

**Royal Exhibition Building – Trustee Scrapbook**

Inventory – as of 24 January 2017

Contains newspaper articles and photographs from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century era  
First article – 21 January 1933

**PAGE 1**

**Four Articles**

**Historical Document**

**Letter from Lord Nelson**

**Its History Traced**

Text only

No date, author or publisher noted

**Content:**

Recounts the rediscovery of a historical document written by Lord Nelson to the Major of London on 1 August 1804.

**The Fish Sling**

Image and text

No date, author or publisher noted

**Content:**

The installation of a 6d slot machine that throws fish for the seals to catch.

**The Aquarium Awakes**

**Queer Fish See Light Again**

**Funds Improve**

Text only

The Herald

12 January 1933

**Content:**

Reports on rubbish being cleared from the tanks, the fernery being replanted, concreted paths, updated lighting and heating (in preparation for the 18ft crocodiles arrival) as well as new tanks and aviaries being added.

**Magpie's Pranks With Aquarium Lizards**

**Cage Mates Cannot See The Joke**

Text only

The Herald

Friday, 20 January 1933

**Content:**

After being installed into the Aquarium from the Botanic Garden, a young magpie causes havoc by playing pranks on resident reptiles including a Frill-Neck, Bob Tail and Blue Tongue lizards'.

**Condition:**

**The inner book cover:** yellowed with age. There is slight curling, tears or staining.

**Page 1:** The upper and lower page edges are in fair condition. The outer edge has some curling and minor tears.

## **PAGE 2**

### **Two Articles**

#### **POPULARITY OF THE AQUARIUM**

Image and Text

Argus

21 January (handwritten - ink)

#### **Content:**

Reports on the high audience attendance as the watch seal perform.

#### **THE SEALS WITH THEIR KEEPER AT THE AQUARIUM.**

Image and Text

Age

21 January 1933 (handwritten - ink)

#### **Content:**

No content – title only

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### **Four Articles**

**..Olidays**

**..Bourne**

**..den & the Aquarium**

**The Aquarium's Attractions.**

Text only

Age

21 January 1933 (handwritten - ink)

#### **Content:**

An opinion piece reflecting positively on the recent Aquarium changes i.e. the fish, seals fernery, aviaries, Punch & Judy show and maze.

#### **Includes:**

A small article in reference to – **American Armed Forces – Unilateral Reduction**

By Grotian

#### **BUILDING & ARCHITECTURE**

**EXHIBITION BUILDING,**

**Repairs Need Urgently.**

**Avaries for Aquarium.**

Text only

Age

24<sup>th</sup> January, 1933 (handwritten - ink)

#### **Content:**

A call made to both State and Federal Government's for sufficient funding to restore the buildings.

A collection of 100 bird species arrive. The donation of Mr. O Gilpin will be housed in nineteen cages measuring 150ft long, 10ft wide and 8ft high.

## **LEGALITY OF EXHIBITION BUILDINGS**

Text only

There are penciled words at the top of the article which is quite illegible

It may be – Herald 25/1/....

### **Content:**

Mr. George C. Green, Building secretary, asks questions that the Building should have been demolished after the 1888-89 Exhibition however Parliament passed the Exhibitions Act of 1890 which stated the Building would remain intact.

## **BIRD GIFT ACCEPTED BY AQUARIUM**

### **Many New Fish Installed**

Text only

Herald

28 January, 1933

### **Content:**

A large donation of birds by Mr. O Gilpin were housed in nineteen cages in the fernery. Other new arrivals include sand and rock crayfish, a large stingray, and two Fiddler rays.

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### **Two Articles**

#### **ANCIENT EGYPT CREATES 1933 PROBLEM**

##### **Mummy Exhibits At Aquarium**

##### **RETURNING TO DUST**

##### **FIGURES DESCRIBED**

##### **PLAN FOR RENOVATION**

Text only

Herald

30 January 1933 (handwritten - ink)

### **Content:**

A discussion regarding 4000 and 2600 year old mummies is terms of whether they should be destroyed or retained in a modified framework.

The mummies were donated by Mr. J. S. Gotch but had not been on exhibition since 1931 due to their deteriorating condition. The two sarcophagi lay together in a glass case in a room that was praised for its interpretation of an Egyptian tomb. The Egyptian Government refused their export and Melbourne Museum declined the donation.

## **FINE FEATHERS MAKE FINE BIRD GIFT**

### **Brilliant Feature At The Aquarium**

#### **Countries of Origin**

#### **Brilliant Coloring**

Text only

Herald

2 February 1933, p.10 (handwritten - ink)

#### **Content:**

Over two hundred birds ranging from 60 species arrive at the Aquarium next week.

They originate from:

Africa

India

Britain

Mexico

Fiji

Persia

Indo-China

Java

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## **PAGE 5**

### **Five Articles**

#### **THE AQUARIUM KOOKABURRAS**

Image and text

Herald

3 February 1933 (Evening) (handwritten ink and print)

**Content:** Secretary, Miss M. Green pictured with kookaburras who took up residency at the Aquarium two weeks prior.

#### **WORTH AT LEAST SIX IN THE BUSH**

Image and text

Sun

4 February 1933 (Evening) (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Three kookaburras under the watchful care of Miss M. Green

#### **WINGS OF DOOM SWOOP DOWN ON AQUARIUM VICTIMS**

##### **Sparrow Hawk Scares Four Birds to Death Before It Is Shot**

##### **The Late Raider**

Image and text

Sun

10 February 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Three Shell Parrots and a Java Sparrow were killed by a marauding Sparrow Hawk

**BRILLIANT SMALL BIRDS.  
AQUARIUM'S 35 AVIARIES  
Gift Handed to Trustees**

Text only

Argus

15 February 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Nineteen large and sixteen small aviaries containing many varieties of birds are gifted to the Trustees by Mr O. Gilpin.

The gift is praised by then Lord Mayor, Councillor H. Gengoult – Smith.

**A GIFT OF AVIARIES  
New Collection at Exhibition.**

Text only

Age

15 February 1933 (handwritten - ink)

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**PAGE 6**

**One Double-Page Article**

**Features of Interest at the Aquarium, Exhibition Building**

Image and text

The WEEKLY TIMES

Magazine Section – 6

18 February 1933 (print ink)

**Content:** A pictorial article about various aquarium and aviary features i.e. feeding the seals

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**PAGE 7**

**Five Articles**

**SEALS FOR AQUARIUM.**

**GIFT OF 12 PARROTS**

**White Magpies Coming.**

Text only

Argus

17 February 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Three seals and an albino magpie arrive at the Aquarium. Mr James Railton donates twelve parrots.

### **ONE FISH – THREE MOUTHS !**

Image and text

Herald

18 February 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Features the three new seals enjoying their first meal.

### **THE HOME OF THE BIRDS**

Image and text

Herald

18 February 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Features the new aviary entrance.

### **UP TO TRICKS AT THE AQUARIUM**

Image and text

Sun

18 February 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Features the tricks of Peter the performing cockatoo.

### **AQUARIUM SEALS ARE TO BE TAUGHT TO RACE FOR THEIR FOOD**

Image and text

Herald

21 February 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** A chute is built in order for the seals to chase their food. A tank is also purchased to provide fresh seawater regularly to the Aquarium.

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## **PAGE 8**

### **Four Articles**

#### **NOT RISKING A BITE**

Image and text

No author or date

**Content:** Describes an attendant's behavior when dealing with a seal a week after arriving from Seal Rock, Phillip Island.

#### **CITY FOUNTAINS AND "BOARD'S WHIM"**

##### **No Water Without Meter**

Text only

Herald

23 February 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** At the time of the Centenary, the REB spent considerable money cleaning the two large fountains, one being the (then) second largest in the world. They criticised the Metropolitan Board of Works for wanting to meter the water used in making the fountains functional.

#### **PAY OR NO PLAY**

##### **Works Board Wants Meter On Fountains**

Text only

Sun

24 February 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Highlights a discussion between Trustees and the Metropolitan Board of Works regarding the installation of pipes and having the Gardens fountains 'metered'.

##### **Fountains But No Free Water**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Trustees ask the Board to allow them to have free water during the Centenary as they cannot bore the expense.

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#### **PAGE 9**

##### **Five Articles**

#### **GIFT BIRDS**

##### **New Brilliance At The Museum**

##### **ELEGAN'S PARAKEETS**

##### **FOUND "GOLD" IN BIRDS**

Text only

Herald

23 March 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Reports on new additions to the Gelpin Collection, these being:

- Elegan's Parakeets
- Tasmanian Blue Wing Parakeets
- Rock Peplar
- Mallee Smoker
- Blue Mountain Lorikeets
- Blue Bonnet Parrots
- Victorian Mountain Lory
- Rosella

#### **SCREECHING DEFIANCE**

Image and text

Herald

23 March 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Features an image of the newly arrived Frog-Mouth Owl

**FOSSIL FISH  
Millions Of Years Old  
EXHIBITION FEATURE  
DEADLY SPIDER  
LIVE PARROT FISHES  
FOR THE CHILDREN**

Text only

No author – Herald?

23 March 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Specimens arrive for The Herald's Fauna and Flora Exhibition at the Melbourne Town Hall including:

Trap Door Spiders

Prehistoric shark teeth

Shells and starfishes

The Aquarium also cooperated by providing tanks with Parrot fish, sea hares, a rare lung fish and other marine forms.

**FISH TRAVEL 400 MILES IN TANK**

**Specimens for Aquarium**

**ANOTHER TRIP TOMORROW**

Text only

No author

17 April 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** A 400gallon tank on a trailer transporting fish from Westernport Bay in excellent condition.

**MOBILE TANK FOR AQUARIUM FISH**

Image And Text

No author

18 April 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** An image of the seawater tank and Secretary, Mr. G. C. Green

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## **PAGE 10**

### **Three Articles**

#### **SPORT FOR THE SEALS**

Image and text

Argus

17 April 1933 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Featuring the new waterslide intended for the seals.

#### **TAMING OF THE WILD**

##### **Birds Contented In Captivity**

##### **ON LIZARD'S BACK**

##### **CHANGING PLUMAGE**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Reports on small crested bronze wing Pidgeon who has contented taken up residence with the lizards. Also refers to 'Maggie' the magpie who previously lived with the lizards but who had left as she had found a 'boyfriend' of the feathered kind.

#### **When Elephants – And Pigs – Is Fish**

##### **20 NEW VARIETIES**

Image and text

No author or date

**Content:** Some 1200 fish are added to the tanks including twenty new fish varieties. These also include eight elephant sharks, Port Jackson sharks, cow fish and pig fish.

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## **PAGE 11**

### **Four Articles**

#### **Up: Acrobatic Seal**

Image and text

Herald

22 May 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** An image of 'Alec the Acrobat' performing the new 'Blondin' Act in which he retrieves a piece of fish.

#### **TURTLE ON MEAT DIET**

##### **ALWAYS IN HOT WATER**

Image and text

Sun

17 August 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Horace, the Solomon Island Turtle, accept a meat diet and he prepares for his new heated tank.

## **Angel Fish**

Image and text

Herald

26 August 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** The arrival of an Angel fish from Brazil

## **PAMPERED FISH FROM BRAZIL AND MEXICO**

### **Angel Fish And Sword Tails Upset Routine Of Aquarium**

Image and text

Herald

26 August 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Angel fish from Brazil and swordfish from Mexico add perplexing issues to the Aquarium officials. Blood worms and water fleas are provided as food for the species.

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## **PAGE 12**

### **One Article**

## **WALTER AND HERMAN HAVE A FISHY TIME AT THE AQUARIUM**

Illustrations and text

Star?

25 November 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** An article reporting on Herman and Walter's Aquarium experience. Walter is quite critical of the establishment.

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## **PAGE 13**

### **Eight Articles**

## **Wanted --- A Crocodile**

### **AQUARIUM'S QUEST**

Text only

Argus

28 November 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Reports about the last 15ft crocodile residing at the site in 1888 and the renewed bid for the crocodile to be reintroduced. The third attempt saw the violent death (through strangulation) of an 18ft specimen.

**\*No Title**

Image and text

Sun

12 September 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Relates to the pumping of seawater from St Kilda for the Aquarium.

**A SMALL ATTRACTION**

Image and text

Sun

1 December 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** An eight week old Mopoke is added to the Collection.

**Crocodile for Aquarium**

Text Only

Argus

6 December 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Reports on the unsuccessful attempts to transport four Crocodiles from Northern Australia.

**Alligator Breaks Free**

Text Only

Argus

6 December 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** A crocodile successfully escapes captors in Darwin.

**Aquarium Wants Crocodile But Transport Proves Problem So Far**

Text Only

Sun

Wednesday 29 November 1933, (handwritten ink and text)

**Content:** Reports on another failed attempt in relocating a crocodile via the ship, Mangola.

**BIRDS ON THE WING FOR AQUARIUM AVIARIES**

Text Only

Star

30 November 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** A proposal to expand the Aviary to three times its present size. The site is described as the best in Victoria however it is expected with the proposal it will become the best in Australia featuring bird species from across the globe.

**The Elusive Crocodile**

Text Only

Age

28 November 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Reports on another failed attempt in relocating a crocodile via the ship, Mangola. A new crate is designed in a hope to make transportation less fraught in future endeavours.

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**PAGE 14**

**Three Articles**

**FEEDING THE SEALS**

Image and text

Sun

1 December 1933, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** An image of Mr F. C. Smith feeding a seal.

**Fish in Big Tank Used by Noted Swimmer Endangered by Crack in Glass**

Text only

The Sun News-Pictorial

22 December 1933?, (handwritten ink and text)

**Content:** Some 500 fish, from the Upper Amazon to lower Bass Strait, are in danger of being lost as a crack from in the inch and a half thick tank glass.

**“CROC.” FOR AQUARIUM .**

**One Coming from Queensland**

Text only

Herald

2 January 1934 (handwritten - ink)

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**Content:** A 12ft crocodile is expected to arrive on 25 January.

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**PAGE 15**

**Four Articles**

**Fish prefer the hot weather, and 105 degrees Means high jinks at Aquarium**

Elizabeth Auld

Image and text

Sun

21 January 1934, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Reflects on the fish species increased activity as the weather warms up.

**PERCY CROCODILE AT HOME IN AQUARIUM POOL**

**Tug-of-War to Remove 100-Yrs.-Old Youngstr From His Crate**

Image and text

Herald

8 February 1934, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Percy the Crocodile arrives at the Aquarium.

**BE CAREFUL OF THE CROCODILE !**

**NEW EXHIBIT AT AQUARIUM.**

**PERCY CROCODILE AT HOME IN AQUARIUM POOL**

**Tug-of-War to Remove 100-Yrs.-Old Youngstr From His Crate**

Image and text

Age

9 February 1934, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** Percy the Crocodile arrives at the Aquarium. Also reflects that whilst crocodiles are easy to capture, their transportation is problematic and about the crocodile which lived there 20 years previously as being a Museum object.

**THE AQUARIUM OGLE**

Image and text

Herald

8 February 1934, (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** A snapshot of an Aquarium fish.

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**PAGE 16**  
**Four Articles**

**Death Dreams of a Crocodile Keeper  
Hunched for Spring  
Hate Each Other**

Image and text

No Publication or Date noted

**Content:** After a reoccurring dream, Mr W. F. Henderson believes Percy the crocodile is bad tempered. Percy appears to be more aggressive after six month hibernation.

**THE EXHIBITION OVAL TRACK  
TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE**

Austin Robertson – Brighton

Text only

Age

24 January 1934 (printed text)

**Content:** Austin Robertson gives a glowing report of the Exhibition tack after attending the Empire Sprint Championship.

**Crocodile Eats Now – but Keeper Was Wary**

Text only

Sun

20 February 1934 (handwritten - ink)

**Content:** After arriving at the Aquarium, Percy breaks his fast by consuming 10lb of steak.

**BIG EXHIBITION PLANNED  
Display of Australian Products**

Text only

No Publication or Date noted

**Content:** It is announced by the Mayor that an exhibition promoting Australian products will be held at the Exhibition Building in October 1934. It is decided that the Exhibition Building and oval will be used for National purposes only.

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**PAGE 17**

**Three Articles**

**WEIRD SHAPES AND BRIGHT COLORS**

**Fish, Birds, Seals at the Aquarium**

**THE MECCA OF CHILDHOOD ENJOYMENT**

**FASINATING, BUT NOT BEAUTIFUL**

**THE AMUSING SEALS AND THE LONELY SEA-LION**

**FEATHERED FRIENDS, TOO**

Queen Bee

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** Queen Bee gives a glowing report of her visit to the Aquarium featuring the Aquarium, Aviary, the seals and sea lion, and Punch and Judy show.

**CENTENARY EXHIBITION**

**FAILURE OF NEGOTIATIONS**

**A.N.A. TO PROTEST**

**Trustees and Premier Criticised**

**PREMIERE'S REGRET**

**Difficulties Should be Overcome**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** The Australian Native's Association berate Trustees, the Premier - Sir Stanley Argyle, and the Centenary Council for failing in negotiations regarding the Australian products exhibition.

**EXHIBITION TRUSTEES' DECISION**

**TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS**

Text only

May 2, 1933 (print text)

**Content:** Geo C. Green answers criticisms from the Victorian Chambers of Manufactures and the Australian Native's Association.

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**PAGE 18**  
**Four Articles**

**CENTENARY EXHIBITION  
PROPOSAL ABANDONED**

**Trustees Blamed**

**CASE FOR TRUSTEES**

**Offers of £400 a Week**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** Trustees defend their decision regarding the Centenary Exhibition against criticisms from Victorian Chambers of Manufactures and the Australian Native's Association. Public Works quotes £16, 000 to make the Building fit for the Exhibition. Claims are made that, for the most part, the Building is occupied by methylated spirit drinkers and unemployed card players.

**CENTENARY PLANS.**

**TRANSPORT EXHIBITION.**

**Exhibition of Australian Goods.**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** A plan to launch a Transport Exhibition in December 1934 is proposed. The Centenary Exhibition is in focus as heavy criticism is dealt to Trustees for wanting to lease the Building at £1300 for five weeks rather than the normal fee of £850.

**Exhibition Building Finance.**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** The years financial report, dated 30 January 1936, shows less debt is owed to the Commonwealth Bank. It is also claimed that it will take £6998 to bring the Building up to standard for the Century Exhibition i.e. painting and roofs.

**CENTENARY PLANS.**

**THE AUSTRALIAN EXHIBITION PROGRAM.**

**STRANGE STORY OF NEGOTIATIONS.**

Text only

No date or publication noted

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**Content:** New negotiations begin regarding the Centenary Exhibition and the Building and track lease.

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**PAGE 19**  
**Four Articles**

**CENTENARY PLANS.**

**All-Australian Exhibition.**

**PROJECT ABANDONED.**

**Lease Terms Deemed Exorbitant.**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** Victorian Chambers of Manufactures and the Australian Native's Association abandon their plans to have the All-Australian Exhibition due to the Trustees 'mercenary policies'.

**The Exhibition Building.**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** A report covering 3 years of financial dealings ending June 30 is presented. A loan is given by the Employment Council to improve the Aquarium area and interiors however was not far reaching enough to cover external painting and roofs. The Building appears dilapidated and is in debt £3155.

**The Exhibition Building.**

Text only

No date or publication noted

The article is torn at the bottom

**Content:** Trustees lament over of the lack of use of the 40 000 capacity, recently renovated, arena. Tenders are invited for rental.

