



Penrith MUSEUM of PRINTING

Thursday, 23rd March, 2023

Several compositors, operators and mechanics (former employees of Cumberland Newspapers, Parramatta) gathered at the Penrith Museum of Printing for a trip down memory lane.

Unlike the previous visit 5 years ago, attendees were able to set a line on the Ludlow or Linotype, hand set text or watch some letterpress printing in action.

Previous visitors were impressed with the growth of the Museum over the last 5 years especially with the recent addition of the replica wooden press from the 1700's, which was operational.

Memorabilia from the past was on show and one just wonders how well we have all aged!!

Several wives/partners also attended and marvelled at what we had to do to earn a few dollars.

Following the Museum visit, lunch was held on site at the Penrith Paceway for a much-needed meal and refreshments.

Stuart Dunne travelled down from Queensland and Darrell Stewart from Lake Conjola, a great effort.

Twenty production staff, some partners and the Museum volunteers had a very entertaining day.

Bob Lockley

President - Penrith Museum of Printing

(also a former employee of Cumberland Newspapers)

Museum volunteers assisting on the day were: John Berry – Vice President, comp – operating the Ludlow and Linotype, George Gearside – former family print business owner and jack of all print production, operating the printing press and Stefan Peters – Secretary, Printer, showing visitors around and explaining processes.

P.S.

John Berry, was from Hawkesbury Press and went to Tech (Sydney School of Graphic Arts) with all those in Bob Lockley's class of 1966, so some of you may remember him.

Cumberland Newspapers

Production Reunion

Frank Vella	John Jerrow
Stuart Dunne	Bob Wilson
John Hogan	Ken Brinley
Ron Jennings	Bob Cameron
John McNamara	Barry Smith
Bob Writtrien	Ray Briggs
Ron McCully	John Fitzgerald
Terry Oakley	Lionel Morris
Darrell Stewart	Alan Whitmore
Bob Lockley	



Celebrated at the

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Note: Ray Briggs was a late withdrawal on the day.

The above certificate was printed on the day on Buff coloured 104 gsm Laid Watermark Letterhead paper as a demonstration of the ability of the press, a 1950/60's model Heidelberg Platen Letterpress. All attendees received a copy at the end of the visit.





Alan Whitmore, John Fitzgerald, John McNamara



Barry Smith, Alan Whitmore, John Fitzgerald, John McNamara



Alan Whitmore, John Fitzgerald, John McNamara, Frank Vella



Alan Whitmore, Ken Brinley, John Fitzgerald, Bob and Carol Wilson, John McNamara



Bob Lockley detailing the day's event (Printing Museum staff volunteer)



Lionel Morris – checking the set up and casting the slug on the Ludlow watched by son Robert



Ron and Aiyun Jennings checking out some of the historic pictures



Darrell Stuart, John Mcnamara, John Berry (Printing Museum staff volunteer), Bob Wittrien



Stephan Peters (Printing Museum staff volunteer) explaining the Rotary Press operation to 2 visiting ladies



"Old Mates" Barry Smith and Bob Lockley



Bob Wittrien and Bob Lockley in deep discussion



John McNamara and Stuart Dunne



Ron McCully, Stuart Dunne and Bob Wittrien



Ron Jennings, Pat and Ron McCully, Stuart Dunne, Bob Wittrien



Gwen and John Jerrow



John McNamara, Frank Vella and John Berry (Printing Museum staff volunteer), at the Ludlow



Ron McCully checking the form was ready watched by Bob Wittrien and Pat McCully



Carol and Bob Wilson, Ron McCully, Bob Wittrien, Pat McCully



Carol and Bob Wilson and Frank Vella with a setting stick in hand



Alan Whitmore checking out a setting stick



Alan Whitmore and Barry Smith (checking out a setting stick)



Ken Brinley and Terry Oakley



Bob and Carol Wilson with Darrell Stuart



John Fitzgerald, Darrell Stuart and Ken Brinley



Bob Cameron, Aiyun and Ron Jennings, Alan Whitmore checking out old typeset equipment



Bob Wittrien with John Berry (Printing Museum staff volunteer) checking out a Linotype



Darrell Stuart, John McNamara and Bob Wittrien
with John Berry (Printing Museum staff volunteer) at the Linotype



John Hogan and Stuart Dunne

Enjoying Lunch following the visit to the Penrith Museum of Printing



Robert and Lionel Morris



Ron McCully, Terry Oakley, Gwen and John Jerrow, Pat McCully



Darrell Stuart



John Hogan, John Berry, Stuart Dunne



Bob and carol Wilson



Ron and Aiyun Jennings



Ken Brinley and Bob Wittrien



Barry Smith, John Fitzgerald, Alan Whitmore, Frank Vella, John McNamara, Bob Cameron

Many Thanks to Frank Vella and Bob Lockley for the photos