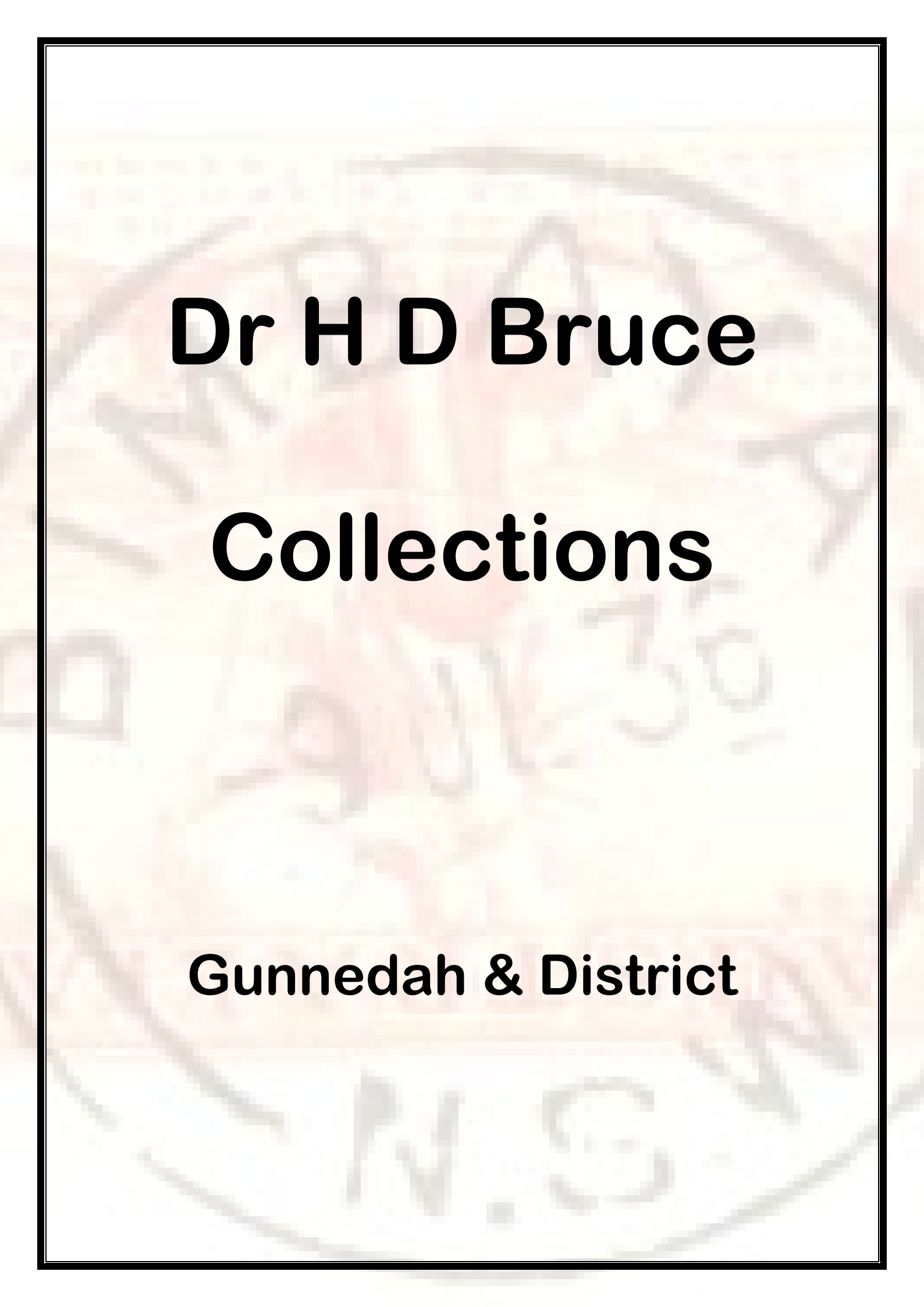




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The POSTMARKS of NEW SOUTH WALES.

Arrangement of the collection.

For postal purposes New South Wales is divided into seventeen "Inspectoral Districts" as follows:—

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| 1. ALBURY | 7. GOULBURN |
| 2. ARMIDALE | 8. GUNNEDAH |
| 3. BATHURST | 9. KEMPSEY |
| 4. COOMA | 10. LISMORE |
| 5. COOTAMUNDRA | 11. NEWCASTLE |
| 6. DUBBO | 12. PARKES |

13. WEST MAITLAND.

and 14 to 17. SYDNEY Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4.