**Car Parking Plan**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** City Council Committee and Tramway Board propose outer CBD parking – a ring of garages – to help with inner city congestion.

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**PAGE 20**  
**Five Articles**

**Melbourne Aquarium**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** An Aquarium advertisement.

**A Critic of the Aquarium**

L.W. LARKING

Text only

Toorak

June 2 (printed text)

No publication noted

**Content:** A critique of the Aquarium describing filthy tanks and dying fish.

**DEPLORABLE AQUARIUM**

**Dirt and Neglect**

**Valuable Fish Lost**

Norman McCance

Text only

The Argus

No date noted

**Content:** The Tropical Fish Society of Victoria and general public also endorse Mr L.W. Larking's article (above) speaking of dying fish, other amphibians and birds.

**WE HAVE AN AQUARIUM**

Text only

Argus

20 May, 1939 (Handwritten – pencil)

**Content:** The author invites patrons to visit the Aquarium as it is the best in Australia.

**AQUARIUM PAYS ITS WAY**

**Exhibition Trustees Make Report To House**

Text only

No date or publication noted – 1934/35?

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**Content:** A financial report covering 1931 -34 was tabled at the Legislative Assembly. Trustees also express despair regarding the lack of external repairs.

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**PAGE 21**

**One Article**

**These Things Happen Here**

**Fish Out of Water**

J.A. Herrington

Image and text

Herald

18 August, 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** An excellent opinion piece of J.A. Herrington's visit to the site. Give an excellent perspective of the site and its contents.

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**PAGE 22**

**Four Articles**

**Carnival Principle**

**FIRST MAY BE IN 1939**

Text Only

Herald

11 October, 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A proposal is forwarded by the Councils General Purposes and Legislative Committee for a carnival to be included in the Centenary celebrations.

**MELBOURNE AQUARIUM**

**EXHIBITION BUILDINGS**

**Wonderful Variety of Fresh and Marine Fish**

Text Only

Wildlife

October 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** An Aquarium advertisement.

**Axolotl Spawn**

Text Only

Argus

13 October 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A suggestion to visit the Mexican Axolotl - described as the Peter Pan of the aquatic world.

**Melbourne Aquarium.**

**Unique Display Plans**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** Mrs C. G. Green becomes the Buildings Executive after the death of her husband. Plans are made convert the old crocodile enclosure into a heated vivarium to house native and exotic insects.

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**PAGE 23**

**Six Articles**

**WORLD TITLE FIGHT IN MELBOURNE ON CUP EVE  
WARNER-MILLER OPEN-AIR BOUT AT EXHIBITION**

**£1200 Offer Made**

Image and text

Clyde Palmer

The Sun News-Pictorial (print text)

No date noted

**Content:** Announcing the Claude Warner (US) and Micky Miller (NSW) World 9.0 Title fight held at the Exhibition Building on 31 October. A £1200 offer is made if Varner defeats Miller

**MILLER-VARNER**

**Fight Arranged**

Text Only

Argus

2 October, 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Claude Warner (US) and Micky Miller (NSW) featherweight title fight announced.

**CHANGES AT THE AQUARIUM**

**New Display Case**

Text Only

Age

No date noted

**Content:** Twelve new tanks will installed into the disused crocodile enclosure space. A new insect display is also announced featuring live beetles, ants and spiders – a unique display in Australia.

**New Tropical Fish House For Aquarium**

Text Only

Sun

No date noted

**Content:** Twelve new tanks will installed into the disused crocodile enclosure space. A new vivarium featuring beetles and silkworms.

**TO TEACH PLAY LEADERS**

**Model Area Sort**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** The Playground Association lobbies Council in implementing a model playground, controlled by a trained play leader, nominating four areas including the Exhibition gardens.

**CROCODILES ARE “OFF”**

**Aquarium Changes**

### **Insect Zoo Plan**

Text only

Argus

No date noted

**Content:** The Board give up their attempts to house a crocodile. Twelve new tanks are to be installed featuring fish from:

- Queensland
- Honolulu
- San Francisco
- China
- Japan
- Pacific waters

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#### **Eight Articles**

### **Reviving the Aquarium**

Text only

Argus

4 November, 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Great hope is given that a woman with great organisational skills will clean up the Building when Mrs I. A. Green takes up the role of Building Secretary.

### **BETTER AQUARIUM**

Text only

No date or publication noted

**Content:** 500 new exotic fish, performing dogs and parrots and concealed lighting is anticipated.

### **NOTES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS**

#### **AROUND THE AQUARIUM**

Image and text

Norman McCance

The Junior Argus – page 2 (ink print)

No date noted

**Content:** Describes the Aquariums as being 'all done up' featuring clean tanks, new lighting and ventilation. Describes 'rice salamander' 'old wives', 'toadles' and 'cobblers'.

### **MUMMIES;**

Text only

Argus

12 November, 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** 2 Mummies and wrappings 7000 B.C

## **MUMMIES (2)**

Text only

Age

12 November, 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** 2 Mummies and wrappings 7000 B.C

## **AQUARIUM BIRDS TO BE HEARD**

**Imitator as Deputy**

Text only

Sun (handwritten – ink)

No date noted

**Content:** Mr Henry Ford, bird imitator, begins employment during the school holidays as well as 500 exotic fish arriving to replenish the tanks.

## **ODDITIES COLLECTION FOR THE AQUARIUM**

Text only

Herald (handwritten – ink)

No date noted

**Content:** A vivarium containing three-tailed lizards, red white and blue spiders, and a moth that flies backward is to be installed. The McCoy Society will travel to Sunday Island to collect more specimens.

## **Aquarium's Fish**

Text only

Argus (handwritten – ink)

No date noted

**Content:** New tanks filled with fish from China and the West Indies will replace the crocodile enclosure. It is hoped that concealed lighting will heat the tanks hence prolonging the life of the fish. Also mentions a bird mimic will give calls from the fernery, the arrival of new performing dogs and parrots, Ned Kelly's armour and a display of ancient firearms.

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## **00 Years Old**

### **The Tale of the Bone**

Illustration and text

John Austin

Sun News- Pictorial

Magazine Section

Saturday 19 November, 1938 – page 4 (printed text)

**Part of the left hand side of the article is missing**

**Content:** The two mummies who are housed in the Building, as well their sarcophagus, are put up for sale. The author speaks of their deteriorated state and a short description of their time at the Museum space is outlined.

### **IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION**

**Display To Be Held Next Year**

**Trade Stimulus**

Text only

The Herald

August 12 (no year- 1938?) (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Ideal Homes Exhibition proposed by the Building Industry Congress from 24 February to 11 March, 1939. This event is expected to be a trade stimulus.

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**Two Articles**

No Title noted **NOT EVERYBODY**

Image and text

Argus

29 December, 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Mr. H Ford delights crowds with his bird mimicry.

No Title noted **JUST A CENTURY**

Image and text

Herald

29 December, 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Young visitors admire the salamander.

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**PAGE 27**

**Four Articles**

No Title noted **QUEER FISH**

Image and text

Sun

30 December, 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A photograph of Queer Fish also known as Old Wives.

**Chatting With A Crosscut Saw-And Other Things**

**They Should Sing**

Text only

Herald

11 December, 1938 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Highlighting the mimicry talents of Mr Henry Ford who recently arrived at the Aquarium.

**SINO-JAPANESE WAR IN FISHPOND**

Text only

Sun

3 January, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A shipment of rare continental newts from China causes havoc when they are housed with Japanese newts.

**Only WOMAN Museum Curator Has Big Pl...**

Image and text

Sun

7 January, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

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**Content:** Mrs Isabel A. Green, the only female Aquarium and Aviary curator in Australia, takes over the position as Secretary at the Exhibition Building. Mrs Green would the establishment converted into a Playground for Royalty as well as wanting to introduce a Women's Exhibition and Children area.

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**Two Articles**

**EXHIBITION OF CACTI AT THE AQUARIUM**

**More than 500 Specimens**

Image and text

Herald

11 January, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** More than 500 Cacti species from around the world to be displayed.

**NOTES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS**

**Sea Anemones**

Norman McCance

Text only

Argus

11 January, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A educational piece relating to sea anemones.

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**Six Articles**

**TURK'S CAP CACTUS**

Image and text

Herald

18 January, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A feature article regarding, Turk's Cap (*Melocactus intortus*) and the exhibition organised by the Cactus and Succulent Society.

**ERIC IS WITH US AGAIN**

Text only

Herald

25 January, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The return of Eric the Eel after his escape and the death of Sammy the Seal.

**Women's Exhibition**

Mary Hauser

Text only

Sun

27 January, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** An opinion piece counteracting the Sun 7 January, 1939 article claiming the 'Women's Exhibition' was a first for Melbourne.

**Melbourne Aquarium**

**Anemones and Newts**

Text only

Wild Life

Feb

**Contents:** Highlights the Aquariums additions of Anemones and Newts, a collections which was scarce at this period in time.

**Drought Stops Fishes' Worm Supplies**

**Public Deceptions**

Text only

Herald

28 January, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The drought has caused earthworms to become scarce. Marine life have to strips of raw meat and seafood to compensate.

**Hints for Home Gardeners :: by Culturalist**

**Artistic Use of Cacti and Succulents**

Text only

Argus

27 January, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

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**Content:** Features the growing popularity of cacti and succulents in Melbourne's home gardens with comments from enthusiast, Mrs. Austin Gatehouse,

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**Five Articles**

**Beautiful Little Fishes**

Image and text

Age

9 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Sir H. G. Smith, Mr Jewell M.L.A. and Trustee Secretary, Mrs Green inspect seventeen species fish in the newly installed tanks.

**“Poor Fish!”**

Text only

Publication unsure

9 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Sir Harold Gengoult Smith officially opens the new Aquarium tank while Chief Inspector of Fisheries and Game, Mr. Fred Lewis, condemns goldfish as waterway vermin after calls from Ballarat City Council for more.

**AQUARIUM ATTRACTION**

Text only

Argus

9 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** 450 fishes feature in the opening of the new Aquarium section – they hail from:

Brazil

Dutch East Indies

Siam

Singapore

Malay Straits

Mexico

**NO TITLE**

Image and text

Herald

8 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Echinocactus Nidulans features in over 500 plants being exhibited by the Cactus and Succulents Society.

**NO TITLE**

Image and text

Argus

9 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Labor Women’s Organising Committee decide to hold an All-Nations fundraising fair at the Exhibition Building.

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**PAGE 31**

**Two articles**

**NEWCOMER FROM BASS STRAIT**

Image and text

Argus

10 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Featuring the Boar Fish as part of the 450 fish collection

**LOVE IN A BOWL**

Image and text

Argus

10 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Featuring pink Kissing Gourama

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**Four articles**

**ALL-NATIONS' FAIR IN SEPTEMBER**

**Move By A.L.P. Women**

Text only

Herald

19 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A proposal for fair organised through the Women's Organising Committee - Australian Labor Party

**MORE FISH TANKS AT AQUARIUM**

**Keener Interest Urged at Opening**

Text only

Sun

10 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A critique of past Aquarium policies by Sir Harold Gengoult - Enthusiastic disinterestedness is how he describes it. New tanks replace old crocodile enclosure with 450 fish added from:

- Brazil
- Dutch East Indies
- India
- Siam
- Guatemala
- Singapore
- Malay States
- Mexico

**Improved Entrance For Exhibition Planned**

Text only

Age

9 February, 1939? (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Discussion regarding a new Aquarium entrance to replace the Palais Royale entry.

**LIQUOR FOR A "FAIR"**

**IDEAL HOMES EXHIBITION**

Text only

Argus

15 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Licencing Council approved the Ideal Homes Exhibition be considered a 'fair' thus approving a liquor licence for the event much to the disapproval of Mr. T. Mornane (liquor police).

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**PAGE 33**

**Three articles**

**MELBOURNE AQUARIUM**

**EXHIBITION BUILDINGS**

Text only – advertisement

... LIFE

Page 5

No date noted

Large part of article missing

**Content:** An aquarium advertisement

**The Aquarium, Melbourne**

**Tropical Beauties**

Text only

Wild Life

No date noted

**Content:** Reports on the recent Aquarium refurbishments with the installation of twelve tanks. A small reference made to the last crocodiles death. Some fish species listed:

- Siamese Fighting Fish
- Blue Gourama
- Blue Fin
- Silver Tetris

**Aquarium, Melbourne**

**Sea Horses Attractive**

Text only

Wild Life

No date noted

**Content:** A description of the seaweed seahorses added to the Aquarium collection.

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**PAGE 34**  
**Three Articles**

**EXHIBITION OVAL LEASE**

**Validity Queried**

**GRANT FROM CROWN**

**FIXING BOUNDARIES**

Text only

Sun

10 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The Supreme Court contest the legality of REB Trustee's leasing the sports oval to Jack Campbell

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**Lease**

**For the Defence**

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21 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

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**Four Articles**

**WANTED BUILDING FOR PARALYSIS AFTERCARE**

**VISIT TO OVAL**

**OFFERED TICKET**

Text only

Herald

21 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Mr. William Barry, representative of the Carlton constituency since 1932, makes a request to the Civil Court on behalf of Sister Kenny to have the building utilised for paralysis aftercare. The request is disputed as Trustees have leased the sports to Mr. Campbell for boxing and track purposes.

**EXHIBITION OVAL**

**Mr. Barry Gives Evidence**

**Offered £1 Seat**

Text only

Age

22 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The First Civil Court continues to judge the validity of the Exhibition oval lease and an admission fee being charged by track management. Also, comments are submitted by witness, Mr. Winneke, as to how he was offered a £1 ticket but declined under principle.

**EXHIBITION OVAL**

**Is The Lease Valid?**

**Mr. Barry's evidence**

Text only

Age

22 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The First Civil Court continues to judge the validity of the Exhibition oval lease and an admission fee being charged by track management.

**FREE ACCESS TO EXHIBITION OVAL**

**Judge's Choice**

Text only

Herald

22 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Judge Martin decides that the oval track was for the public use and orders Trustees to cease the current lease agreements including the admission fee.

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**PAGE 36**  
**Four Articles**

**PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO ENTER EXHIBITION OVAL**

**"Free Access While On Foot," Judge Holds**

**REVOCATION HINT**

**"Recreation Subservient"**

**MEETING ON SATURDAY**

Text Only

Herald

22 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** First Civil Court Judge, Mr. Justice Martin, orders Trustee's to end the lease agreement involving board track cycling and boxing arranged with Mr. Campbell claiming people have free access to the site 'while on foot'.

**EXHIBITION CASE**

**Others May be Affected**

Text Only

No author or date

**Content:** Other sports groups such as League football are affected by Mr. Justice Martin. The Trustee chairman comments that it is peculiar that the Government did not show any interest in the site until boxing began.

**EXHIBITION LAND**

**Free Access for People**

Text Only

Herald

22 February, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** First Civil Court Judge, Mr. Justice Martin, orders Trustee's to end the lease agreement involving board track cycling and boxing arranged with Mr. Campbell claiming people have free access to the site. Judge Martin claims Mr. Campbell had no right to build a cycle track or charge admission.

**NO TITLE**

**Text only**

**Argus**

9 May, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The North Carlton Women's Labor committee raise concerns with the oval to the State Parliamentary party regarding damage done to the Building site.

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**PAGE 37**

**Three Articles**

**EXHIBITION RULING**

**200 MAY BE WORKLESS**

**Trustees Face Difficulties**

**“APPROPRIATE STEPS”**

**“OUT IN 3 WEEKS”**

**“NOT STOPPING”**

Text only

23 February, 1939

Herald

Concerns are raised regarding the loss of employment. Barry and the Labor Party supporting fitness camp but do not support a bicycle track. Justice Martin raises concerns about the Aquarium and residential cottage.

The article is folded on the left hand side and the bottom making print difficult to read.

**EXHIBITION OVAL**

**Judge Grants Injunction**

Text only

23 February, 1939

Age

Mr Justice Martin – First Civil Court – grants an injunction on Mr Campbell from preventing free access to the oval area. The article explain the 1873 decision to allocate land for the Building and Gardens in that the Trustees were to allow free ingress and egress.

The article is folded at the bottom making print difficult to read.

**PUBLIC HAS FREE ACCESS TO EXHIBITION OVAL**

**JUDGE GIVE DECISION**

**Mr. Barry M.L.A. Supported**

**ORDER FOR COSTS**

**PERMISSIVE OCCUPANCY**

**POWER DOUBTED**

**BAY COMPARISON**

Text only

Thursday, 23 February, 1939

Sun News-Pictorial

The general public are allowed free foot access. The site was vested to the Trustee's for the purpose of exhibitions of industry and art. The bicycle track was deemed to small and removal ordered.

Campbell was not given permission to erect a track and charge admission.

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**Page 38**

**Three Articles**

**EXHIBITION OVAL MOVE CAUSES STIR AT MEETING**

**No Labor Approval**

**Lively Scene**

**TRUSTEES SEEK LEGAL ADVICE**

**Exhibition Lessee To Continue**

Text only

Sun

24 May 1939

Mr Cain and the Labor Party disassociated from Mr Barry's decision regarding the lease of the Exhibition oval quoting unemployment of men illogical. Attendees attempt to shout Mr Cain down. Trustees call for a special meeting at Town Hall. Mr Campbell intends to exercise his 21 day stay of proceedings and continue track meetings at charge.

**EXHIBITION CASE**

**May Be Appeal to High Court**

**Departmental Comment**

Argus

24 May 1939

Trustee's considers an appeal to the High Court after the Supreme Court decision regarding free public access. Mrs Green advised that if the area could not be leased there would be no money for maintenance. Trustees contest that the Track had been established for 60 years and that no one had cared until boxing matches began.

**ORDER OF OVAL**

**Suspension Sort**

Herald

24 May 1939

A suspension order until 1941 is proposed. Mr Fullagar advised they would like to continue their events until the lease had expired.

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**EXHIBITION OVAL**

**Public's Rights**

Text only

Argus

25<sup>th</sup> ???

**Content:** Judge Martin grants a 21 day injunction against the Trustee's and Mr Campbell. Mr Herring believed the Order would not stop Mr Campbell from charging the admission for the oval. Campbell did not want to posit as Contempt of Court.

**EXHIBITION OVAL**

**Decision by Cabinet**

Text only

Age

19 April, 1939

**Content:** State Cabinet discuss the legalities involved the Trustee's leasing the oval and cycling track. The matter was referred to a committee. Free access was denied between 4 -13 May.

**EXHIBITION OVAL**

**New Control Plans**

Text only

Argus

No date

**Content:** Proposals for future management to be submitted to the State Cabinet by Premier, Mr Dunstan and Chief Secretary Mr Bailey. The proposal provides for the removal of the cycling track. Finances are unstable and discussion includes an annual grant.

**...hibition Trustees'**

**Appeal Struck Out**

Text only

Sun (hand written ink)

M.L.A. Wants Track Removed

**Content:** The Court struck out the Trustee's appeal – the Trustee's do not have permission to charge for admittance.

Article is slightly torn on left hand side

**BOARD TRACK MUST GO**

Text only

Argus

26 May 1939

**Content:** Exhibition Trustee's meet to discuss the Court decision regarding the immediate dismantling of the bicycle and rebuilding it on another site.

