hassan Bradstreet (also Henry Thompson he was arrested and sent to trial in 1972 for obtaining money under false pretences. He appeared before the Central Criminal Court on 25 October 1972 and was found guilty and sent to Sydney Gaol Delivery on 11 November 1972.

Flickr update

The latest additions include:



If you don't have a Flickr account you can still browse these photos on Flickr, many of which are also available on Photo Investigator.

1954 Royal Tour Exhibitions

NRS 17420 Royal visit 1954 - Wagga Wagga, NSW [1114_p1-p2-p3-p4]

State Records, Parliament of NSW and Wagga Wagga Regional Archives Repository are combining to show rarely seen records from their collections, related to the 1954 Royal Tour by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh, *A Wonderful Welcome: the 1954 Royal Tour* on display in the Parliament of NSW tells the behind-the-scenes story of orchestrating the 10 day tour of NSW through official letters and telegrams, photographs, newsreels, newspaper articles, and the personal recollections of those who helped make it happen. *Royal Express to Central* documents the train and car journey taken by the Queen and Duke from Bathurst to Central Station, visiting Lithgow and Katoomba along the way. 140 minutes in Wagga reflects on the huge crowds that caught glimpses of the Royal couple's short, but action-packed tour of Wagga Wagga.

- *A Wonderfy Welcome: the 1954 Royal Tour* on display at Parliament of NSW until 30 March 2014
- *Royal Express to Central: the 1954 Royal Tour* coming soon to Western Sydney Records Centre
- *140 Minutes in Wagga: the 1954 Royal Tour* showing at Charles Sturt University until end March 2014

Archive of Mesmerising Views

Spotlight on Land Grants

Background

From the beginning of European settlement all land was taken to be the property of the Crown. In his instructions of 1787 Governor Phillip was empowered to grant land to emancipists. Males were entitled to 30 acres, an additional 20 acres if they were married and a further 10 acres for each child with them at the time of the grant. Women were also entitled to receive grants of land.

In 1793 Phillip was also instructed to grant land to free settlers. For example commissioned Marine Officers were entitled to 100 acres and privates to 50 acres over and above the land allowed for convicts.

Phillip insisted that the land he granted should have a particular use, as a result he only granted 4000 acres during five years. In 1792 larger grants of land began to be issued. Often these were the subject of intense corruption and exploitation.

Land grants issued during the Rum Rebellion (1808-05) were cancelled by Governor Macquarie. However Macquarie renewed grants, which had been made by remaining and meritorious persons.

Until 1825 grants of land were free, with an annual quit rent (similar to rates) payable in perpetuity. In 1825 a system of sale of land by private contract was introduced. Prices were based on the quality of the land. Attempts to make free grants of land for areas less than 2560 acres or more than 320 acres, ceased to be advantageous, and ceased to be a reality.

In 1829 the limits of location were introduced. Settlers were permitted only to take up land within this area. In 1833 the area of approved settlement was extended to the boundaries of the Maitland County.

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Goulburn
Yass
Wellington
Dubbo
Wagga Wagga
Deniliquin
Albury
Hay
Ballarat
Melbourne
Adelaide
Port Phillip
Port Lincoln
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