This collection is arranged into

1. The above inspectoral districts
2. (A) "DIRECT" offices i.e. offices whose mail is sorted and bagged at the Sydney G.P.O.
(B) Subsidiary offices whose mail passed through one of the larger direct offices where it may be again sorted.
3. (A) Offices opened since 31st December 1934
(B) Dead offices i.e. closed on 1st January 1934.

"OFFICIAL" post offices i.e. those under the management of a full time member of the Post Office Department are underlined in red.

THE BRUCE COLLECTION

This collection of New South Wales postal markings was formed by Dr H B (Barnett) Bruce in the 1930s and is arranged in 19 volumes by the inspectorial districts of the time. Post offices opened since 1936 were listed at the end, hence the population figures are probably from the 1934 census. It was borrowed by the Australian Post Office for display at *Anpex 59* but was unfortunately water damaged in a fire whilst in their possession. They purchased the collection and donated it to the Philatelic Association of NSW in 1985. It has now been remounted by Cyril McColough and Richard Peck.

Dr Bruce's original information (mileage from Sydney, population from the 1934 census) is preserved but has been supplemented by information from NC Hopson & R Tobin, *NSW & ACT Post, Receiving, Telegraph & Telephone Offices* (Vols 1-4). In these cases, distances in km are given from the nearest town.

The following abbreviations have been used for post office information:

CMA- Community Mail Agency. Established after 1979 where a PO had closed and in some instances a date-stamp continued in use.

LPO- Licensed Post Office (replacing POA from 1993).

NONO- Non-official post office (Allowance office pre 1927 and Post Office Agency post 1985). They provided normal postal facilities with/without money order business.

OPO- Official Post Office. Introduced in 1862 after the money order system was established.

PO- Post Office

POA- Post Office Agency (post 1985)

P&T- Official Post & Telephone Office. Consequent upon amalgamation of separate post and telegraph offices in a town after 1870.

RO- Receiving Office (1875-1927). To accept and receive correspondence for residents in the locality, the receipt and despatch of mail bags and sale of postage stamps. They were generally not given date-stamps till upgraded to PO status.

SO- Semi-official post offices (1904-1911) conducting all business but at which revenue was insufficient to justify official status.

TO- Telephone Office (telephone/telegraph business but no postal facilities except as applicable to an RO). First established in the 1890s and often re-established after closure of a PO. After 1975 TOs came under the control of Telecom and date-stamps were often withdrawn. Most were later replaced by automatic exchanges.

No details of date-stamps and postal markings have been given. They can be found in Hopson & Tobin and R Tobin, *Postmarks of NSW*, Vol.1 (1983), Vols.2-3 (2001).

The collection is available for display to stamp clubs and societies. Please contact Philas.

Philas also holds material from the 1982 NSW postmark census and will participate in a similar exercise in 2003 thanks again to the co-operation of Australia Post.

The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Ardglen 225m, Pop.125. PO 1877 as Doughboy Hollow, RO 1878, PO 1885, changed to Ardglen 1893-1983.



Ashley 430m, Pop.192. RO 1886 as Bogree, changed to Ashley 1886-1896, 1898, PO 1899-1978.



Baan Baa 329m, Pop.376. PO 1885-1988.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Baradine PO 1867, P&T 1877, SO P&TO 1906, NONO 1959, OPO 1961, LPO 1995.



Bective 294m, Pop.190. RO&PO 1892, TO 1915, PO 1916-1957.



Bellata RO 1898 as Woolabra, PO 1899, changed to Bellata 1909, OPO 1913, NONO 1972.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Biniguy 1949; 32k from Moree RO as Binneguy 1892, PO 1908, changed to Biniguy 1915-1924.

Biniguy 38k from Moree RO 1916 as Biniguy Railway, TO & PO 1916, changed to



Biniguy Railway 437m, Pop.>20. RO 1916, TO 1916, PO 1916, changed to Binniguy 1949.



Binnaway 285m, Pop.109. PO 1876, OPO 1938.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Blackville 283m, Pop.107. PO 1875, P&T 1892, NONO P&TO 1897-1994.



Blandford 216m, Pop.386. PO 1861, P&TO 1913, LPO 1994.