## **CYCLISTS TO PROTEST**

**Exhibition Track**

**Clarification Sort**

**Deputation Planned**

Text only

Argus

26 May 1939

**Content:** 2000 people protest Premier Dunstan's decision regarding the board tracks closure. Cycling clubs join forces to seek Parliamentary support. Mr. J Pollard quotes that over 200 men will become unemployed. Other questions included fencing off the south entrance for the car show and the right for the Trustee secretary to live onsite.

## **EXHIBITION OVAL EXHIBITION**

**M.L.A. and Union**

**Text only**

No author or date

**Content:** Boot Trade Employees' Union protest the track removal. Mr Barry expressed surprise that track employees were not Union members despite being able to do so. Barry reiterates this action was taken to protect the rights of the general public – not non-unionists.

## **EXHIBITION OVAL**

**Trustees Seek Revenue**

Text only

Herald

28 May 1939

**Content:** Trustees advise Chief Secretary Mr Bailey that due to oval lost revenue the Government would be responsible for maintenance. The deputations ask for the 1880 Act for free ingress is changed.

Mrs Green advises the expense of £7000 exceed the £800 annual income.

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**Page 40**  
**Two Articles**

**No Title**

Argus

27 June, 1939

**Content:** Court decides the Exhibition cycling track will be demolished.

**CYCLISTS MUSTER FOR CITY DEPUTATION**  
**EXHIBITION BOARD TRACK**

**Minister Promises to Take Action**

No date or author noted

**Content:** Cyclists gather at the stairs of the Treasury Building to support a deputation regarding the board track dispute.

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**One Article**

**Exhibition Is Nearly 60 Years Of Age ....**

**It Was a Marvel In Its Day**

Text only

No date or author noted

**Content:** A historical account of the Building through 60 years beginning with the Foundation stone being laid February 19, 1879. The completion of the Building, sitting on 63 acres, cost £350 000, the Gardens £10 000 to layout and the fencing during construction £7000. Particular focus is also on the opening of the 1880 Exhibition.

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## EXHIBITION TRUSTEES

### Wider Powers Sought

#### UNION TO PROTEST

Text only

1 March 1939

Argus

**Content:** Trustees ask Chief Secretary, Mr Bailey, for assistance with the Courts decision.

1. For a diversion of State government rent i.e. eastern and western annexe and sports ground, claiming without the revenue the Building is unsustainable.

2. Amend the 1890 Act so that Trustees would have more power

Annual expenditure:

Trustee expenditure - £7000

Income - £6200 comprising:

Aquarium: £2000

Main Hall: £3000

Parking: £600

Palais: £600

The Boot Trade Employee's Union threaten to take action.

## EXHIBITION TRACK

### Removal Sought

#### CHINESE PAGEANT

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** Two deputations are presented to Chief Secretary My Bailey.

1. Mr Barry M.L.A. asking for the removal of the board track to Olympic Park

2. Mr. Kent Hughes M.L.A. requests that the track operate until Parliament debate the matter

Mr Campbell declares if the track is closed the Government will lose £8650 in revenue. Mr Bailey describes the track as an eyesore. A Chinese Pageant is held to raise funds for China's 30 000 000 war refugees.

### The Exhibition Has Its Memories

Image and text

Argus

18 January 1940

**Content:** An opinion piece by Boswell regarding the absence of tradition at the site with the disappearance of arcades, markets and old theatre. The article gives a detailed list as to what events had occurred there and is critical of the Governments lack of concern or financial support.

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**Page 43**

**One Article**

**That Exhibition Oval:**

**Open Letter to Mr. Barry M.L.A.**

**SHARE REGISTER**

Image and text

Truth

11 March

Content: An open letter addressing the Supreme Court decision denying Trustees the right to lease the Oval and charge admission. Barry refuses to reply to Truth and the publication criticises the Carlton Times for its derogatory statements by editor, Neil Gibson. Truth suggests that if Mr. Barry continued to pursue the issue he would be supporting criminal vice gangs.

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**Page 44**  
**Five Articles**

**Medley of East and West in Chinese Carnival**

Text only

Argus

16 March 1939

**Content:** 10 000 people attend a carnival including fireworks and dragon was held at the Exhibition board track to raise funds for Chinese refugees. Entertainment included a burlesque revue, cycling grand prix, gymnastic display, brass band, a beauty contest for Chinese women.

**SEA HORSES AND SNAKE BABIES**

**Nature Attractions**

Text only

Argus – Norman McCance

25 March 1939

**Content:** Live sea horses arrive from Taronga Park. 300 baby snakes and 30 blue-tongue lizards are also on display from Sir Colin Mackenzie Sanctuary. Kookaburra's eat nearly three-quarters of the stock.

**Woman secretary of aquarium has charge of trained seals**

Image and text

Women's Weekly

19 April, 1939

**Content:** Featuring Mrs Green who is in charge of 1000's of freshwater fish and trained seals at the Aquarium. Green prepares to install heated tanks for exotic species. Green is also responsible for the children's theatre, sports arena, car park and Great Hall. Since Green arrived, membership has doubled.

**Party For Motor Show Committee**

Text only

Sun

13 May, 1939

**Content:** Trustees entertain members of the International Motor Show as well as conducting a tour of the Aquarium.

**Party in Aquarium**

Text only

Age

13 May, 1939

**Content:** Trustees entertain members of the International Motor Show. A list is attendee's is given.

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**Page 45**

**One Article**

**MASONIC CEREMONY**

Image and text

Argus

16 March, 1939

**Content:** Freemason Grand Master installed – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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### EXHIBITION SKATING RINK

Image and text

Age

17 May, 1939

**Content:** Advertisement of the opening the skating rink – the largest rink in the world.

### The Aquarium, Melbourne

#### Newcomers by the Dozen

Text only

Wild Life

June 1939

**Content:** With increased popularity, the Aquarium has further renovations and re-stocking. Blue horseshoe leatherjackets, 'old wives' parrot fish are of interest and consideration is given to install a dozen new tanks.

### 200 COLORFUL FISH FOR MELBOURNE AQUARIUM

Text only

Sun

30 May, 1939

**Content:** With 800 fish housed at the Aquarium, 200 fish from Queensland and globally arrive.

Great Barrier Reef – Archers and Blue Eyes

Indian Ocean - Psettus Argenteus

Malay Peninsula - Rasbora Taeniata

India – Gourami, orange Siamese fighting fish

### TROPICAL FISH FOR AQUARIUM

Text only

Argus

30 May, 1939

**Content:** Three hundred fresh-water tropical fish from India and the Malay Peninsula arrive to replenish stock.

### AQUARIUM UNIFORMS

Text only

Argus

26 May, 1939

**Content:** Khaki twill uniforms are provided to the seven employees'.

### 10 SHARKS

Text only

Argus

25 May, 1939

**Content:** 10 Port Jackson sharks and Japanese salamander and Master Magician, David Bell, performs in the Children's Theatre.

### **Fighting Fish**

Text only

Age

31 May, 1939

**Content:** Siamese fighting fish brought to the Aquarium. A description is given of Siamese people taking wagers on the fish.

### **In The Swim**

Image and text

Sun

2 June, 1939

**Content:** Advertisement.

### **QUEER FISH!**

#### **AQUARIUM**

Text only

Argus

22 June, 1939

**Content:** Sharks, axolotls, salamanders, toads, hermit crab, tropic fish and seals.

### **You've Never Seen Anything Like It!**

#### **AQUARIUM**

Text only

Argus

29 June, 1939

**Content:** Creatures described as never seen before.

### **TROPICAL FISH GAY TOUCH FOR AQUARIUM**

Text only

Sun

25 July, 1939

**Content:** Trustee, Harold Gengoult Smith, is given a gift of nine gold fish for his service as Chairman.

#### **Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

There is some curling, tears or staining

**Page 47**

**One Article**

**QUEER FISH AT THE AQUARIUM**

Image and text

Sun

Saturday 3 June, 1939 p.29

**Content:** Zebra stripe 'old wives', Japanese kissing gourami, and a Magpie Perch are featured.

**Condition:**

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### **3 WEEKS OF CARNIVAL**

#### **Fancy Dress Ball As Climax Of Spring Gaiety**

##### **Big Musical Event**

Text only

Herald – Late News

6 April, 1939

**Content:** Melbourne's first annual spring ball beginning 21 October with 3 weeks of celebrations ending with a gala event at the Exhibition Building. Other events included a floral pageant and Cup week procession and Queen of the Carnival contest. A song contest with a prize of £25 is offered.

A calendar of events is also provided.

Article has tear in the middle.

### **DEMONSTRATION FOR PEACE**

#### **Catholic Function**

Text only

Age

No date

**Content:** A peace rally is organised by the Central Catholic peace committee to be held. 40 000 people are expected to attend.

#### **Gaily Colored Tree Plots To Exhibition**

Text only

Herald

27 May, 1939

**Content:** Illuminated flower plots along Collins St to be extended along Spring St to the Exhibition Building is considered by the Committee.

**Page 49**  
**Seven Articles**

**Say It With Goldfish**

Text only

Argus

26 July, 1939

**Content:** Sir Harold Gengoult Smith retires as Exhibition Chairman and accepts a small fish tank containing Chinese and Japanese species on behalf of his infant daughter.

**Fish from the Tropics**

Text only

Age

2 August, 1939

**Content:** A collection of Singaporean fish arrive to be placed in 19 heated tanks including blue and gray coral fish and black and white spotted butterfly fish.

**FIGHTING FISH NOW TAME**

Text only

Argus

2 August, 1939

**Content:** The Aquarium house 12 Siamese fighting fish together without them fighting to the 'fin'.

**THE PASSING SHOW**

**A Decorative Exhibit**

Text only

Argus

4 August, 1939

**Content:** The Lord Mayor advises that the brightest thing at his Ball is Belle Green

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 50**

**Two Articles**

**Colored Tropical Fish In Aquarium Tank**

Image and text

Sun

4 August, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Butter fish and anemone fish are bought to the Aquarium from Singapore. They eat worms and are kept in 72F heated tanks.

**SEE! THE NEW SALTWATER TROPICAL FISH at The Melbourne AQUARIUM**

Image and text

Wild Life

August (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Aquarium advertisement.

**Condition:**

**The Article:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

There is some curling, tears or staining

**PAGE 51**

**One Article**

**Exhibition Building, Melbourne**

Image and text

Table Talk

July 13, 1939 (ink in-text)

**Content:** Full page image of the southern façade and gardens.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

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**PAGE 52**  
**Seven Articles**

**PRETTY GOLDFISH TO COLOUR**

Image and text

Argus

19 August, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Colouring in competition, in association with an Aquarium party, whereby school children could win fountain pens.

**BOBBY BEAR SECTION**

**He's Had His 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Text only

Argus

26 August, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The Japanese salamander celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in December. A radio announcer, tagged First Mate, claims that he will be broadcasting from two radio stations with the salamander, who has a history of escape, and a guess-his-weight competition is held whereby winners get goldfish.

**GUESS HIS WEIGHT COMPETITION**

Image and text

Argus

26 August, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A continuation of First Mates previous article with competition entry details and image of the salamander included.

**ARE YOU A MUSICIAN?**

Text only

Argus

28 August, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A continuation of First Mates previously articles requesting musicians to join in the Bobby Bear party and make the salamander talk.

**Swamp And Oval Conversions**

Text only

Herald

24 October, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Parks and Garden Committee of the City Council inspect 200acres in West Melbourne to construct the Exhibition Oval and War Memorial Building.

**Aquarium Party**

Text only

Argus

16 January, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Isabel Green entertains 30 members from the Hawthorn Fish and Bird Society, guests enjoyed seal feeding and Aquarium viewing.

**EXHIBITION NOT WOOD**

Text only

Argus

16 January, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The Argus apologies for a previously written article claiming the Building was made of wood. Trustees corrected the statement claiming the greater part is concrete and stone.

**Condition:**

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## PAGE 53

### Eleven Articles

#### Praises Exhibition Buildings

Text only

Herald

9 September, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The Building are “just perfect” according to Mr. T. CV Fairbairn, “England’s Pageant King” in preparation for the “Hiawatha” Spring Carnival production involving a choir of 700, an orchestra of 75, 60 ballet dancers for an expected audience of 3500.

#### THAT’S QUEER !

##### The Aquarium

Text only

Argus

19 October, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Advertisement highlighting Axolotls, sea horses, kissing fish.

#### GOOD FUN IN A COOL PLACE

##### VISIT

##### The Aquarium

Text only

Argus

19 October, 1939 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Advertisement highlighting performing dogs, cockatoo’s, a magic show, fish trained seals, and a performance by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Fire Brigade.’

#### Gardens Instead Of Yarra Bank

Text only

Herald

No date (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** President of Trade Hall, Mr. E Monk, calls that the Exhibition Oval by claimed for Air Force or Navy purposes. A deputation is sort.

#### HAWTHORN DISTRICT FISH AND BIRD SOCIETY

Text only

Camberwell News

21<sup>st</sup> January (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** On the 15 January, Isabel Green, who had made massive improvements to the Aquarium entertains the Hawthorn Fish and Bird Society members. She thanks them for their generous donations.

#### COMPLAINT ON CANTEEN RATES

Text only

Herald

No date (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A Puckapunyal private complains of costs of food and drinks at the Building, the canteen is leased to a private company.

## **WOMEN'S AIR TRAINING**

Text only

Argus

No date (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Trustees decide to make the main hall available to Women's Air Training as of 7 March. 1200 women are trained in preparation for the formation of the Women's Air Force Auxiliary.

## **BUT IT WAS ALMOST CHILLY**

Image and text

Herald

14 March, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Cork walls keep the Aquarium at 76F degrees.

## **"DISGRACE TO CITY"**

### **Exhibition Criticised**

Text only

Argus

27 February, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Councillor Barry M.L.A. calls for the clean up of the Building and surrounds. Council claim the Building is not their responsibility but word address the fountain being restarted. A call to build a Conservatory in Flagstaff Gardens is rejected.

## **1,200 FISH AT AQUARIUM**

Text only

Argus

1 March, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Isabel Green speaks to Victorian Aquarium Society regarding Aquarium developments. The saltwater reservoir had been increased to 40 000 gallons containing 1,200 fish, 400 being tropical with a further six tanks under construction. The Society gave a gift of water weeds.

## **Visit The AQUARIUM**

Image and text

No author or date

**Content:** Advertisement.

### **Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 54**  
**Six Articles**

**Hawthorn and District Fish and Bird Society**

Text only

Hawthorn Standard (handwritten – ink)

Wednesday, February 14, 1940 (in text ink)

**Content:** The Society celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> birthday with an open show displaying 194 birds on 5 February. The Society reported a profit and cake was served to many attendees.

**Plaything Of Vandals**

Text only

Sun (handwritten – ink)

No date

**Content:** A reader draws attention to the dilapidated state of Edward Henty's carriage. The roof, c\back and sides are torn off and windows damaged, also citing that an inscription that Henty was Victoria's founder was incorrect, the title being Batman's.

**TOWN HALL AMID GARDENS**

**Exhibition Area Favoured**

Text only

Argus

25?? April, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

A call by Mr. Bailey, Chief Secretary, to build a new Town Hall on the Exhibition Building site citing that the present Town Hall was poorly located and could not seat 5000. The call was rejected that such decisions could not be made during the War period.

**TOWN HALL AT EXHIBITION**

**Minister's Proposal**

**Repairs Would be Costly**

Text only

Argus

12 April, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Mr. Bailey, Chief Secretary, calls to build a new Town Hall on the Exhibition Building site. Costs are estimated at £100 000 for the Building and £40 000 for the roof.

**TOWN HALL AT EXHIBITION**

**Suggestion Approved**

Text only

Argus

2 May, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The Town Planning Council approves Mr. Bailey's proposal.

**Town Planners Also Want Town Hall On Exhibition Site**

Text only

Sun

25 April, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Sir James Barrett, Mr. F. W. Gates and Mr. George King of the Town Planning Council all approve Mr. Bailey's proposal.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 55**

**Eight Articles**

**NO RATIONING MOVE**

**Petrol Rumour Denied**

Text only

Argus

2 May, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A proposal forwarded for petrol rationing is denied in the House of Representatives.

**NEW TOWN HALL PROPOSAL**

**Exhibition Offered**

**PROPOSAL SUPPORTED**

Text only

Argus

16 May, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** The Building is officially offered to Melbourne City Council by State government for a new civic centre.

**EXHIBITION AS CIVIC CENTRE**

**Planners' Proposal**

Image and text

Wednesday, 15 May, 1940

Argus

**Content:** The post-war proposal is supported by the Town-planning Association and an artists impression shows the concept of the Civic Centre.

**TOWN HALL REMOVAL**

**Time Not Opportune**

Text only

Age

9 May, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Lord Mayor, Cr. A. W. Coles advises that the Town Hall concept had never been discussed by Council. The current Town Hall is estimated to cost is £1 000 000.

**Fountains to Play Again**

Text only

Age

17 May, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** City Council approves fountains to operate again. The fountains were stopped due to drought years before.

**EXHIBITION BUILDING ARENA**

Text only

Argus

1 June, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Advertisement for auction of large quantity of SH Building materials including copper wiring, rotunda, roofing and a native canoe.

## **INDOOR ROYAL SHOW IN SEPTEMBER**

### **Exhibition Decision**

Text only

Sun

No date

**Content:** The Royal Agricultural Society announce a Show in late September to replace the Royal Show.

### **Four New Seals For Aquarium**

Text only

No author

Nov 1940

**Content:** Four seals arrive from Seal Point, Westernport. The animals travelled from Cowes to Stoney Point in crates via ferry. The seals increase the population to six.

### **Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

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**PAGE 56**

**One Article and two photographs**

**IN AND ABOUT TOWN**

**Friend of Small Boys**

Text only

Herald

26 July, 1940 (in-text ink)

**Content:** H.I Cohen K.C. is appointed Exhibition Chairman after the retirement of J. G. Membrey. A portion of the Building is set aside for Victorian Association of Boys Clubs.

2 identical black and white photographs of fish and shells – one slightly bigger than the other.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 57**

**8 Articles and one photograph**

**Mr Barry, M.L.A., Exhibition Trustee**

Text only

Herald

10 November, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Barry is appointed Trustee, a decision that causes interest as it was Barry who prevented the sports oval from being leased the year before.

**Exhibition Youth Project**

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Text only

29 July, 1940 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Cabinet considers a proposal for a youth centre in part of the Building. Other future plans are discussed such as the addition of a mother's club, men's workshops and clubrooms, baby clinic, kindergarten, swimming pools, health clinics, playing fields and gymnasium.

**Mystery Of Steve Salamander**

Text only

Sun

12 February, 1941 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Steve the salamander, who was bought 18 months previously, has disappeared after a scrap with another salamander, Sam.

**TOO TIRED TO GO ANY FURTHER**

Text only

Herald

14 February, 1941 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** For the second time in two years, Sam the salamander makes an escape but is found asleep ten feet away.

**Alleged Thefts Of Lovebirds**

Text only

Herald

15 February, 1941 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Kevin E. Mexted is accused of stealing 11 lovebirds from the Aquarium.

**SEE THE SEA ANEMONES BEING FED**

Text only

Herald

? February, 1941 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Sea anemones, collected from Ricketts Point, by curator Henderson from are fed at the Aquarium.

**Devil-Fish**

Text only

Herald

21 July 1942 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A man-eating octopus arrives from Westernport. A descriptive account of the devil-fish is given.

