

Items from Des Beechey

NSW Collectors Society



The Spanish Flu arrived in Australia in early 1919, mainly in Sydney and Melbourne, carried by soldiers returning from the First World War. It was so severe that theatres, churches, schools and race meeting were closed, but apparently formal social distancing was not attempted. In an attempt to stop the disease spreading northwards, the Queensland - NSW border was closed without notice on Thursday 29 January, 1919.

The closure had a big affect in the twin towns of Tweed Heads, in NSW, and Coolangatta in Queensland, which then, as now, operated as a single township. This image shows stranded Queenslanders at Tweed Heads, unable to return to Coolangatta. *Reference: Tweed Heads Historical Society, The Influenza Epidemic, 1919*

Early 20th Century social media

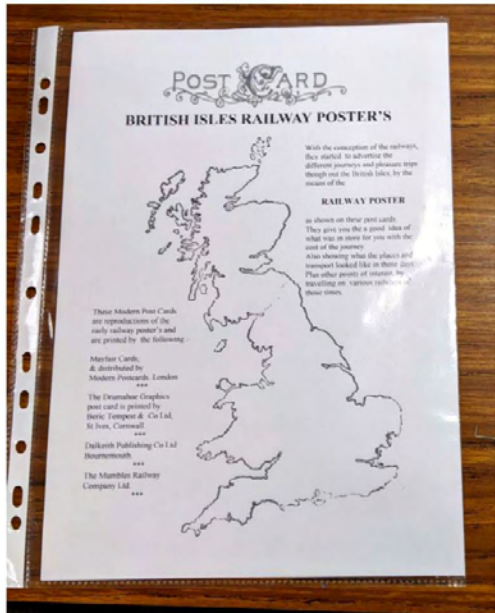
How social networking actually dates back to much earlier than initially thought, to more than a hundred years ago.

Around the world more than three billion people regularly log on to the internet, and more than two billion are active on social media. Most internet users have at least five social media accounts – with the number of users tapping into social networks worldwide increasing by 176m in the last year alone. With social networking apps, such as WhatsApp, Instagram and Snapchat, rapidly increasing in popularity, it can be hard to remember a time when these platforms weren't a part of everyday life.

August Meeting



September Meeting



A very interesting and colourful display of old style British Railway Posters.

A reminder of how things were and just how much life has changed from the restful relaxing train journeys to the superfast get me there now scenario.

Travelling at a mile per minute, to look out and enjoy the countryside as it slowly gets you to your destination

A vote of thanks was given by Tony Presgrave who mentioned that one of his ancestors was involved in the rail services back then.

Many thanks George it was an enjoyable display of a by-gone era.



Members items

COTA - behind the Covid Curtain

Thanks to Jill Govan for bringing along 2 postcards to do with Covid.

A novel idea for people to keep in touch or to reconnect with friends that you have lost touched with, especially when so many of our friends have not been able to get out and about like they use to.



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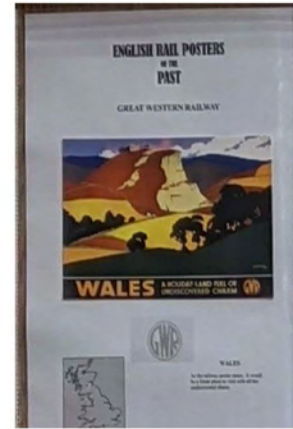
Our President brought along an interesting card. Not necessarily the front so much as the back showing different types of goods. That the company was promoting.

The third column and 6 lines down you will see mentioned Postcard Clips. They still make the clips today but are very different to the style from approx. 50 to 100 years ago. It is good to see that we still have the same product updated to the 21st century.

If anyone has any other postcard memorabilia please send me a photo so I can put into the bulletin.



September Meeting

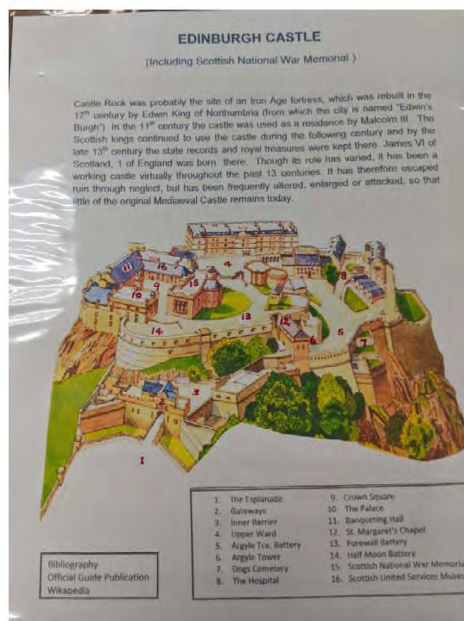


October Meeting

EDINBURGH CASTLE

It is a historic fortress which dominates the skyline of Edinburgh the capital of Scotland. It is located at the top of the Royal Mile, at the west end of Edinburgh's old town.

There has been a royal castle on the rock since at least the reign of David I in the 12th century and the site continued to be a royal residence until 1633. From the 15th century it was principally used as a military barracks with a large garrison. It is an important part of Scotland's national heritage and various restoration programmes have been carried out over the past century. Research in 2014 identified 26 sieges in its 1100 year old history giving it a claim to having been one of the most besieged places in Scotland and one of the most attacked in the world.



Members items postcard producers logo's

From Tony Presgrave

Collins Brothers & Co.



Postcards produced by Collins Bros Pty Ltd weaving and finishing mills, Geelong, advertising "Physician" brand blankets, flannels, ladies dress materials.

COLLINS BROS PTY LTD / WOOLLEN MANUFACTURERS, GEELONG. / Views of the Weaving & Finishing Mills / MAKERS OF THE FAMOUS 'PHYSICIAN' BRAND / BLANKETS FLANNELS / LADIES DRESS MATERIALS / SPOTLESS FINISH / FREE FROM FILLING / GUARANTEED PURE VIRGIN WOOL / TR POST CARD / CORRESPONDENCE / ADDRESS ONLY / KODAK / AUSTRAL / KODAK / AUSTRAL

Murray Studios



A long and proud tradition was started in 1908 when "a canvas structure that was erected at the back of the premises did service as a photographic room." This quote from an issue of The Gympie Times in 1941 described the humble beginnings of Murray Studios by Fred Murray.

In 1929, determined to keep his company and staff together during the hard times of the Great Depression, Fred created a new Department and called it Murray Views. He proposed to supply postcards of local views to neighbouring holiday centres.