Boggabilla 500m, Pop.461. RO 1877-1883, PO 1886, OPO P&T 1892, now closed?



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Boggabri 320m, Pop.1540. PO 1870, P&T 1879, LPO 1995.



Boomi 478m, Pop.375. P&TO 1900, SO 1907, NONO 1929.



Boorooma 504m, Pop.32. RO 1894, TO 1894, PO 1898-1963, TO 1963-1967.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Braefield 248m, Pop.84. RO 1917, PO 1926-1969.



Breeza 269m, Pop.272. PO 1856, P&T 1879-1987.



Bugaldie 338m, Pop.304. RO 1890 as Bugaldi, PO 1896, changed to Bugaldie 1924-1981.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Bugilbone Rail 418m, Pop.>20. RO 1924-1926, Po 1927-1947.



Bundella 294m, Pop.120. PO 1875-1967.



Burren 418m. P&TO 1898=1916.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Burren Junction ¹⁶³403m, Pop.391. PO 1904, SO 1906, OPO 1910, NONO 1983, LPO 1995.

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Carinda 439m, Pop.307. PO 1874, P&T 1899, SO 1907, NONO 1950.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Carroona 268m, Pop.52. PO 1900.



Carroll 305m, Pop.295. PO 1851-199, CMA 1990.



Carroll Gap 310m, Pop.44. RO 1899, PO 1904-1962.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Castle Mountain 248m, Pop.101. PO 1883-1952, TO 1952.



Collarenebri 455m, Pop.391. PO 1867-1870, 1875-1876, PO 1880, LPO 1994.



Colly Blue 290m, Pop.67. PO 1875, RO 1915, PO 1917-1972, TO 1972-1977.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Colrose 422m, Pop.37. RO 1913, TO 1915, PO 1927-1935.

Come-by-chance 442m, Pop.162. PO 1890, P&T 1891, SO 1909, NONO 1917-1987.



Coolati 530m, Pop.234. RO 1898, TO 1898, PO 1904-1979, TO 1979- closed now?



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Coonabarabran 315m, Pop.1660 PO 1850, P&T 1875.



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Crooble 446m. PO 1938-1979.



Croppa Creek 455m. TO 1928-1935, PO 1937.



Cryon 425m, Pop.100. RO 1918, PO 1921-1979.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Cumborah 488m, Pop.72. RO 1892 as Comborah, PO 1898, changed to Cumborah 1910-1963.



Curlewis 285m, Pop.709. PO 1883, OPO 1907, NONO 1967, LPO 1997.



Cuttabri 389m, Pop.90. RO 1890, PO 1892-1900, TO & RO , PO 1918-1971.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

East Moree 414m. P&TO 1912, LPo 1998.



Edgeroi 368m, Pop.56. RO&TO 1910, PO 1912-1987.



Elcombe 461m. RO 1891, PO 1913-1966.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Emerald Hill 306m, Pop.76. RO 1888, PO 1891-1960.



Garah 449m, Pop.528. PO 1881, RO 1888-1889, PO 1898, SO 1910-, OPO 1914, POA 1985.



Goodooga 569m, Pop.210. PO 1870, P&T 1878, NONO 1982.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Gravesend 28k from Warialda. RO&PO 1900, SO 1909, NONO 1939.



Grawin 498m, Pop.>20. PO 1927-1951.



Guinema 32k from Baradine. TO 1926-1936.



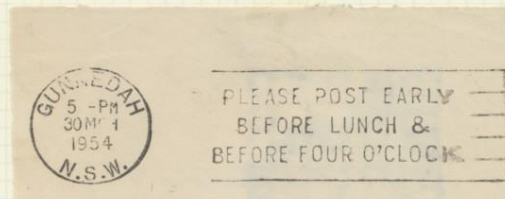
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Gunndeah 463km from Sydney. PO 1856 as The Woolshed, changed to Gunndeah 1858, P&T 1874.



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Gunnedeah 463km from Sydney. PO 1856 as The Woolshed, changed to Gunnedah 1858, P&T 1874.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Gurley 394m, Pop.151. RO&TO 1898 as Gurley Siding, PO 1902, changed to Gurley 1917.



Gwabegar 375m, Pop.>20. RO 1912 as Goonanyah, changed to Gwabegar as PO 1924.