**Photograph**

Aquarium Conjuror, David Bell, entertain troops. 1941 – No location given.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 58**

**Two Articles**

**AN IDUS IDUS SAT DOWN BESIDE US**

Text and cartoon images

Herald – Clive Turnbull

Saturday 1 April, 1944 – page 9 (text print)

**Content:** Gives a vivid description of what can be viewed at the Aquarium.

**Mystery of Nelson Letter In Aquarium**

Text only

Herald

5 April, 1944 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A piece regarding the Lord Nelson letter to the City of London. A call is made that if the letter is authentic it should be better conserved.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 59**

**Three Articles**

**Revelation That Rocked Naval Men**

Text only

Herald

4 April, 1944 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** President of the Navy League, Capt. S. A. Pidgeon, criticises the Lord Nelson letter was being kept at the Aquarium and called for a more fitting place for exhibition.

**AQUARIUM PROBLEM – HIGH PRICE OF FISH**

Text only

Herald

8 May, 1944 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Mrs Green expresses concerns about the fish stock during the war. Greens ability to care for the Aquarium stock during this time is critical.

**Unusual Responsibilities of a Woman Buyer**

Text and photograph

Age

Wednesday, 14 February 2017, 1945 (text print)

**Content:** Mrs Green speaks fondly of the care of her Aquarium animals and her struggles with obtaining stock.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 60**

**Three Articles**

**AUSTRALIANA:**

**Aquarium – Cyclorama**

Text and image

Argus – p. 13

J. ALEX ALLAN

1945

**Content:** Gives a well written account of the Aquarium and the Cyclorama (Eastern Hill).

**Novel Aquarium Displays**

Text only

Sun

July 21 (Saturday)

**Content:** A cuttlefish and its eggs appears at the Aquarium as well as black and white salamanders.

**Fish That Crave Comfort**

Text only

Herald

Saturday

**Content:** 1500 tropical fish are kept at 72-80 deg temperatures via heated pipes and electricity to avoid them getting sick.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 61**

**One Article**

**World Fairs in Many Countries**

**Their Varied Uses Trade and Tourists**

**Old-Time Ventures**

**Profit and Loss**

**Permanent Landmarks**

**Melbourne's First World Fair**

Text and image

Age – A.M.

13 October, 1945

**Content:** Reviews a comprehensive list of International trade fairs over a period of 90 years.

Article is slightly damaged at the bottom.

**Condition:**

**The Article:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

There is some curling, tears or staining

**PAGE 62**

**Four Articles**

**ROPING SAM THE SHARK**

Text and image

Herald

16 October, 1945 (handwritten ink)

**Content:** Sammy, the 7ft wobbegong shark, is moved into a bigger, cleaner tank.

**YESTERDAY SAMMY, THE WOBEGONG SHARK**

Text and image

Sun

17 October, 1945 (handwritten ink)

**Content:** The 7ft wobbegong shark which was caught in Bass Strait the week prior is moved to a larger tank.

**Seal Attacks Keepers**

Text only

Sun

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>, 1945 (handwritten ink)

**Content:** A seal attacks keeper, Mr. Huggan.

**INTERSTATE AND MELBOURNE REPRESENTATIVE**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A photograph of zoological representatives at Melbourne Zoo.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 62**  
**Four Articles**

**PAGE 64**

**Two Articles**

**ANGRY SEAL HAPPY AGAIN**

Text and photograph

Sun

Saturday, 29 December, 1945 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Angry seal that bit an attendant has a change of heart and puts on a great performance the next day.

**SEALS PUT ON ACT**

Text and photograph

Sun

11 January, 1946 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Clarry Martin feeds seals for 40 children from Brunswick Children's Centre.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 65**

**Three Articles**

**Domestic Bliss**

Text only

Age

19 January, 1946 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Fish are thriving in perfect Aquarium conditions including kissing gourami, black and white axolotls, and Spanish newts.

**Xmas Holidays**

Text and photograph

No author or date

**Content:** Aquarium Christmas holiday advertisement

**FISHES IS QUEER THINGS IS FISHES**

Text and photograph

The Weekly Times – Jean Boyett

21 May, 1947 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A graphic description of the Aquarium, its setting and stock.  
The bottom of the article is torn – part of the story missing.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

There is some curling, tears or staining

**PAGE 66**

**One Article**

**THE BEST SIXPENNYWORTH**

**Afternoon at the Aquarium**

**NETTING OUR OWN FISH**

**FISH ARE NERVOUS**

**FROM PLAIN TO GAY**

**SAMMY THE SEA LION**

Text and image

The Leader

23 January, 1946 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Since Mrs Greens appointment 22 new tanks have been installed and 20 heated. Mr. Peter Johnson supplies the Aquarium with local stock. Sammy the seal makes daring escapes.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

Article is torn and partially missing from the bottom.

**PAGE 67(a-b-c-d)**

**Two Articles**

**PLAYED UP TO THE GALLERY**

Text and image

Herald

25 February, 1946 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** Describes seals showing off for children.

**PROGRAMME OF AQUARIUM PARTY**

**“1890” NIGHT AT THE AQUARIUM**

8 March, 1946

**Condition:**

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Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 68**

**Two Articles**

**Aquarium Party in Aid of Food for Britain, Held Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 1946**

**Seen At "Gay 90's" Party**

**"1890" AT AQUARIUM**

Text and image

Herald

9 March, 1946 (handwritten – ink)

**Content:** A fancy dress fundraiser arranged by Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowen Pain to raise funds for post-war Britain – the Food for Britain Appeal. Mrs. Dorothy O'Keefe arrives as Queen Victoria and Isabel Green as the Countess of Carlton.

**S LETTERS (title partially missing)**

Text only

Bulletin

13 March, 1946

**Content:** A list of distinguished guests and their 'characters' attending the Food for Britain campaign.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

There is some curling, tears or staining

**PAGE 69**

**Two Articles**

**WE WERE AMUSED**

Text and image

Truth

Saturday, March 16, 1946 – page 18 (text ink)

**Content:** Some of the city's finest say 'to hell with the decorum' and enjoy the Food for Britain event.

**Back To The Nineties**

**For a Cause**

Text and image

Argus

9 March, 1946 – Vesta Junior

**Content:** The Bowen Pain's and Mrs. Green welcome over 200 guests to the Aquarium. Guests included characters such as Lord Beaconsfield, Ned Kelly & Queen Victoria.

**Condition:**

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Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 70**

**One Article**

**BRILLIANT PERIOD PARTY AT AQUARIUM**

**Guests Dress in Costume of 1890's**

**Grandmother's Frocks**

**Exalted and less Exalted**

**Enter the Queen**

Image and text

The Leader

March 13, 1946 (print ink)

**Content:** Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowen Pain host an 1890's dress party where characters such as Queen Victoria, Disraeli, Lord Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Clark, The Duchess of Carlton, Queen Alexandra Prince Edward, Lily Langtry and others attended. As part of the Food for Britain fundraiser, guests donated food or sent cheques. Some frocks are described in detail. Seals, cockatoo's and dogs performed for guests.

**Condition:**

**The Article:** Yellowed with age

Print and images are legible

Slight curling, tears – the article is extended across to page 71 making it slightly difficult read

**PAGE 71**  
**One Article**

**PEOPLE and PARTIES**

Text and image

Age

Saturday, 9 March, 1946

**Content:** Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowen Pain host a Food for Britain 1890's dress party where characters such as Queen Victoria and The Duchess of Carlton received guests. Some frocks are described in detail including one woman dressed as 'Bubbles', the Pears soap girl. Animals and a magician performed for guests.

**Condition:**

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Images and text is legible

There is some curling, tears or staining

**PAGE 72**

**ADELAIDE CONFERENCE**

**25.26.27 APRIL 1946 (handwritten ink)**

**Three Articles**

**Zoo Conference Delegates**

Text and Image

Date above – no author

**Content:** A photograph of zoological and museum delegates gather from across Australia to open the conference in Parliament House. Seated at the top is Isabel Green.

**Aquarium Manager – Only Woman At Zoo Delegates' Conference**

Text only

Date above – no author

**Content:** The article highlights Mrs. Isabel Green as being the only female attending the Adelaide conference. Green, who has held the position for the past eight years, believes she and only one other woman in the world (USA) hold a position as Aquarium manager. Green has literally turned the Aquarium from a 'white elephant' to a place visited by 100, 000 people per year.

**Australia "Just Hungry For Giraffes"**

**ADELAIDE NEEDS**

Text only

Date above – no author

**Content:** Mr. Clyne M.L.A., representing Taronga Zoo, claims there are only two giraffes in Australia and calls for the lightening of import rules so that more animals such as zebra, giraffe, rhinoceros, and flamingo be bought in. Mrs. Green reports that tropical freshwater fish are being successful bread at the Aquarium for the first time in Australia.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 73**

**Three Articles**

**Interstate Zoological Conference in Adelaide**

Text and image

No date – no author

**Content:** A photograph of delegates on the steps of Parliament House (Adelaide).

**PRAISE FOR ZOO DIRECTOR**

**Success In Breeding Animals And Birds**

**Too Many Lions**

**Overseas Exchanges**

Text only

No date – no author

**Content:** Chairman of Melbourne Zoological Gardens Board, Sir Herbert Oiney, praises the Adelaide Zoo saying Director, Mr. V. D. Haggard, on his zoological skills. Zoo executives appreciate working closely with Quarantine officials in importing animals from countries such as South Africa.

**Condition:** The article is partially missing as it is torn at the bottom.

**ZOO DELEGATES CONFER**

**Many Questions Discussed**

**Quarantine Regulation s**

Text only

No date – no author

**Content:** The third annual Zoological Gardens and Aquariums conference discusses areas of administration such as importations of animals from India, Malaya, Java, America, Canada and Africa. Mr. Brown reports he is about to leave for South Africa to negotiate with the Commonwealth Government. Overseas scholarships and animals exchanges are also discussed.

**Condition:** The article is partially missing as it is folded at the bottom.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

There is some curling, tears or staining

**PAGE 74**  
**Six Articles**

**MOTOR SHOW NEXT YEAR**

**R.A.A.F. to Leave Exhibition**

Text only

Age

8 August, 1946

**Content:** As the R.A.A.F. vacate the Building, the first Motor Show since 1939 is organised. Other events such as a chemical exhibition, Lord Mayor Pageant and school speech night are planned as well as extensive renovations such as the addition of tea rooms are discussed.

**RAAF Leaves Exhibition Tomorrow**

**BRITISH SHOW SORT**

Text only

Herald

2 October, 1946

**Content:** Reports of the RAAF departure and lists its 'business as usual' upcoming events. The Australian War Museum returns.

**EXHIBITION STAGING A COMEBACK**

**Rocky Dome**

**Odd Sidelight**

Text only

Herald

18 October, 1946

**Content:** Isabel Green promotes the 'Britain Can Make It' Exhibition. Descriptions are given of the state of disrepair to the Building, considerably the Dome, and Green shares her dreams of again holding an International AND Women's Exhibition. Mention is also made of the Stawell sandstone.

**Honorable Hara Kiri**

Text only

Age

30 November, 1946

**Content:** A memorial to the salamander that was bought to Aquarium fifty years ago and considered over 100 years old, quarrels with his 70 year old younger brother and consequently commits Hara Kiri.

**SECRETARY ...**

Text and image

PIX

28 September, 1946

**Content:** Describes the unusual job of Mrs. I. A. Green – both present and previous.

**EXAM TIME ARRIVES AGAIN**

No author or date

**Content:** Thousands of Intermediate, Leaving and Matriculation students arrive at the Exhibition Building to complete examinations.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

There is some curling, tears or staining

**PAGE 75**

**Six Articles**

**Aviation Delegates Entertained**

Text and image

Argus

30 January, 1947

**Content:** 70 UK, New Zealand and Australian delegates are entertained at a reception organised by Aviation Minister, Mr. Drakeford.

**No Title**

Text only

Age

30 January, 1947

**Content:** South Pacific Committee for Aviation and Ground Organisation and the South Pacific Committee of Meteorology are entertained by the Aviation Minister at the Aquarium yesterday.

**SAD END TO UNEVEN AQUARIUM FIGHT**

Text and image

Sun

5 December, 1946

**Content:** An attendant saves a smaller fish puts up a 3 hour struggle against a larger ling fish only to die later from its injuries.

**Their Noisy Test**

Text only

Sun

3 December, 1946

**Content:** A "FAIR PLAY" comment regarding students being distracted during exam time by noisy motor vans.

**Minister Chooses Fishy Place For Air Delegates' Reception**

Text only

Sun

30 January, 1947

**Content:** Aviation Minister, Mr. Drakeford, entertains international delegates at the Aquarium after Parliament House is not offered, as pointed out by building Chairman Sir Harold Gengoult-Smith. The seals -Minna, Sammy and Buff – performed for guests and were rewarding with mullet and salmon.

**EXAMINATIONS GO BACK TO EXHIBITION BUILDING**

Text only

Argus

5 December, 1946

**Content:** For the first time since 1940, student exams across all levels return to the Exhibition Building. A microphone is used for the first time and an increase in motor traffic is noticed.

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**PAGE 76**

**One Article**

**Exams Again at Exhibition**

**UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS**

Text and image

No author

Thursday, December 5, 1946 – PAGE SEVENTEEN (text ink)

**Content:** Large aerial photograph of hundreds of students sitting their exams. A feature photograph highlights Carmel Jowett, Santa Maria College, Northcote.

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**PAGE 77**

**Seven Articles**

**Community Festival**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** In an aim to highlight activities within the community, a festival of education, housing, health and childcare is held for a fortnight in May by the Children's Week Exhibition committee.

**ZOO & AQUARIUM LOSE POPULARITY IN HEAT**

Text only

Herald

28 December, 1946

**Content:** A long spell of hot weather sees falling numbers in Zoo and Aquarium attendees as Melbournians head to the beach. A paragraph highlights that a family of 30 Siamese fighters live harmoniously in one tank, something quite unusual.

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES REJECT COBB COACH OFFER**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Public Library Trustees decline the offer of the Henty families Cobb Coach stating that it was badly deteriorated and that they already had a fine example in their Collection.

**SEAL DIVES 20 Ft. FOR FOOD**

Text and image

Herald

3 January, 1947

**Content:** 10 year old Buff the seal catches his fish mid-air before diving 20ft. into his pool.

**A Dazzling Display**

Text only

Sun

6 January, 1947

**Content:** An opinion piece by HOPELESS on the roof being painted in such dazzling colours.

**A Skyline Is Scanned**

Text only

Sun

6 January, 1947

**Content:** DORIS replies to the earlier piece citing that more roofs should be painted brightly.

**QUOTA SYSTEM MADE RECEPTION IN AQUARIUM ESSENTIAL**

Text only

Argus

No date

**Content:** The proprietor of a Collins Street hotel criticises an earlier newspaper article claiming that hotels were booked up. He blames the food and liquor quota of private establishments as opposed to government events.

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**PAGE 78**

**One Article**

**It isn't What It Seems**

**PATHETIC LEGEND**

**"IT'S VANDALS"**

Text and image

Herald (Early Addition)

19 February, 1947

**Content:** While audiences enjoy the scientific discoveries of the Chemex exhibition, other notice the ruined state of the old Exhibition Organ which hadn't played since 1913. Mr. Ristrom demands that the back of Organ be examined and an inquiry be performed on its present state. Mrs. Green states that when she became Secretary eight years prior the Organ already had no 'innards' and that vandals had been stealing and destroying pieces of the structure for years.

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**Condition:**

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Images and text is legible

**PAGE 79**

**Two Articles**

**Pole-Sitter Taken To Hospital**

**HOURS FOR RESCUE**

**TWO SIT ON**

Text and image

Herald

28 August, 1947

**Content:** One of three pole-sitters, Mr. Les Howard, is taken to St Vincent's Hospital suffering from exposure and cramp. The other two pole-sitters remain in order to break the Australian record.

**CRAMP PUT HIM OUT OF CONTEST**

**Content:** An image of firefighters lowering Leslie Howard down in a harness.

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Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 80**

**Two Articles**

**THE HERALD ATOMIC AGE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION**

Text and cartoon image

Herald

Wednesday, 21 January 1948 – Page 2

**Content:** Advertisement for the Atomic Age and Industrial Exhibition which the Herald is sponsoring.

**Atom Theme Is Big Exhibition**

Text only

Herald?

3 January, 1948

**Content:** A large-scale model of the devastation of Hiroshima is highlighted at the Atomic Age and Industrial Exhibition opening January 22. The British exhibition has been bought out at great expense by the Herald and hopes to promote the positives of atomic power on human happiness. Proceeds go to charity.

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**PAGE 81**

**Three Articles**

**Alas, Poor Octopus**

Text and image

No author

January, 1948

**Content:** Buff, the seal, looks on hours before an octopus that was recently donated dies.

**Opened Oyster, Found Octopus**

Text only

No author

6 January, 1948

**Content:** Mr. Richard Atkinson discovers a 7in. octopus in a large oyster shell at South Melbourne and donates it to the Aquarium. The specimen is named Bernard.

**City's Fountains Have No Pumps**

**HOUSING FIRST**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The article cites that the City's fountains have not pumped water in years. The Council claims the lack of pumps because of the War years, water restrictions, the housing programme and recent findings of disrepair.

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**PAGE 82 & 83**  
**No Content**

**PAGE 84**

**One Article**

**History Has Been Made Here**

Colour image and text

Argus – Weekend Magazine

Ron Testro

7 February, 1948

**Contents:** The article portrays the Building as forlorn and forgotten as it is about to celebrate its birthday, 19 February 1879. The building was once a Palace destined for great things but is claimed to be a 'white elephant'.

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**PAGE 85**

**Three Articles**

**Alternative for Govt. Office Site**

Text and hand drawn map

Age

20 January, 1948

**Content:** Cr. O. J. Nilsen's original plans for Commonwealth offices in Melbourne is rejected and he proposes his alternative plan to use the Exhibition site. The proposal calls for 3 x 11 storey buildings over 5 1/2 acres with a substantial garden setting.

**CITY BUILDING PLAN MUST BE WATCHED**

Text only

Herald

20 January, 1948

**Content:** A 'special correspondent' weighs up the positives and negatives of Nilsen's plans should be placed under close scrutiny prior to Council approval calling it a 'folly of the worst order'.

**SITE SUGGESTED FOR FEDERAL OFFICES**

**Moves to scrap Exhibition Building fails**

Text only

Argus

No date

**Content:** Cr. Nilsen removes his proposal after Council strongly reject it claiming it is the '... silliest, stupidest, and most childish motion ever put to council'.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 86**

**Four Articles**

**CAR PARK PROPOSAL**

Text and image

Herald

18 February, 1948

**Content:** An aerial photograph taken by the Herald plane with an outline of the proposed car park.

**EXHIBITION PLAN**

**Parking for 1,000 cars**

Text only

Argus

No date

**Content:** The article outlines the attended asphalt carpark in the south and east ends explaining that it will only be open during the daytime and will not impede on the Buildings events.

**Two new car parks in city sought**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The Council asks the Federal and State government to relinquish land in order to free space for 200-400 cars. Tramways buses begin services from the Exhibition Building.

**“BUILD CAR PARKS UNDER GARDENS”**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Town Planning Committee chairman, Cr Hume, claims they only way to fix the city’s parking woes is to build car parks under Treasury, Flagstaff and Exhibition Gardens.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 87**  
**Four Articles**

**SMALLER NO-PARKING AREA PLAN IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IMMEDIATE CURE**

**POLICE APPROVE**

Text only

Herald

18 February, 1948

**Content:** After a conference considering the city's traffic and parking problems, the Exhibition site is brought into focus as an ideal location with RACV president, Sir Thomas Nettleford, claiming the Tramways Board should lend full support. Police also give their approval.

**Car Park?**

**PARKING SCHEMES IN CITY FOR 1500 CARS**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The Council presses the Federal and State government to relinquish land in order to provide public car parks. Tramways buses begin services from the Exhibition Building.

**100-CAR PARK PLAN AT EXHIBITION**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** A 1000 CAR PARK IS PLANNED AS Council bans kerbside parking. Exhibition Trustee, Mr. Ferguson, proposed the hours be 8:30am – 6:30pm and be charged at £5 a week or £1 a day.

**Parking Plan for 1000 Cars**

Text only

Age

No date

**Content:** Trustee's announce plans for car park and advise that the surrounding area would not be affected.

**Condition:**

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**Architects' Plan for Government Offices**

Text and hand drawn image

No author or date

**Content:** Two leading architects, Mr. Romberg and Mr. Overend, prepare designs recalling for the Exhibition site to be a location for Commonwealth Government offices.

**NO PARKING**

Text only

Age

11 March, 1948

**Content:** The State refuses to endorse the car park or office building at the Exhibition site.

**Exhibition camp for migrants**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** State Minister for Migration, Mr. Dodgshun, announces that a temporary State reception camp for 200 migrants is opening on the site. 40 to 50 huts will be bought in from Yarra Bend and Fawkner Park.

**No Gen On The Gentoo**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Gentoo Penguins and baby sea elephants arrive at the Aquarium from Antarctica. Mr. H. T. Roper explains that there is very little known of these species.

**Exhibition Camps For Migrants**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** State Minister for Migration, Mr. Dodgshun, announces that a temporary State reception camp for 150-200 migrants is opening and huts will be bought in from Fisherman's Bend and Fawkner Park.

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**PAGE 89**

**Three Articles**

**THREE OUTSIZE BABIES ARE BEING BOUGHT BACK**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Three baby sea elephants are being bought to Melbourne to be housed at the Zoo.

**NEW MIGRANT CAMP SITE  
WILL CLEAN UP EXHIBITION  
TRANSFER**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Aerial photograph shows the location of the proposed migrant centre encompassing the existing camp area. Isabel Green endorses the proposal stating the area is currently weed grown and attracts vandals.

**Sea Elephants Prove Fussy**

Text only

Age

6 June, 1948

**Content:** Chief Inspector of Fisheries and Game, Mr. A. D. Butcher, explains that the sea elephant babies will starve if not supplied a constant diet of squid.

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**PAGE 90**

**Two Articles**

**FOILED BY ICE-PACK**

**Faded Wyatt Earp Back From South**

Text and image

Sun

Friday, April 2, 1948 – PAGE 2 (text ink)

**Content:** Australian Antarctic Expedition Group Captain, Stuart Campbell, explains that the Wyatt Earp, after two months at sea and 7000miles later, is not suitably equipped for an expedition. The LST3501 is also expect to arrive the following day.

**ANNOYED BY PENQUIN – OR DUCK?**

**“ELEPHANTS” ARE OFF THEIR FOOD**

**CREW’S DOUBTS**

Text and image

Herald

Friday, 2 April, 1948 – Page 3

**Content:** An elephant seal baby roars its disapproval on its arrival to Melbourne. The sea elephants named, Ooey, Looy and Dooy, have not eaten for 14 days since leaving Macquarie Island. Penguins have also proven to be aggressive during the journey.

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**PAGE 91**

**Four Articles**

**MELBOURNE – So Let's Go**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Penguins and a seal are assisted ashore from the LST3501.

**SEA ELEPHANTS FROM ANTARCTIC**

**SO THIS IS MELBOURNE**

**WHAT BIG EYES YOU'VE GOT!**

**Sea Elephant breaks 14-day fast**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Sea elephants check on the scenery as they are transported into Melbourne. A close up portrait of a seal and Goey, the youngest seal, breaks his fast by eating a large fish.

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**Page 92**

**Two Articles**

**Evangelist Here On Lecture Tour**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** U.S. Evangelist, Dr. Hyman J. Appelman arrives to give 600 lectures across Australia.

**Wot! No Ice?**

**IN NEW SURROUNDINGS**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A sea elephant tentatively raises its head for a picture after a long wait by the photographer.

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**Page 93**

**One Article**

**SEAL FROM BASS STRAIT FLIPS INTO SUB URBAN BUTCHER'S SHOP**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A seal enters a butcher shop in Altona only to be returned to the sea.

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**Page 94**

**One Article**

**Seal Flips Back – In Verse**

Text and image

Sun – Don Joinson

16 April, 1948

**Content:** A poem about Flotsam, the seal that came ashore at Altona. Flotsam is then transported to the Aquarium.

**Condition:**

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Image and text is legible

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**SAMMY THE SEAL WON'T RETURN TO SEA**

**He Prefers The Garden**

**For Aquarium**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Mrs. N. Edwards awakes to find a seal in her front yard. The animal frightens 5yr old Gail Swain and eventually the neighbour, Captain P. W. Robertson has Aquarium staff come claim it.

**Sammy came to call**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The seal frightens 5yr old Gail Swain.

**Seal Settling Down Well**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Aquarium curator, Mr. W. F. Henderson, reports that Flotsam is settling in well.

**FULL HOUSE FOR FLOTSAM**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** 4000 people flock to the Aquarium to see Flotsam.

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**Page 96**  
**Three Articles**

**“Well Off?”**

Cartoon

By Wells?

No date

**Content:** A picture of the seal come ashore.

**Exhibition As Answer To Queue Problem**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The Exhibition Building is proposed to be a bookings office in order to solve the problem of queue-sitters in the CBD.

**THE PASSING SHOW**

**Away With the Cane!**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Oriel suggests that drama is a more effect discipline than the cane. Two poems regarding education and the sea elephants is quoted. The article is folded at the bottom.

**Condition:**

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**Page 97**

**One Article**

**SERVICE FOR CENTENARY**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** 1500 children attend Mass to celebrate the Melbourne Catholic Centenary.

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**Page 98**

**One Article**

**15,000 Children at Catholic Centenary Mass**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** 1500 children attend Mass to celebrate the Melbourne Catholic Diocesan Centenary.

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Page 99(b)

One Article

Great Centenary Functions at Exhibition

FORMER SPLENDOUR

EXHIBITION'S ORIGIN

WONDEROUS SCENE

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATIONS

MEMORABLE GATHERING

PEACE RALLY

Text and image

The Advocate

April 15, 1948 (in text ink)

**Content:** The full page article looks at events organised for the Melbourne Catholic Diocesan Centenary and gives an in-depth review of the 68 year history with the Building.

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**Page 100**  
**Three Articles**

**RALLY FOR ISRAEL**

**Jews Meet: Attack On Bevin**

**RABBI'S CHARGE**

Text and image

Sun

1 June, 1948 (handwritten ink)

**Content:** 4000 Jews protest the actions of British Foreign Minister, Mr. Bevin.

**Giant Ball In City: Plans For King**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** City Council plans for Royal visit next year and awaits the Kings approval.

**EVERY DAY "JUST FOR FUN," DAN BURKE**

Text and image

Argus?

No date

**Content:** Two photographs of Dan Burke hanging upside down in order to carry out repairs on the Dome.

**Condition:**

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**Page 101**  
**Three Articles**

**Badminton Action**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Miss N. Seagrave and Miss Barbara Comber are photographed making difficult moves during the Badminton Country Championships.

**New Angle On City**

**Exhibition 'Fine'**

Text only

Herald

28 September, 1948

**Content:** Lord Mayor Disney climbs the Fire Brigade tower to inspect buildings. He has high praise for the Exhibition Building

**New City**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** One of the occupiers of the Commonwealth building block questions why the Exhibition site was not chosen as it was deemed for demolition in their opinion.

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**Page 102 & 103**  
**Missing**

**Page 104 (a & b)**

**Two black and white photographs**

Two kangaroo's

A seagull

Handwritten ink

Regards and best wishes to a? very Charming Lady

Fred Stanley

November 48

**Page 105 (a & b)**

**Two black and white photographs**

A keeper with a koala and baby

A keeper with an elephant balancing on a platform

### **2000 At 'Over 60' Tea Party**

#### **Held Pride of Place**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Guests of the Central Methodist Mission attend a tea party. Comments are given by Mr. Percival Claringbould, Mrs. Rose Mitchell, Mrs. Eliza Coles, Mrs. Sarah Boatman give their opinions of the younger generation.

### **OKLAHOMA STAR FOR PEOPLE'S WINTER CONCERT**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The Exhibition building hosts a free winter season of Music for the People featuring its first performer, Baritone Robert Reeves, from the production, Oklahoma.

### **Bogus Car Park Attendants**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Police and Council receive complaints that men disguised as parking officers are parking cars, taking fees, and stealing the vehicles contents during the Motor Show.

### **Five shots failed to stop thief**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Police fire shots to prevent a thief from robbing two parked cars during the Motor Show.

### **250, 000 VISITED MOTOR SHOW**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Tipped as the most successful by Chairman Mr. Percy Rogers, The International Motor Show is attended by 250, 000 people.

### **Face-Lift?**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Questions are asked by HOOTING OWL as to whether the Exhibition building is a suitable location for the Music for the People event.

### **MUSIC FOR PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Mr. Gordon Sprigg of the Sunday Observance Council suggests that the Music for the People be a community services, not entirely church related.  
The article is curled on the left hand side making it difficult to read.

### **THE SALVATION ARMY**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** An invitation to the 1949 Congress Meeting (Saturday, 9 April).

Page 107

Two articles

**THE GOVERNMENT OF VICTORIA**

**presents**

**Music for the People**

Text only (red, white and blue)

**Content:** An official flyer presenting the Music for the People – Sunday 8 May, 1949.

Slightly curled on the bottom left hand side. Does not obscure print.

No title

Text only

Bulletin (handwritten ink)

**Content:** An opinion piece regarding the fountain with two kangaroo's with their tails between their legs.

**Condition:**

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Images and text is legible

There is some curling, tears or staining

**JUDGE UPHOLDS BAN ON TOWN HALL TALK**

**Rail Union's Offer**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The Supreme Court upholds a ban for Mr. John Rodgers of Australia-Soviet House to give a talk at the Town Hall. The Exhibition building also refuse to be held as a venue.  
The Australian Railways Union finally offer Unity Hall.

**Refused Exhibition**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Mr. Rodgers claims that Mr. Barry refuses his application to use the venue despite it not being 'engaged for 'tonight'.

**EXHIBITION BOOKED**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Exhibition chairman, Mr. Barry, explains that the refusal of Mr. Rodgers to speak at the Building was due to another function having already been booked.

**Condition:**

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**Page 108**

**Two articles**

**Old Glory Dance Flags**

Text and image

No author

8 June, 1948 (handwritten ink)

**Content:** 2000 people attend the Star Spangled Ball – an affair organised by the American Women’s Auxiliary for the Children’s Hospital.

The article is slightly folded on both sides making it difficult to read.

**Uncle Sam to Fore**

**COLOURFUL SETTING FOR “STAR SPANGLED BALL”**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The American flag and ‘Uncle Sam’ are used as a theme to decorate the Ball attended by 2000 people.

**Condition:**

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**Brilliant Setting For American Ball**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Ball for the American Women's Auxiliary commemorates Independence Day on July 4. The Building is suitably decorated in symbols of red, white and blue.

**Air Raiser**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** R.A.A.F. public relations officer, Burton Graham, announces the first Australian Aviation fair to be opened at the Building on September 10.

**Modern Homes Exhibition**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** American homes and city building techniques are highlighted in the upcoming Modern Homes Exhibition (20 October or 1 November?). The exhibition supports the Victorian Red Cross Society.

**Neimoller Will Cause Controversy Here**

**Sermon in Naples**

**Against Tribunals**

Text only

No author or date (Our Own London Correspondent)

**Content:** Criticism is given on how German Pastor, Martin Neimoller, will be in Melbourne considering his chequered past.

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**Condition:**

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**Page 111 (a + b)**

**One article**

**Beat The Band**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A contrast in audiences is shown in attendee photographs during a jazz concert by Rex Stewart, an American Negro trumpeter, and three Australian bands.

**Condition:**

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**Page 112**

**Two articles**

**A Brilliant Exhibition by the Aviation Industry**

**Australian Aviation Fair**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** An advertisement for the Australian Aviation Fair featuring TV talent, Alan Rowe (image).

**HELICOPTOR STIRS UP AIR – AND HATS**

**New 'drome will handle 50 Skymasters**

**Aviation eats up time and distance**

**Don't smoke at Exhibition**

**Moustaches, big and small**

**RAAF shows its new flag**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A Sikorsky helicopter lands during the opening of the Aviation Fair. Plans for the new Essendon airport are revealed. Newspapers display than narrowing of time and distance in travel. Smoking is prohibited due to the flammability of the displays. The new RAAF flag is flown from the Exhibition building.

**Condition:**

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**Page 113**

**One article**

**AVIATION FAIR OPENS WITH MEMORIES OF PIONEERS**

**Great progress since days of "mad kite flyer"**

**The old and the new**

**Sky highways**

**THEY CAME TO THE FAIR**

**Models zoom at 40mph**

**Proceeds will help the blind**

**DEADLY VAMPIRE IS KEY EXHIBIT**

**Video gives glimpse of future**

**Content:** Thousands attend the Aviation fair including children. Displays included helicopters, Vampire jet fighters, model gliders, and other aeroplanes. Melburnians witness video for the first time in the Television Theatre.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 114**  
**One Article**

**Every intending home builder should see this  
Expert "jury" to select best designs**

**U.S. DISPLAY**

Text and image

Age

12 October, 1949 (hand-written ink)

**Content:** The entire Building is filled with materials for the Red Cross Modern Home Show – the "House of Tomorrow" is constructed as a single display showing all the American innovations. Experts from University of Melbourne and the NGV judge each design.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 115**  
**Four Articles**

**Students Aid Red Cross**

Text and image

Herald

12 October, 1949 (hand-written ink)

**Content:** University architecture students examine 10 home models.

**MODERN HOME EXHIBITION**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Advertisement for the Modern Home Exhibition.

**Exhibition shows spirit of private enterprise**

**Plastics in the bathroom**

Text and image

Argus – Mr. D. B. Doyle President of the Building Industry Congress.

21 October, 1949 (hand-written ink)

**Content:** Mr. Doyle focuses on the building industry and its use of materials as needing to be satisfied for the building 'boom'.

Article folded on the right hand side making it difficult to read.

**40-Hour Week "Slaves and Packhorses" – HOUSING MINISTER**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Housing Minister, Mr. Warner, claims that women are not given the luxuries of coal or gas or any other services. Woman critiques the "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" designs.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 116**  
**Two Articles**

**Showing follies of past and hopes for future**

**Will Stand Test of Time**

**Ant-clock**

**Ministers plea for housewives**

**Young architect's design**

**FOR HANDYMAN**

Text and image

Argus

Friday, 21 October 1949

**Content:** Victorian designers, architects and planners come into attention during the Red Cross Home Show through the theme of past, present and future.

The article is folded on the right hand side making it difficult to read.

**FULL SCALE HOME BUILT ON STAGE**

**PRAISE FOR WORKMEN**

**New era for furniture in Australia**

**Live softly on rubber**

**What went into the exhibition**

**Small home models by young architects**

**Each has plan**

**New materials**

**Content:** Different aspects of the Home Show are highlighted including the materials used and the those involved with its design and building.

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**PAGE 117**  
**Three Articles**

**FIRE RISK SLACKNESS ADMITTED**

**Commission Oversight At Motor Show**

Text only

No author

May 1949

**Content:** Mr. E. A Hepburn criticises the Health Commission for slackness in approving fire safety plans.

The article is partially missing as it is folded at the bottom.

**FIRE RISK AT MOTOR SHOW**

Text only

No author

May 1949?

**Content:** Exits are padlocked during the Motor Show which was attended by 250 000 people.

**Exhibition fire hazard must end, Minister says**

**Opinions differ**

**“One of the worst risks”**

**“Thoroughly equipped”**

Text only

No author

May 1949?

**Content:** Chief secretary, Mr. Leggatt, advises that there will an overview of fire precautions in light of authorities doing nothing. There is a difference of opinion in that Gengoult and Green believe the Building is safe.

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**PAGE 118**  
**Two Articles**

**Wrapped Up in Himself**

Text and image

Age

Friday, 13 January 1950 (text ink)

**Content:** A photograph of one of the seals patting himself on the back.

**High Diving at the Aquarium**

Text and image

Age

Thursday, 9 February 1950 (text ink)

**Content:** A photograph of seals high diving.

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**PAGE 119**  
**Three Articles**

**What Goes On?**

**But, really, do fish ever shiver?**

Text only

Argus – John Bryan

19 February, 1950

**Content:** Mr. Henderson protests the idea that fish shiver and that the English goldfish have ‘flu, more likely scale. Henderson describes the angel fish and seahorses as being problematic.

**Fish Get Swimming Eyes, Too**

Text only

Sun

7 February, 1950

**Content:** The article discusses the fish feeling the effects of the cold weather and get ‘flu.

**The fish are her friends**

Text and image

Women’s Day – Esme Johnston

24 April, 1950 – pg. 37 (in-text ink)

**Content:** Isabel Green comments on the 11 years she has been Aquarium manager and the care of the animals in her care and the day to day care of the Building.

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**America Honored at Sunday Concert**

**People's Memorial**

Text only

No author or date

Content: 10 000 people attend the Music for the People Concert to celebrate American Memorial Day. The event was attend by many delegates and entertainment was of an American focus. For the first time the New Australian Rhapsody (Bela Dolesko) was performed, a piece expressing the experiences of a displaced person and their freedom they had gained in Australia. A proposal for a memorial is also forwarded.

**He Sat on Mr. Casey's Knee**

Text and image

Age

Monday, May 29, 1950 (in-text ink)

**Content:** Alex Sucher sits on the knee of Minister for National Development, Mr. Casey, during the Music for the People concert.

**Big Mechanical Exhibition**

Text only

Herald

20 May, 1950 (hand-written ink)

**Content:** Local and national exhibitors booked over half the ground floor space for the Twentieth Century Mechanical Exhibition.

**Music Enticed the People in Here**

Text and image

Age

Monday, 29 May, 1950 (in-text ink)

**Content:** A photograph of the attendees at the Music for the People concert.

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**Page 121**

**Two articles**

**Premier hits offices plan**

**“Displaced”**

Text only

Argus

30 May, 1950 (hand-written ink)

**Content:** Premier, Mr. Hollaway, disagrees with continuing suggestions that the Exhibition Building be used for Commonwealth Government offices. Mr. Harrison, Chamber of Automotive Industries states that to do this would mean no more motor shows of this caliber in Australia.

Reference is also made to there currently being a migrant centre onsite.

**... AND ALL THIS -**

**Cat-calling teeners urge on rival jitterbugs**

Text and image

Sun

22 May, 1950 (hand-written ink)

**Content:** Dancers and revelers enjoy the entertainment of the Cavalcade of Jazz concert in aid of the Melba Memorial Sound Shell Appeal. Shenanigans of the 10 000 attendees are also reported as well as a photograph of a man sleeping through the festivities.