Keepit Dam 321m. PO 1941-1942, P&TO 1946-1976.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Kelvin 307m Pop.354. RO 1897, PO 1902-1978.



Kenebri 363m. Pop.>20. TO 1928, PO 1929-1982, TO 1982-1984.



Lightning Ridge 502m, Pop.317. PO 1906, SO 1910, OPO 1913, NONO 1919.



Merah North 381m, Pop.88. TO 1898, PO 1904, P&TO 1915-1993.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Merrygoen 259m, Pop.205. PO 1879, LPO 199?, CMA 1996.



Merrywinebone 235m, Pop.22. RO 1898 as Avondale, PO 1910,, changed to Merrywinebone 1929-1959.



Millie 410m, pop.183. PO 1874, P&T 1877, NONO P&T 1903, OPO 1911, NONO P&TO 1916-1936.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Mogil Mogil 471m, Pop.26. PO 1871P&T 1882, NONO P&TO 1905-1958.



Moongulla 471m, Pop.33. RO 1896, TO 1897, PO 1898-1960.



Moppin 437m, Pop.40. RO 1890 as Wallon, PO 1897, changed to Moppin 1913-1950, TO 1950-1981.



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Moree 413m, Pop.3500. PO 1853, P&T 1878.



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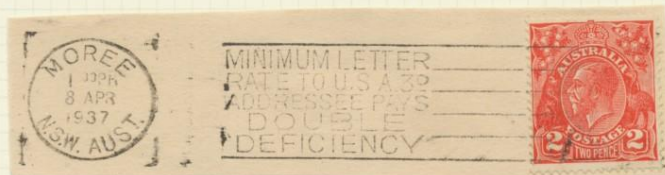
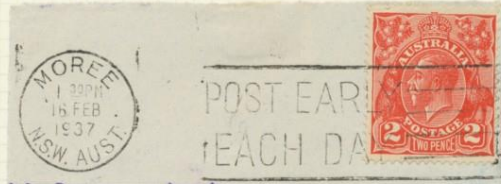
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Mullaley 319m, Pop.295. RO 1880, PO 1881, SO 1907, OPO 1909, NONO 1964.



Mungindi 490m, Pop.947. PO 1867, P&T 1882, now LPO.



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Murrundi 220m, Pop.1400. PO 1837, P&T 1870, now LPO.



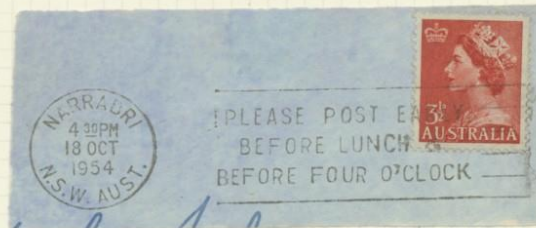
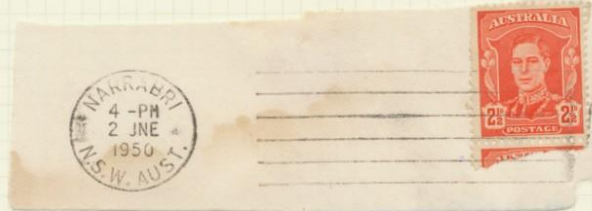
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Narrabri 353m, Pop.2900.PO 1861, P&T 1872.



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Narrabri West. 351m, Pop.1400.PO as Narrabri railway Station 1883, P&T 1890, changed to Narrabri West 1890, SO P&TO 1909, NONO 1923.



Neeworra 484m, Pop.>20. RO&TO 1916, PO 1927-1962.



Neilrex 270m, pop.140. RO 1917, PO 1918-1986.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

New Angledool 509m, Pop.51. RO 1879 as Angledool, PO 1883, P&T 1885, changed to New Angledool 1890, SO P&TO 1906, NONO 1930-1974, TO 1974- now closed.



New Mollyan 297m. RO 1892, PO 1898-1929, P&TO 1938-1971.



North Star 523m. RO 1912, TO 1916-1926, 1936, PO 1937.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Pallamallawa 445m, Pop.359. PO 1875.



Parkville 201m, Pop.218. PO 1879 as park Village, changed to St Aubyn's 1888, changed to Parkville 1888-1980.



Piambra 278m, Pop.58. RO 1917, TO 1924, PO 1927-1948, TO 1948-1952.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Pilliga 426m, Pop.371. PO 1867, P&T 1876, NONO 1977.