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Page 122

One article

**THIS LITTLE DICKY-BIRD FLEW FROM MOSCOW**

**Sponsored By Moscow**

**Secretaries Are Clergymen**

**Youth Divisions 'Curtain-raiser'**

**Unsupported By Pacifists**

**Russia couldn't want war, 'Red De ... tells great crowd**

**Russian visit**

**"Give him a hearing"**

**Both sides**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The article draws on a "Peace Congress" and the Trojan Dove in that it is sponsored by Russia's Communist Party and local unions are blamed for wanting to start a petty cash fund.

Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury describes to a crowd of 10 000 who attend the 4 day Peace Congress what would occur if Melbourne were hit by a H Bomb and interjects that there are no concentration camps in Russia, nor did they want war.

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**Page 123**

**Two articles**

**Dean at Crowded Peace Conference**

Text and image

Age

Monday, April 17, 1950 (in-text ink)

**Content:** A photograph of Peace Conference attendee's and Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury.

**NO MORE WAR!**

No author or date

**Content:** Advertisement for the Peace Conference.

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### **A GREAT PUBLIC RALLY**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** An advertisement regarding the Peace Rally authorized by the Democratic Rights Council.

### **TRUSTEES FIRM ON HALL BAN ON RIGHTS COUNCIL**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Exhibition Building trustees stand firm that the Building will not be rented to the Democratic Rights Council. The article is partially covered making it difficult to read.

### **NO "RED" RALLY IN EXHIBITION**

#### **Members protest**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Sir Harold Gengoult-Smith argues that the Democratic Rights Council did not use the Building according to the rules and would not be rented to them for the opening of the People's Assembly of Human Rights. The article is partially folded making it difficult to read.

### **COURT MOVE FOR USE OF EXHIBITION**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The Democratic Rights Council are granted a court application showing they are not allowed to use the Building, citing they are not affiliated with the Australian Peace Council.

### **Court Order on Exhibition Use**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The Practice Court requests the Exhibition Building Trustee's to show cause as to why the Democratic Rights Council for their 14 September event opening.

### **POLICE GUARD ON HALL**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Lord Mayor O'Dea requests a police guard on the doors of the Town Hall to prevent "Ban the Bomb" protesters storming the building on August 30.

#### **Rights Body and Mayor**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** 20 members of the Democratic Rights Council approach Mayor J. S. Disney at his home to lobby for use of the Exhibition Building.

### **WOMEN FIND MRS. GREEN IS A TRUE SISTER OF MENZIES**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Isabel Green refuses to discuss the Building's usage with a delegation of women from the Democratic Rights Council claiming it was a communist sponsored organization.

**Use of Exhibition by Rights Council**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Democratic Rights Council secretary, Mr. O'Connor, states Supreme Court action will be used to persuade Trustees to follow their civic duty.

**Rights Council "Communitistic"**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The State A.L.P. calls that members of the Democratic Rights Council are communists and must resign from the Party immediately.

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### **Exhibition Trust Upheld**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Mr. Justice Coppel of the Practice Court upheld the decision of Trustee's not to allow the Democratic Rights Council use of the Building whilst also expressing dismay that prejudices are undesirable in choosing who can use the Building.

### **...ATIONS PROTEST REFUSAL TO LET THE EXHIBITION BUILDING?**

#### **Trustees Give Sound Ground**

Text only

No author or date (Thursday 8 August, 1950?)

**Content:** Democratic Rights Council secretary, Mr. Frank Hartley disputes the claim that that he insulted Mrs. Green claiming he had recorded messages and Mrs. Green's statement that this did not occur.

### **Poor Crowd at Indoor Sports Night**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** 1000 people attend the 1952 Olympic team fundraising event which included athletics, wrestling, boxing, basketball, weight lifting, fencing, badminton, roller cycling and volley ball.

### **Nightwatchmen Feel Aggrieved**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Nightwatchmen protest cuts to wages as decided by the Court of Industrial Appeals.

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**Page 126 & Page 127**  
**No articles**

### **THESE SAVE TOIL IN KITCHEN**

#### **Mechanical Show**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The article highlights the latest home appliances and gadgets such as the 'electric hostess', 'Teasmade' an electric vitamiser, washing machine and dryer for the "20<sup>th</sup> Century" mechanical exhibition.

### **GADGETS GALORE STEAL THE SHOW**

#### **Final tests made**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The article highlights the latest home appliances and gadgets such as the 'Teasmade', electric lawnmower, Drizone, and watch timer for the "20<sup>th</sup> Century" Mechanical Exhibition. The opening is not until 8:00pm (10:00am London time) and is opening by Lord Birdwood.

#### **You Just Press a Button and ...**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The article highlights the opening of the exhibition by Lord Birdwood who, by pressing a button in London, started a printing press and a series of radio signals. It also highlights the latest home appliances and gadgets such as the ultrasonic washing machine, microfilm recorders and RAAF radars.

### **BRISTOL HERCULES AERO ENGINE**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A photograph of Ken Richards with the Bristol Centaur aircraft engine.

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**Page 129**

**Four articles**

**Showgrounds Doubts As Olympic “Home”**

**NO GUARANTEE**

Text only

Steve Hayward

No date

**Content:** A decision by the Melbourne Olympic Organising Committee to only offer the Showgrounds the right as a stadium, excluding the swimming and diving pools, is proposed.

**Industry Show for Centenary**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The Centenary and Jubilee Industrial Exhibition showcasing the States industrial achievements over the past century is announced with proceeds going to the Lord Mayors fund for metro hospitals and charities.

**Exhibition for centenary**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Premier, Mr. McDonald, announces the Centenary and Jubilee Industrial Exhibition to be held in March or April the following year.

**THIS CAN BE UP IN A WEEK!**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Mr. J. L. Spooner showcases a home for the industrial exhibition which can be built by four men over the course of a week.

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**Page 130**  
**Seven articles**

**Tradition stays ... uniforms change**

Text and image

Herald

March 1951

**Content:** A photograph of Miss. Josephine Claxton showcases miniature uniforms from the HMAS Iris and Sydney.

**10,000 May Dance At Ball For King**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Lord Mayor, Sir James Sidney, announce the visit of 'Their Majesties' and there had been a committee formed to make the arrangements. The first time the people of the Commonwealth will be visited by a reigning monarch.

**Exhibition To Be Car Park**

**"IDEAL PLACE"**

Text and image

Herald

28 March 1951 (Hand-written ink)

**Content:** After Council bans private parking in the CBD area, Exhibition trustee, Cr. J. W Ferguson, announces a 1000 car spaces becomes available on the 9 April at the Exhibition grounds.

**Exhibition Area Parking Plan**

**Premier's View**

Text only

Age

29 March, 1951 (Hand-written ink)

**Content:** Trustee's consider the grounds to be open for public parking. Current parking areas are only open for events. Premier McDonald also agrees as long as pedestrians and parklands are not impeded.

**Exhibition For Car Parking?**

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** Trustee's meet on Thursday to discuss onsite car parking arrangements.

**TALK SOON ON EXHIBITION CAR PARKING**

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** After two years of considerations, Trustee's meet on the 19 April to discuss car parking arrangements. While it would be considered a public car park it would still remain closed during big events.

**Parking Plan for Exhibition**

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** A carpark proposal is submitted to Trustee, Cr. J. W. Ferguson. Discussions involve whether Trustee's would handle the management or whether it would be leased to a private concern. No decision is reached and the matter carried on to 17 May.

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**Page 131**

**Three articles**

**OLD WORLD SPLENDOR MARKS JUBILEE PAGEANT**

**Few gate-crashers wi... 8000 Exhibition gues...**

**Colorful uniforms**

Text and image

Sun

Thursday, 10 May, 1951 – Page 3

**Content:** 8000 guests and 160 gate crashers attend the State Government's Commonwealth Jubilee Pageant. The program included a re-enactment of the opening of Federal Parliament, a 21 gun Royal salute, dancing, singing performances, and a mock trial. The article is tattered on the right hand side making it difficult to read.

**No title**

Text and image

No date or author

**Content:** A photograph of Mr. McKell inspecting the guard of honour.

**Jubilee**

**Few Flags**

Text only

No author or date – with Sundowner

**Content:** The article speaks highly of the Federal Parliament opening at the Jubilee but also the disappointment as only a few flags flying and no special souvenir

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**UNINVITED WANT TO SEE PAGEANT**

**Threats To Gate-crash At Exhibition**

Text only

No author (Herald?) or date

**Content:** People, particularly those who attend the opening of Federation and their families, threaten to Gatecrash the 'invitation only' Jubilee historical pageant

Article is folded in the middle making it difficult to read.

**BRILLIANT EFFECTS IN STATE PAGEANT**

**Vice-Regal party**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** A list of impressive dignitaries arrive to celebrate The Australian Natives' Association pageant to commemorate the opening of Federation.

**Show Business**

Text only

No author or date

**Contents:** Criticism is given on the state of the Town Hall and Exhibition Building in terms of holding exhibitions.

**The Exhibition Building**

Text only

No author or date

**Contents:** Mr. H. W. Harrison, secretary and organiser of the International Motor Show lays very little criticism on the Building.

**A PLACE in THE SUN**

Text only

No author or date – with Sundowner

**Content:** Verdon Williams, Yehudi Menuhin and the 3DB Orchestra perform at the Building.

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**Page 133**

**Four articles**

**Historic Day Recalled**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A photograph of the actors on stage during the Jubilee re-enactment attended by 8000 attendees.

**Sailors' rest**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The Exhibition building will become a Naval Leave Centre containing 300 beds and meal facilities at a cost of £30 000.

**Beds for young tars here soon**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The renovated wing will hold 300 beds, lounge and recreation rooms, hot and cold meals, canteen, lockers and showers

**BRILLIANT SCENES AT PAGEANT**

**Federation Re-enacted**

**The Highlight**

**Plaque**

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** 8000 people attend to watch the reenactment of the opening of Federal Parliament which occurred some 50 years prior. Governor General, Mr McKell presents a plaque honoring the occasion which is situated in the south-east corner of the building. Other highlights included singing performances and an reenactment of the birth of the R.A.N.

**There's no privacy for a lost macaw**

**"BABBLING"**

Text and image

No date or author (Herald?)

**Content:** A £100 macaw escapes from the Aquarium causing havoc in the community.

**SEE A BLUE PARROT?**

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** A reward is offered for the return of the African blue macaw.

**THE MACAW:**

**'HOME, JAMES'**

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** After flying for what is estimated to be 50 miles, the macaw is finally caught in Hawthorn.

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**LOVE TRAPPED LOST MACAW**

**Not a squawk**

**Sat sulking**

Text and image

No date or author

**Content:** After being attacked by an eagle hawk and some magpies, the escaped male macaw is eventually lured to capture by the calls of a female injured parrot. The escapee parrot is returned to a heated cage to prevent ill side effects from its adventures.

**Parrot**

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** Mr. Hitchcock, the National Museum birdman, is interviewed about the biology of the macaw. A species of 20 different colour varieties who eat hard nuts and live to 50 is described.

**MACAW CAUGHT**

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** A small announcement regarding the macaw being caught at the bakery on Auburn Rd, Auburn, at 2:40pm.

**£100 parrot found in a tree-seed trap today**

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** A seed trap is planned to entice the macaw however Isabel Green hold faint hopes for its return.

**Thanks for Macaw**

Text only

No date or author

**Content:** Isabel Green thanks the Herald newspaper and local community for their support in capturing the macaw.

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**Page 136 & 136 (a)**

**Two articles**

**CIVIC FUNCTION AT £42,000**

**Cost of Royal Ball Reduced by £8000**

Text only

Age

14 August, 1951 (hand-written ink)

**Contents:** A proposal to have the Ball held at the Town Hall is denied while discussion involves the cost of the event at the Exhibition Building and that only the elite would attend leaving general out the general community.

**CITY COUNCIL PARTY (ROYAL)**

**AT £42,575**

Text only

Sun

14 August, 1951 (hand-written ink)

**Contents:** The Council approve the Royal Ball to be held at the Exhibition Building and an additional £16,000 being allocated for the lighting of St. Kilda Road. Criticism is held that the costing will put the event out of the reach of the general public and a proposal of a race meeting at Flemington Race Course is suggested as well as a children's party.

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**Page 137 & 137 (a)**

**Four articles**

**Sir, Isn't Fifty Grand The Disney Limit?**

**Wot, No Change?**

**BIG COST OF BALL**

**Prizes Galore**

Text only

Melbourne Truth

10 August, 1951?

**Content:** Criticism of the costing of Ball (making an antiquated barn into a modern ballroom) when major city project works are put aside. The outdoor arena is proposed to allow everyone to attend. Prizes are also proposed for the best dancers of the night and suggestions of food and grog to be served.

**Royal Ball – and old folks' tea**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Rev. Dr. C. Irving Benson proposes that while the Building is still decorated for the Ball that the Wesley Church Central Mission hold their old folks' tea which is attended by 2000 attendees.

**EXHIBITION**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** An opinion piece by VICTORIAN (Trafalgar) stating the money for the Ball should be spent exclusively on Building projects.

**Lady tells a Fish Story**

**PRIME MINISTER'S SISTER AT ROTARY**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Secretary and manager, I. H. Green, gives an account of the Aquarium and Building goings-on at a Williamstown Rotary Club luncheon. She also bemoans the price of fish and tells a tale of her own local paltry catch.

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**Car park at Exhibition if street ban imposed**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Lord Mayor, CR. Nilsen, voices his disapproval of a business proposal of 500 car park being opened on Exhibition grounds if parking fines were imposed in streets.

**OPENING NIGHT**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** An advertisement of the Royale Ballroom with Stan Bourne's Band.

**Extra "6d" sign was on, then off – but it'll be on again**

**CROWDED OUT**

**Hundreds can park here**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** "bob-all-day" parking signs are changed to 1/6. Parking inspectors claim motorists sought free parking or one bob areas in side streets to avoid the increases. The lord Mayor notes there was also parking available at Exhibition grounds.

**GRAND BALLROOM OPENING**

Text only

Thursday, 3 April, 1952 – Page 19 (in-text print)

**Contents:** An advertisement for the opening (Saturday, 5 April) of the most modern ballroom in the southern hemisphere holding 1200 dancers.

**Royal ballroom**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** While the Royal tour is postponed, works continue on the Royal Ballroom. The venue includes air conditioning, cloak-rooms and catering facilities for events such as a Cabaret ball holding 1270 attendees.

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**ROYAL BALL WILL BE 'FAIRYLAND'**

**9 p.m. arrival**

Text only

Argus

Tuesday, 15 January, 1952

**Content:** Princess Elizabeth will attend a City Council Ball on 19 March. The Building will be transformed with 15, 000 plants and decorative banners. The Royal party is expected to arrive at 9:00pm and all arrangements are on target.

**26 to 1 Winner**

**A PLACE In THE SUN.. with Sundowner**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The Weatherman, after reviewing the past 25 years, wins the bet that the Royal visit will be met with clear, fine and mild conditions.

**Roundabout**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Premier. MacDonald and Mr. W. Townsend comment on the surrounding of the recently opened Ballroom. The first Ball being the White Ensign Ball for naval officers on March 28.

Text only

No title, author or date

**Content:** An opinion piece regarding the Flinders Street subway and the Ballroom dance floor.

**Where 12, 000 can dance**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Two Ballrooms holding 12, 000 guests are revealed in colours of pink, green and white. Smaller side tables also create an intimate atmosphere.

Text only

No title, author or date

**Content:** Exhibition Chairman, W.C.L Townsend, comments on the two ballrooms; the larger holding 1800 dancers, the smaller 200. The venue consists of a glass entryway and furnishings consist of motif of rose-pink, white, and grey.

**Tried the floor**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Cr. Nilsen and Mrs. Joyce Bosley are the first dancers to try the new Ballroom floor.

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**Lord Mayor danced tango!**

**Ballroom "fit for a Queen" in Melbourne**

**All colors**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Exhibition Trustee's invest £50, 000 to convert the 70 year old Exhibition Palais Royale into the "Royale Ballroom". The postponed trip of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh saw many dignitaries praising the Ballroom opening. The pink and silver ceiling, other furnishings, and the only air conditioner installed in a dance hall are described with high praise.

**Royal Ballroom**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The new Ballroom is a welcome addition in a town that lacked such venues which could cater for many. The Ballroom contains a glass entryway with lounge, the main ballroom and a smaller ballroom. Grey pillars hold brocade curtains which can be hung to separate the rooms.

Text only

No title, author or date

**Content:** 1000 dancers took to the floor during the White Ensign Ball. Floral arrangements included hydrangeas, dahlias, gladioli, phlox, and delphinium. Many naval dignitaries attended with their wives and their gowns are described in detail.

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**Page 141**  
**Four articles**

Text only

No title, author or date

**Content:** Committee members busily review the event during the White Ensign Ball. A number reduction to 800 attendees is proposed.

**£40,000 Royal ballroom holds 1200, but ----->**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The Royal Ballroom opens to no Royal dancers. Australian professional ballroom dancers, Jack and Joyce Bosley, open the event with a performance. High praise is given by Premier MacDonald, with costs of the renovations being collected through hall hire and public admission fees.

**MELBOURNE GAY LAST NIGHT**  
**HUNDREDS AT BIG CHARITY FUNCTION**

Text only

Sun

Saturday, March 29, 1952 (in-text ink)

**Content:** Dignitaries such as the Lord Mayor and Sir John Collins attend the White Ensign Ball charity event to raise funds for the recently opened Naval Club for ratings at the Building.

The article is slightly folded on the left hand side making it difficult to read.

**In New Ballroom at Exhibition**

Text and image

Age

Saturday, March 29, 1952 (in-text ink)

**Content:** A photograph of Mrs. Gilbert Walsh, Mrs. P. McCumisky and Mrs. Robert McLeish attending the White Ensign Ball.

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Page 142

Five articles

### People, Parties

#### "White Ensign" Ball

##### Official Party

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** 1000 attend the opening the Royal Ballroom with the 'White Ensign' Ball. Descriptions are given of the floral arrangements and furnishings with naval officers not in uniforms due to the 'mourning period'. White Ensign Club president, Mr. K. G. Lucas and his wife, welcomed dignitaries and guests. Gowns worn on the night are described in detail.

### How they celebrated

#### DANCE TOPPED DAY OF GAJETIES

Text only

Argus

29 March, 1953 (hand-written ink)

**Content:** 1000 dancers were in best bib and tucker when they attended the main town social function, the White Ensign Ball.

#### A CLUB FOR RATINGS

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A photograph of the Prime Minister's wife, Mrs. Menzies, with White Ensign Club Presidents wife, Mrs. Luke at the opening of the Ball.

#### Off target, but got a shot in

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Mr. Menzies makes an error aircraft names, Glory and Vengeance, there is quick banter between him and Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins.

Text only

No title, author or date

**Content:** Commodore H. J. Buchanan sees his dream come true with the auspicious opening of the first White Ensign Club. Prime Minister Menzies and President Mr. Ken Luke open the £30, 000 club that will house and feed 300 men. The Club being built in the East wing annexe is Isobel Green's suggestion and will be staffed by female volunteer helpers.

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**Page 143**

**Two articles**

**Prime Minister 'splices the mainbrace' with the Navy**

Text and image

Argus

Saturday, March 22

**Content:** After inspecting the naval hospitality club, Prime Minister Menzies 'splices the mainbrace' sharing a pint with other naval officers.

**With naval precision ...**

**SAILORS' CLUB NOW OPEN**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Government and naval dignitaries attend the opening of the White Ensign Club. The article is folded on the left hand side making it difficult to read.

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

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**Page 144**

**Two articles**

**Land Club for Our Sailors**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A photograph of a sailor enjoying a drink with Prime Minister Menzies at the opening of the £25, 000 naval club.

**A TOAST – WITH A VENGEANCE**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A photograph of sailors enjoying a drink with Prime Minister Menzies to the aircraft carrier, Vengeance.

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**Condition:**

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**ALL NATIONS WOMEN'S SHOW HERE NEXT YEAR**

Text only

Sun

Friday, 28 March, 1952 (in-text ink)

**Content:** The Queen Victoria Hospital plans to open a 6 week International Women's Activities Exhibition in October/November 1953 at the Building. The proposal includes that it opened by a member of the Royal family. Proceeds will go to the Lord Mayors Fund, earmarked for the Queen Victoria. Countries included would be the United States, France, Russia, Canada, New Zealand, India, Ceylon, China, Indonesia, and Brazil. Hospital president, Lady Brookes, and organizing chairman, Mr. Sutton discuss the exhibition with the Prime Minister as they seek Commonwealth funding but also ascertain that profits from the Made-In-Australia exhibition would also be used.. The exhibition would highlight laundry work, housework, fine arts and sciences equally.

**"Clarrie" flops in on Williamstown**

Text and image

No author (Herald?) or date

**Content:**

Three Williamstown students discover a stranded seal and name it Clarrie. The seal is sent to the Aquarium to be housed with other seals.

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**Page 146**

**One article**

**Ceremonial at Congress**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A photograph of a procession, including Governor-General Sir William McKell and Lord Mayor, lead the Australasian Medical Congress.

**Condition:**

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Page 147

One article

**MEDICAL SCHOOL OVERCROWDING**

**President's Warning at Congress Opening**

**Country Schools**

**Colorful**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** At the biggest medical conference in Australia's history, Australian Medical President, Sir John Newman-Morris, claims that medical school attendance is limited to how much accommodation a city can provide. Current schooling conditions meant that four states – Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia – had to educate six states and calls for medical school in Western Australia and Tasmania are proposed. The conference was attended by 1200 doctors in colorful academic gowns and 1000 distinguished citizens and wives in elegant gowns.

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### **BUILDING CRISIS OVER PLUMBERS**

#### **Extension is threatened**

#### **Motor Show to go on**

Text only

No author

17 April, 1952 (handwritten ink)

**Content:** Failed talks between the union and Master Builders Association see plumbers begin a 9 week 'black' ban on Public Works seeing rain pouring into the Building impeding stands to be installed for the Motor Show and leaking through the roof of the new Royal Ballroom. Isabel Green announces the Motor Show will go ahead, just with less facilities.

### **UNION BAN CAUSED THIS**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A photograph of staff mopping up the Building after plumbers fail to repair guttering holding up preparations for the Motor Show.

### **PLUMBERS' BAN MAY POSTPONE CAR SHOW**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** In protest of the State Wages Board not to increase marginal pay rates, the Plumbers Union, refuses to complete works which may postpone the Motor Show. The block may have to close thus effecting other areas such as the Migrant camp, Aquarium and White Ensign club. The article is folded at the bottom/right making it difficult to read.

### **Plumbers move to settle dispute**

#### **Stop-work call**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** The Plumbers Union approach the Industrial Appeals Courts to settle the nine week old dispute. The Union will again ask the Plumbers Wages Board for a 10shilling a week increase after banning overtime and having plumbers on master builder's sites. A stop work meeting is proposed for the plumbers of the Melbourne Harbour Trust while it is also agreed that plumbing works on the Exhibition Building, repairing the leaking roof.

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**Governor Among Guests at Army Nurses' Dinner  
"Scarlet and Grey"  
"Originals"**

**Tributes:**

Text and image

Age

Thursday, July 3.

**Content:** 560 nurses from three units and the Australian Red Cross attend the "Scarlett and Grey" dinner held to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps. Sir Dallas and Lady Brooks headed proceedings. Event decorations consisted of scarlet and grey tables decorated with poinsettia and sprig of holly. The association formed in 1907 and nine original members attended. The Governor gives a rousing tribute thanking the nurses for their work.

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**Page 150**

**One photograph**

**QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION AT THE EXHIBTION**

Edwin G. Adamson, A.R.P.S., Photographer.

A fold out photograph of the west wing annexe with attendees of the Quarterly Communication.

**Condition:**

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**FIRE KILLED FISH AND MANY BIRDS**

**“Aquarium Cannot be Replaced” – Director**

**Seals survive**

**Camp danger**

**Moved machines**

**Brawls**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Most fish and other species perish during the Aquarium fire. Director, Mr. A. C. Jones, claims that costs run into £100, 000 and that the Aquarium cannot be replaced. Jones notes that he only left his office a few moments before and friend alerted him to the smell of smoke. He returned to find the interior engulfed. Fish species boiled to death while the seals escaped in their pool. Ned Kelly’s suit of armor was not damaged.

Mr. Arthur Watson, caretaker of the State Immigration migration centre and three Yugoslav migrants assisted immediately using fire equipment installed in the camp a week before. Mr. Watson claimed the 30 hut centre was vacant at the time as flames came dangerously close through overhanging branches. Community kicked in walls to assist birds in escaping.

Mr. Mitchell, organizer of the Engineering Exhibition, while the Lincoln Engineering Company moves £20, 000 of machinery out of the Building, announces the exhibition will still proceed as crews mop up fire and water damage. An off-duty Carlton fights off flames from the roof the Royal Ballroom dressed in nothing but trousers and singlet. The event saw six people arrested for brawling.

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**Page 152 (a & b)**

**Three articles**

**They aim to end echoes at Exhibition**

**Impossible**

**Delay it**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation tests the Hall claiming there a 10 second reverberation in sound making hearing difficult. 30 loud speakers and a column of 13 speakers are used to research and resolve the 'echo' issue.

**THIS NOVEL AMERICAN CARD**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** A photograph of commercial art student, Miss Meg Harry, holding a Christmas card at the Advertising Arts Exhibition.

**ART REVIEW**

**Elation at advertising display, deflation at the Gallery**

**Ideas in taste**

Text and image

Alan McCulloch, Herald Art Critic

**Content:** McCulloch discredits the Exhibition Building as a space to show art but praises the Swiss on their imagination in transforming the space into frivolity and dignity. Television commercials are shown in a small theatre designed for the exhibition.

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**Page 153 (a & b)**

**One double-page article**

**AQUARIUM DESTROYED BY FIRE: EXHIBITION SAVED**

Text and image

Sun

29 January, 1953

**Contents:** A photograph from Spring and Lonsdale Street shows smoke billowing from the site. An aerial photograph shows damage to the migrant huts, aviaries, Exhibition Hall and Dome, fernery, seal pool and Royale Ballroom. Firemen, naval ratings and civilians attempted to put out the blaze with wet kerchiefs over the face. Seals are checked for burns by keepers.

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Page 154 (a & b)

One article

... 000 BLAZE AT AQUARIUM

Brigade Saved Exhibition in Hour's Fight

Naval Ratings Give Help

Smoke and Flames Pour from the Aquarium

Text and images

No author or date

**Contents:** 20, 000 onlookers witness a fire that destroys the Aquarium causing £10, 000 of damage.

The main Exhibition, State Immigration Reception Centre, and Royale Ballroom barely escape the damage. The Aquarium roof collapsed within ½ hour of the fire starting and five people, including three firemen, are treated for minor injuries at St. Vincent's Hospital. Police hold back onlookers who swarm into the Gardens and along Nicholson Street. 50 naval ratings from the H.M.A.S.

Lonsdale assisted in putting out the blaze. Firemen were hampered by poor water pressure, hoses running 300ft to the flames, and were assisted by civilians, including children, who carried water to the site. The fire is believed to have started in the paint shop at the rear of the building. Photographs show fire damage and a fire truck.

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Page 155 (a & b)

One article

**15,000 FISH PERISH IN FI ....AQUARIUM – BIRDS SAVED**

Image and text

No author or date

**Contents:** The 60 year old Aquarium and its 15, 000 irreplaceable and unique fish exhibits are destroyed between 6pm – 7pm. Thousands of home bound workers stopped to watch the blaze. Five people, including three firemen, were injured. Four men and two women were arrested at the height of the fire for offensive behavior, indecent language and resisting arrest. Fish literally boiled to death as red hot galvanised iron roofing collapsed into their tanks. One of the three seals died while all birds including peacocks were saved. Photographs show fire damage over the seal pond with a shadowy Dome in the background as well as a thick plume of smoke seen from the distance.

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**Page 156**  
**One article**

**How they fought the savage Aquarium fire**  
**“Did well”**

**Near collapse**

Images and text

Argus

Thursday, 29 January, 1953 (in-text ink)

**Contents:** Fire damage to the Aquarium is estimated at £100, 000 – the Building was insured for £500, 000. Two young boys, 11 and 7, raised the alarm with the night watchman but how the fire started remains a mystery as police close Nicholson Street and contain a crowd of 10, 000 onlookers. £1 million of equipment is also destroyed at the Engineering Exhibition. Melbourne Fire Chief, Mr. L. P. Whitehead, praises 50 fireman who had the blaze under control within 10 minutes despite the water pressure being inadequate and claims the entire Building is a major fire risk. Exotic Aquariums manager, Mr. A. C. Jones, had taken over the Aquarium in September and had recently completed renovations.

**Condition:**

The article is torn and damaged on all four edges making it difficult to read.

**Assigned, sealed, and delivered – to the Zoo**

**First to go**

**He dived**

Images and text

No author or date

**Contents:** Aquarium seals - Sammy, Wolf and Nelson – who survived the fire, put up a protest as they are relocated to a larger pond at the Zoo. Keepers struggled to get Sammy and Wolf into nets.

**Children in luck**

Image and text

No author or date

**Contents:** Croydon school children enjoy 100 varieties of fish stocked in a local pet shop. School teachers state they will bring children here for lessons due to the loss of the Aquarium.

**NEW AQUARIUM? AT ST. KILDA URGED**

**State Financial Aid and Appeal Suggested**

**If Impracticable**

**State Finance Not Likely**

Age

Friday?

**Contents:** The Victorian Aquarium Society suggest building a modern Aquarium at St. Kilda. The Society calls for government and public funding and that a member to be sent abroad to research international Aquariums. Exhibition Trustees are yet to decide what to do with the destroyed Aquarium, however, site manager Mr. A. C. Jones claims the Aquarium should never have been there and supported the St. Kilda proposal. The state government claims there will be no forthcoming funding as the economy is tight and the Aquarium was the responsibility of Trustees. The article is partially covered and folded making it difficult to read.

**Fire still a mystery**

Text only

No author or date

**Contents:** Homicide Squad Senior Detective, W. Crowley, and Carlton CIB Detective, R. Graham, both confer that they are unable to establish the cause of the fire. The blaze began near the workroom and spread to the kitchen in the main Building.

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**Page 158**

**Two articles**

**Sydney offers to help Melbourne restock fish in new aquarium**

Text only

No author or date

**Contents:** Chairman of Taronga Park Zoo Trust, Sir Edward Hallstrom, expresses his upset over the fire and advises he will do what is needed to get the Aquarium running. The Victorian Aquarium Society propose an Aquarium at the seaside and this is met with the approval of Mr. A. C. Jones, current Aquarium manager. While the Aquarium and Building are owned by the State government, it is the Trustees who decide on the Aquariums future.

**THREE seals**

Text and images

No author or date

**Contents:** Sammy, Wolf and Nelson prove difficult to capture at the burnt out Aquarium however thoroughly love their new home, Monkey Island at the Zoo.

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**Page 159**

**Three articles**

**Fire couldn't burn my pool**

Text and colour photograph

No author or date

**Contents:** A commentary from one of the seals about the fire and how it could damage its home.

**Seals at the Zoo**

Text and images

No author or date

**Contents:** Nelson, the one-eyed seal, enjoys his home at the Zoo.

**NEW?**

Text only

No author or date

**Contents:** A new sign advertising the Aquarium is erected in front of damaged remains. A Cobbs coach is also lost but it is noted that it is barely strung together string, has been heavily vandalised, and is a haven for borers. The writer wonders if dismayed ghosts of past drivers and passengers visit at night.

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**Page 160 & 161 missing – to follow up**

**Page 162**

**One article**

Catholic Schools' Choirs in Festival

Text and image

Age

Tuesday, 28 April 1953

**Contents:** Choir girls from the Immaculate Conception School, Ivanhoe, entertain the Archbishop of Bombay, Cardinal Gracias and Arch bishop of Melbourne, Dr. Mannix.

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**Page 163**  
**No articles**

**PAGE 164 and 165**

**One Article**

**HER DIAMONDS DAZZLE THE BANQUET GUESTS**

Full colour image and text

The Argus (Special Edition – one page of 24 pages)

Sunday, 28 February 1954

**Content:** A colourful description of the Queen's satin gown and jewels as she attended the State Banquet in the Royale Ballroom

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**PAGE 166 (a + b)**

**One Article**

**State Banquet**

Images and text

The Sun

Sunday, 28 February 1954

**Content:** The top of the Queen's car is hit by the entrance canopy – the Queen is unhurt. Premier Cain and his wife welcome the Queen as well as Prime Minister Menzies and his wife. A photograph also shows Mrs. Frank Dismore in her finery.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 167 (a + b)**

**One Article**

**ROYAL TOUR**

**THE END OF A PERFECT DAY**

Image and text

The Sun News Pictorial

Sunday, 28 February 1954 – Page 48

**Content:** The Queen finishes her day at the races and Kooyong tennis with the State Banquet escorted by Premier Cain and the Duke.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 168**  
**Two Articles**

**20,000 cheer the Queen at Ballroom**

Text only

28 February 1954

Sun

**Content:** 20, 000 people gather to welcome the Queen – who was eleven minutes late - to the Royale Ballroom.

**Splendor of Royal gown**

Text only

28 February 1954

Sun

**Content:** A description of the Queen's magnolia duchess satin gown with gold and silver palettes and sequins. She paired the dress with a white mink stole, dazzling jewels and riband of the Order of the Garter. Reference is also made to other dignitaries dress.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 169**  
**Three Articles**

**Queen gets State's gold bowl gift**  
**"Can be proud"**

**Varied text**

**Five-deep crowds cheer**

Text only

28 February 1954

Sun

**Content:** The Queen wears Australia's gift of a diamond wattle spray brooch as she accepts a gold rose bowl from Premier Cain. The Duke of Edinburgh accepted a walking cane and cigarette box. The menu consisted of Australian hock, port and wine served with grapefruit cocktail whiting, chicken casserole, asparagus and ice cream. The couple leave the banquet, attended by 450 guests, at 10:15pm rather than the expected 11pm. Thousands rush to see the Queen but are disappointed due to her early departure.

**ELEONOR KNOX says**

**Backroom boys make fairyland**

Text only

28 February 1954

Sun

**Content:** The Town Hall's backroom boys prepare the £40,000 lavish banquet for the Queen. The article cites the works done by Parks and Electricity Boards to turn the normally dreary Exhibition Building for 5,800 guests with an extensive beverage list is also cited.

**DAZZLING DRESS AT BANQUET**

Pat Jarrett

Text only

28 February 1954

Sun

**Content:** Contains an extremely detailed description of what the wives of dignitaries wore to the State Banquet.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 170**  
**One Article**

**The Queen was just loveliness itself!**

Image and text

The Argus

Sunday, 28 February, 1954

**Content:** Mrs. W. Gavin, wife of the Chief Secretary, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Cain and the Duke. A tapestry featuring the Australian symbol of Peace and Prosperity hang on the wall behind. A photograph of the Queen in a car also feature.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 171**  
**One Article**

**In Diamonds and Satin**  
**State Banquet in Honor of Queen**  
**Australian Theme**  
**Impressive Entrance**  
**Prime Minister Present**

Image and text

Age

1 March, 1954

**Content:** The Queen is captured looking pensive. The ballroom held 500 guests seated at small round tables alongside the long Royal table. The event had an Australian theme with flora emblems decorating the tables. Another description is given as to what the wives of dignitaries were wearing.

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**PAGE 172 (a-c)**

**One Article**

**“Glad to See So Many Children”**

**Queen’s State Banquet Speech at Exhibition**

**Notable Building**

**Great Pleasure**

**Forgot Duke**

**Line of Cars**

**Talked Happily**

**Blocked View**

Image and text

The Age

Monday, 1 March, 1954

**Content: A full version of the Queens Speech.**

The Queen expresses her pleasure at the number of children she had witnessed during her visit.

Premier Cain appears to forget the Duke of Edinburgh during the festivities. Sherry and hors d’oeuvres were served in the Lounge before the Royal guests arrived at 8:10pm.

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**PAGE 173 (a + b)**

**Three Articles**

**Quick look at a Royal Saturd (missing)**

Image and text

The Sun

Monday, March 1, 1954

**Content:** A detailed description of the Queens ivory satin gown is given. Chartreuse satin at the hem. Studded with gold, silver and crystal sequins (Page 173b).

**NO TITLE**

Text only

The Sun

Monday, March 1, 1954

**Content:** A detailed description of the Banquet menu:

- Grapefruit maraschino
- Filet whiting Otero
- Chicken casserole paysenne
- Pommes Pailles
- Fresh green peas
- Tomato farcis served on top of iced asparagus vinaigrette
- Bombe Nasselrode
- Coffee
- Devilled Almonds
- Muscatels
- Glazed sweets

**NO TITLE**

Text only

The Sun

Monday, March 1, 1954

Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Calwell, was sighted wearing a lounge suit. The Royal couple accept gifts and a dress description is given.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 174**  
**Two Articles**

**Glittering Queen Stood, Raised Her Glass At State Banquet**  
**She laughed, he smiled**  
**Crowd was orderly**  
**They got a good look**

Text only

Sun

1 March, 1954 (ink – handwritten)

**Content:** The Queen drank to the 450 guests' health after receiving her gold rose bowl. While presenting a Victorian timber walking stick and cigarette box, Premier Cain comments that he would have preferred to have given him a football as he looks like the ideal player. Cites an orderly crowd who took up many vantage points early in order to get a glimpse of the Queen.

**Car Mishap Jolted the Queen**

Text only

Sun

1 March, 1954 (ink – handwritten)

**Content:** The Royal Standard Mass on top of the Queens car collides with the entrance canopy of The Royale Ballroom. The Queen was jolted from her seat enough that it dislodged her tiara. The damaged canopy was removed by Police officers and repaired so that the mishap did not occur again.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 175**

**Two Articles**

**The Saw the Queen Come and Go**

Image and text

The Age

Wednesday, 4 March 1954 (Print text)

**Content:** Picture of a policeman and the orderly crowd waiting to see the Queen at 7pm in the Exhibition Gardens.

**NO TITLE**

**ILLUMINATED**

Image and text

No author or date

**Content:** Picture of the Exhibition Building lit up with the changing lights that were featured in the original 1868 Exhibition. Also features the fountain and the great south door.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 176**  
**One Article**

**Among The Dancers at Brilliant Royal Ball**

Image and text

Age

3 March, 1954 (handwritten –ink)

**Content:** Aerial photograph of dancers gathered at the Royal Ball with a backdrop of Windsor Castle.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 177**  
**One Article**

**GLAMOROUS ROYAL BALL AT THE EXHIBITION**

**RADIANT QUEEN AT ROYAL BALL**

**Queen and Duke Remain for One Hour and a half  
Crowd Was Too Far Away**

Image and text

Age

3 March, 1954 (handwritten –ink)

**Content:** Describes the Queen and Dukes activities during the Banquet and her discussion with Lord Mayor Solly. The Queen wore a white tulle dress with embroideries, emerald and diamond tiara, necklace and bracelet, and the blue ribbon of the Order of the Garter. The Royal couple did not dance and despite the size of the Grand Hall, numbers felt uncomfortable. Crowds gathered in the Exhibition Gardens could only see the Queen from 80 yards away. The fountain contained coloured lights and illuminated swans floated on the lake. Traffic jams formed around Nicholson and Gertrude Streets, Victoria Street and Victoria Parade, Albert Street, and Gisborne Street and many guests walked to the Building. A crowd of 50, 000 sang the National Anthem as the Queen arrived.