Pineridge 259m, Pop.73. PO 1868-1882, 1886, P&T 1892, SO 1907, NONO 1910-1985.



Pokataroo 444m, Pop.139. RO 1907 as Collarenebri east, PO 1909, changed to Pokataroo 1913-1965. (An office with this name had been open 1850-1856).



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Premier 310m, Pop.187. RO 1924, TO 1925, PO 1927.



Purlewaugh 315m, Pop.238. RO 1906, PO 1907-1979, TO 1979-1984.



Quipolly Creek 251m, pop.>20. PO 1884-1974.



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Quipoly 250m, Pop.211. PO 1874-1962.

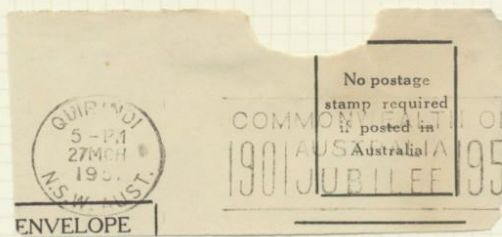


Quirindi 244m, Pop.2500. PO 1858, P&T 1878.



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Rocky Glen 345m, Pop.34. PO 1875-1978.



Rowena 424m, Pop.241. RO 1907 as Eaton, changed to Rowena 1907, PO 1908.



Somerton 307m, Pop.254. PO 1869, LPO 1996.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Spring Ridge 276m, Pop.111. PO 1879-1888, RO 1890, PO 1898.



Tambar Springs. 337m, Pop.394. PO 1867, SO 1910, NONO 1949.



Teridgerie 406m, Pop.>20. RO 1894, PO 1909, PO 1966-1967.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Terry-hie-hie 444m, Pop.139. RO 1899, PO 1901-1981.



Tibbereenah 349m, Pop.22. RO 1898-1900, 1902-1911, 1918, PO 1919-1940.

Timor 245m, Pop.62. PO 1875-1899, RO 1902, PO 1912-1962.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Turrawan 340m, Pop.111. RO 1895-1897, 1902, PO 1905-1981.



Ulamambri 305m, Pop.67. TO 1919, RO 1920, PO 1922-1977.



Walgett 457m, Pop.1454. PO 1851 as Walgett, changed to walget by 1860, P&T 1874, LPO 1997.



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Walgett 457m, Pop.1454. PO 1851 as Walgett, changed to walget by 1860, P&T 1874, LPO 1997.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Wallabadah 253m, Pop.406. PO 1856.



Warialda 467m, Pop.1000. PO 1848, LPO 1996.



Warialda Rail, 462m. RO & PO 1900 as Kelly's Gully, PO changed to Warialda Railway Station 1902, SO 1911, changed to Warialda rail 1917-1979.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Warkton 285m, Pop.50.RO 1881, PO 1886-1920, TO 1919-1920, PO 1920-1981.



Warrah Creek 243m, Pop.111. RO 1916, PO 1917-1971.



Wee Waa 372m, Pop.1207. PO 1849, P&T 1882, LPO 1996.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Weemelah 473m, Pop.155. RO&TO 1915 as Bunarba, PO 1917, changed to Weemelah 1920-1988.



Weetalibah 300m, Pop.28. Office 28k from Coonamble TO 1906, RO 1908, changed to Gilgooma 1917 (PO 19209-1958); 27k from Coolah TO 1934, PO 1938-1981.



Werris Creek 21k from Quirindi. PO 1878, P&T 1890, LPO 1996.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Willow Tree. 19k from Quirindi PO 1872-1873, 1875-1877; 16k from Quirindi PO 1877 as Warrah, changed to Willow Tree 1878, OPO 1916, POA 1988.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Wingen 207m, Pop.281. PO 1869-1985.



Woolabra 382m. RO 1898, PO 1899, changed to Bellata 1909 (SO 1909, OPO 1913, NONO 1972).



Yagobie 440m, Pop.36. RO 1887, PO 1906-1934.



The Bruce Collection GUNNEDAH DISTRICT

Yannergee 291m, Pop.>20. RO 1923 as Tamarang, changed to Yannergee 1924, TO 1925, PO 1927-1967.



Yarraman 279m, Pop.55. PO 1868, P&TO 1915-1955.



Yetman 557m, Pop.326. PO 1867, P&T 1888.