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**PAGE 178**  
**One Article**

**Six Thousand Guests at Spectacular Ball**

Image and text

The Age

Wednesday, 8 March 1954 (Print – text)

**Contents:** The Building was adorned with zinnias, dahlias, phlox, and marigolds. Blue silk drapes hung from the rafters. Red, white and blue silk banners embroidered with royal emblems (The golden lion of England, the red Lion of Scotland and the harp of Ireland) adorned the walls. Behind the stage was a massive backcloth of Windsor Castle. A dais where the Royal couple sat was situated in the centre of the room and was covered in white drapes and vases of pastel gladioli's. On a white rug sat two cerise brocade gilded chairs for the Queen and Duke as well as other Louis XV chairs for Queens's entourage. To the side were rooms for the couple to retire which were also adorned in Louis XV furnishings. The articles also gives detailed descriptions of the Dukes resting room and private buffet annexe. Images feature woman attending the event.

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**PAGE 179**  
**Two Articles**

**A Memorable Picture  
Presented**

**Councillors Wives**

**Laces**

Text Only

No author or date

**Contents:** Detailed description of what the Queen and the Councillors wives attending the event were wearing. The Queen also held a shower bouquet of mauve orchids.

**Many Lovely Gowns Worn**

**Tulle**

Text Only

No author or date

**Contents:** Detailed description of what the dignitaries wives attending the event were wearing.

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**PAGE 180**

**Four Articles**

**Two Pieces in One Article**

**FEW DANCE AT COUNCIL BALL;**

**PACK ROUND DIAS**

**Guests Wilt**

**Still Packed**

**Windsor Dress**

Text Only

The Sun

Wednesday, 3 March 1954

**Content:** The Royal couple did not dance and only a few of the 6000 attendees did. The Queen spent 40 minutes receiving 33 Councilors leaving little time to enjoy the festivities. The overcrowding caused many to feel uncomfortable and they left as the Queen retired to ante room at 11pm. Lord Mayor Cr. Solly presents the Queen with a 15ct gold box on behalf of Melbourne.

**40, 000 IN CITY BARRIER RUSH**

**PEAK-HOUR PRESSURE**

**THREE-MAN EXCELSIOR**

Text Only

The Sun

Wednesday, 3 March 1954

**Content:** A crowd described as 11 deep rush Swanston and Bourke Streets to see the Queen. 200 people fainted and 14 were taken to hospital.

The article folds out (page 179b)

**Royal Ball was sea of colour**

Text only

By the Sun Social Staff

No date

**Content:** Describes the Gardens and Hall as being illuminated and flooded with colour.

Small tear in article

**CHERRY, CREAM AND GOLD**

**LILAC, MUSHROOM, GREEN**

**BLUE BROCADE AND PEARL**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Lord Mayor Solly receives Sir Dallas Brooks and Lady Brooks. Provides descriptions of what other women wore at the event and the Ballrooms interior.

**Condition:**

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Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 181 (b)**

**One Article**

**Happy day for Queen**

**Big crush at City Ball**

**“Lift Me Up”**

**600 beers**

Image and text

The Sun

Wednesday, 3 March 1954

**Content:** The Duke meets 600 post-war sailors (W.R.A.N.S) at Flinders naval base. The Queen attends a luncheon with 600 guests at St Kilda town hall. Both attended a garden party later that day at Government House.

Article folds out.

**Condition:**

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Images and text is legible

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**PAGE 182**  
**Three Articles**

**In RED WHITE and BLUE**

Text only

Herald

3 March, 1954

**Content:** A commentary piece reflecting on the Ball of Marion Smith, daughter of Sir Norman Brookes and whether the Royals will attend. Other comments reflect on the over crowdedness of the Queen's Ball, citing 5600 attendees.

**TOUR SIDELIGHTS**

**Musical chairs at Royal Ball**

**She really likes us**

**Questions**

**Invited for tea**

**Thrill for child**

**Unique gift for Queen**

**Sale's blue carpet**

Text only

Lois Lathlean (no publication)

No date

**Content:** A critical reflection of the over crowdedness of the Queen's Ball, citing 6000 attendees. The Queen describes Carlton Gardens as stunningly beautiful and comments on Charles Nuttel's opening of Federal Parliament painting claiming she has the original in St. James palace. A three year old polio patient is thrilled when the Duke waves at her twice. During the Warburton visit, a gift of a tailor-birds nest is placed on the Queens desk. Sale's Town Clerk laments that due to the lack of red carpet the town had to use blue.

**NO ROOM FOR DRESSES TO BE ADMIRERD**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Article reviewing the Melbourne City Council's Royal Ball citing 6000 attendees. The Queen met Councilors and their wives taking about 40 minutes. The Queen wore a white tulle dress with tight bodice and flaring out from the waist. Gold embroideries complimented the waistline and the blue ribbon of the Order of the Garter. Her jewelry consisted of a set of diadem, necklace, earrings and a cabouchon brooch of emerald and diamonds. Mrs. W. P. Mien paints her walking stick the same shade blue as her dress.

Article is folded and damaged at base

**Condition:**

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

Images and text is legible

There is some curling, tears or staining

**PAGE 183**  
**One Article**

**ROYAL BALL "GREATEST"**  
**6000 pack into scene of splendor**  
**"Colossal Spectacular"**  
**Guests' open stares**

Image and text

Daily Telegraph

Wednesday, 3 March 1954

**Content:** 3000 cars parked in front of three entrances and 5000 guests ate in another room the size of the ballroom – 1000 at a time at 20minute intervals The ballroom is described the largest in the Southern hemisphere. 70 tables held chicken salad and fried whiting with mixed salad as well as fruit salad and trifle. At 8:35pm the band began with "Some Enchanted Evening" and the crowd sang "God Save the Queen". The presentations of 70 people took 20 minutes.

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**PAGE 184**  
**One Article**

**News for Women**

**Queen in white and gold at State Ball**

Image and text

Daily Telegraph

Wednesday, 3 March 1954

**Content:** The Queen is described as having fine shoulder straps with gold embroidery which carried through to her bodice and peaked panels on the skirt. The Personal Order of the Sovereigns and the blue Garter ribbon were held in place at the back with a diamond true lovers' knot. Images show the Queen and Duke as well as other guests.

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**PAGE 185**

**Two Articles**

**THAT ROYAL BALL**

Image and text

Truth

6 March, 1954

The writer speaks of Melbourne's 'clodocracy' and hick town in coloured lights as onlookers of the £40 000 Ball gawk at the Queen. The menu consisted of sucking pig, lobster, squab, turkey and 60 other food offerings. It is believed the Queen would have stayed longer had the guests behaved better.

**After the ball ...**

Text only

Sydney Sun

9 March 1954

**Contents:** Souvenir hunters strip the Queen and Dukes anterooms after the Ball. Combs, brushes, mirrors and ashtrays were stolen as well as much flowers from the Ballroom.

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**PAGE 186**  
**One Article**

**THE LAST DAY ...**

**The night was gay, glittering – yet sad**

**'COME BACK!' SAD CROWDS CRY TO THE QUEEN**

Colour image and text

Argus "Special Edition"

9 March, 1954

**Content:** 500, 000 gather as the Royal couples 14 day tour ends and they embark for Queensland.

The article folds out at the bottom and partially missing

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 187**  
**One Article**

Image and text  
Argus "Special Edition"  
9 March, 1954

**Content:** The article is folded inwards and the content is difficult to understand – **further investigation needed**

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 188**  
**One Article**

**RECEPTION IS FINALE TO VISIT ...**

**Diamonds high pearl satin**

Image and text

Argus "Special Edition"

9 March, 1954

**Content:** 8000 guests attend Melbourne's final reception for the Queens visit. Dresses such as what were worn by Mrs. Cain (Premiers wife) and Mrs. Solly (Lord Mayor's wife) as well as others is described in detail. The Queen wears a gown of pearl duchesse satin with cap sleeves and the skirt overlaid with pleated pastel blue tulle. Her jewellery was a high diamond tiara with diamond and pearl necklace and pearl drop earrings. She also wore the blue riband Garter and a maple leaf diamond brooch.

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**PAGE 189**  
**One Article**

**No Title**

Image and text

Argus "Special Edition"

9 March, 1954

**Content:** Highlights the Exhibition Building's south entrance featuring illuminated swans floating on the Lake.

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**PAGE 190**  
**One Article**

**REGAL DRESS FOR STATE RECEPTION ...**

**Tiaras and crinolines ...**

**Bouquet for Queen**

**Sash and tiara**

**Old-gold brocade**

Image and text

Sun

9 March, 1954

**Content:** 6500 attended and gowns of satin, brocade and full skirted crinoline gowns were Reception favourites. Sprays of orchids and gardenias decorated the Ballroom.

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**PAGE 191**  
**One Article**

**THE QUEEN**

Image and text

Sun

9 March, 1954

**Content:** A last picture of the Queen before she departs from Essendon airport the following morning.

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**PAGE 192**  
**Two Articles**

**A bouquet, but no Red Carpet!**

Text and image

Sun

9 March, 1954

**Content:** Images of the Royal couple being escorted by Premier and Mrs Cain.

**Mr Cain to Queen: Come back again**

**'Tremendous'**

Text only

No author or date

**Content:** Premier Cain thanks the Queen and proposes that the Queen revisits during the Royal Toast.

Mr Bolte (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. MacDonald (Country Party leader) also gave speeches.

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**PAGE 193**  
**One Article**

**LAST NIGHT**

Image and text

Sun

9 March, 1954

**Content:** A photograph of the Queen and Premier Cain with a description of the Queens's tulle dress and jewels.

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**PAGE 194**  
**One Article**

**Lavish reception for Royal couple**  
**Queen inspects food long lavish menu**

Text only

Sun

9 March, 1954

**Content:** 20 000 spectators gather on Nicholson St to again welcome the Queen. A fanfare of trumpeters played as she entered the building while a choir of 500 sang the National Anthem. The dias was positioned exactly where her grandfather had opened Parliament in 1901.

The menu consisted of a centrepiece which was a three foot mound of green rice, white noodle pasta and lobster.

**Cocktails:** Oyster and melon (three kinds)

**Fish:** Stuffed and glazed whiting and Poached Murray cod with hollandaise sauce

**Joints:** Sucking pig, lamb beef and ham

**Poultry:** Turkey, capon, duckling, chicken, teal duck

**Sweets:** Pineapple orientale, blackberry flan, petit fours

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**One Article**

**Glittering State Reception at Exhibition Building**

**Musical Performance**

**Fanfare Heralds the Queen's Arrival**

**Glittering Figure**

**Prime Minister**

**Organisations**

**Distinguished Guests**

**Chiffon**

**Daughters**

Image and text

Age

9 March, 1954

**Content:** 24 trumpeters herald the arrival of the Queen to the Reception by 7000 guests. 40 men worked for eight days to ensure that 10 000 troughs and tubs of flowers and ferns transformed the Exhibition Building. A 7ft wide 'garden' with blue ageratum, moss, phlox and Gillian Wallace blooms encircling a fountain was installed in front of the dais to stop crowds from massing to see the Queen. The Victorian Symphony Orchestra and a choir of 500 replaced the area in the backdrop of Windsor Castle stood during the Royal Ball. The Girl Guides Association, International Club, National Council for Women, the Y.W.C.A, Housewives Association, and Free Kindergarten Union were also represented. Also give a description of what other dignitaries and their wives/daughters were wearing.

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**PAGE 198**  
**One Article**

**THE QUEEN WILL LEAVE US TODAY**  
**Crowds Pack City for Memorable Farewell Night**  
**2000 More Guests**

Text

Age

9 March, 1954

**Content:** The Queen appears fresh and relaxed after spending two days at O'Shannassy's Chalet, Warburton. The Queen celebrates her last day in Victoria at a Reception attended by 8000 guests. She leaves at 10:50am on the Qantas 'Constellation' for a 10 day tour of Brisbane the following morning. Police keep crowds and traffic relatively under control. Descriptions are given of the Exhibition Building and the event.

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**PAGE 199**  
**One Article**

**Queen Attends Her Last Official Function**

Image and text

No author or date

**Content:** A full length photograph of the Queen attending her final function.

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**PAGE 200**  
**One Article**

**Melbourne says farewell**  
**Smiling couple we'll remember**

Image and text

Herald

9 March, 1954

**Content:** Photographs featuring the Royal Progress of the Queen and the Duke as they travelled from Governors' House to Essendon airport.

**Condition:**

The article is folded in the centre, the bottom and sides however this has no effected the articles condition overall.

**PAGE 201**  
**Two Articles**

**4500 FOR PAGEANT OF ROYALTY**

Text only

4 June, 1953 (handwritten ink)

**Content:** More than 4500 guests attend the Pageant of Royalty opened by Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks. Many parliamentary members, church and business leaders and their wives attended.

**395 years of history**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** As part of Coronation celebrations, attendees dressed as characters associated with 395 years of British history, at the pageant arranged by the Government of Victoria.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 202**  
**Two Articles**

**Colorful Audience at Pageant of Royalty**

**Guests**

Text and image

Age

4 June, 1953 (handwritten ink)

**Content:** The Governor and Lady Dallas Brooks as well as United States Consulate Officials and their wives attend the Pageant of Royalty. An extensive guest list reflects prominent officials within the government, military, church and community leaders.

**AT THE ROYAL BALL**

Text and images

No author

17 March, 1954 (handwritten ink)

**Content:** Photographs of attendees such as Lord Mayor Cr. R. Solly, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood and Sir Eric Wood and daughter, Jane.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 203**  
**Two Articles**

**What can we do with the Exhibition?**

**BUILDING AND DESIGN ... by Robin Boyd**

Text and image

19 October, 1954 (handwritten ink)

**Content:** Boyd praises the Electrical Exhibition on its high quality in making over the Building for its own purposes. However, no matter how stunning the Electrical Exhibition is, the poor quality of the Building structure is not overlooked and the question is asked of what can be done with the Building in the future? Despite it being recognized that funding is tight and other public works demand precedence, a call is made to the State government for lasting improvements. The article highlights the Building is dire need or new plumbing, ruthless repainting, and needed carpentry.

**City's No. 1 Fire Risk**

**Exhibition**

Text and image

No author or date

**Content:** Opinion pieces of:

Hugh G. Ferguson - Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Whitehead, has been concerned about the fire risk of the Building but points are made that the current fire prevention procedures are sufficient.

S E Armstrong – commending Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Whitehead's strong opinion that the Building was a substantial risk in its current state.

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**PAGE 204**  
**One Article**

**IT'S CERTAIN TO BURN SAYS FIRE CHIEF**

**The Exhibition is our No.1 fire risk**

**Aquarium wiped out**

**Could be trapped**

Text and image

Herald

No date

**Content:** Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Whitehead, raises strong concerns about the Building being Melbourne's No. 1 fire risk. Whitehead calls for an immediate installation of a sprinkler and ring system. Trustees say that other improvements take priority and that it would be costly to install them prior to renovations. Reference is made to the Aquarium fire and that the extinguishers, hoses and alarms were up to standard. Two firemen patrolled the Building at all times, a third added during public use. The regulation of no smoking not being observed, and that debris and garbage hindering firemen's access.

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**OFFICIALS DECRY FIRE RISK AT EXHIBITION**  
**SPRINKLERS WAIT ON OTHER JOBS**

**Aquarium “different”**

**280,000 attended**

**“Great cost” cited**

Text and image

Herald Staff Reporter

No date

**Content:** Exhibition Trustee’s contest Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Whitehead, strong concerns about the Building being Melbourne’s No. 1 fire risk, claiming sprinklers should be installed immediately. Trustees claim that other works take priority and that it would be costly (£100,000) to install them prior to renovations. I. A. Green states it is not fair to alarm the public unnecessarily and that if the Building was so unsafe then the Government would never have agreed to have the Royal celebrations there. Reference is made to the Aquarium fire being a different material, hessian and cork, to the main Building itself being stone and concrete. The Building met with Health Department standards, storage areas had been addressed, and firefighting equipment up to regulation standards. The Australian Industry Fair notes that 280,000 people attended the Exhibition over three weeks and fire regulations were followed to the letter. The Health Commission and other departments agree the Building is up to standard and agreed that sprinkler installation at such a time was a costly endeavor.

**Condition:** The article is torn at the bottom making it difficult to read.

**WHAT I SAW AT THE EXHIBITION**

**...? Wooden**

**Many Smoked**

Text and image

Herald Staff Reporter

No date

**Content:** A Herald Sun reporter gives his final opinion after what he witnesses at the Building. The reporter agrees with Mr. Whitehead’s strong concerns about the Building being Melbourne’s No. 1 fire risk as he observes an Exhibition being de-installed. Workmen stand above motor vehicles and litter as they smoked where oil lay in pools. Open wiring was noted as trip hazards and the lifting of a trapdoor under the wooden floor revealed an area littered with broken chairs, other timber and scraps of paper over trailed wires. Other areas were also noted with overflowing bins and wood shavings. It is noted that the Theatrette and galleries comprised of mainly old dry wood including the floors and roofing. While fire guards and extinguishes in good order were noted it was felt that his was not adequate and few heeded the ‘no smoking’ rule particularly in the Country Roads Board, Transport Regulation and Motor Registration area. One worker noted that no one followed this rule during the Royal visit.

**Condition:** The article is folded in the left lower area making it difficult to read.

**Condition:**

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**PAGE 206**  
**Four Articles**

**Two articles on page**

**State Will Co-operate**

Text only

Age

19 August, 1959

**Content:** Chief Secretary, Mr. Rylah, State Government lends its full support to Exhibition Trustee's in their bid to obtain full possession of the Building before the proposed International Fair in 1963. Mr. Rylah also raises the government concerns regarding costs of relocating the Country Roads Board, Transport Regulation and Motor Registration offices.

**Exhibition Moves to Take Over Govt. Offices for World Fair**

**Hampered**

**Best site**

Text only

No author or date

**Content: Chairman of** Exhibition Trustee's, Lieut-General Sir Horace Robertson, reveals the bid to obtain full possession of the Building in four years staying it is for the proposed International Fair. Chief Acting Secretary, Mr. Thompson, said he would confer with Robertson and Chief Secretary, Mr. Rylah, on his return from Queensland saying it was the first time he had heard of it. Sir Horace Robertson believes the Building is capable of holding the Fair and claims the Country Roads Board, Transport Regulation and Motor Registration offices are hampering space and being able to return the Building to its original purpose and believed its 45 acres was the best site. Minor modifications were needed to Main Hall which had been recently listed for preservation as a monument by the National Trust of Australia. Sir Horace urged the State Government on the grounds of the "Promote Victoria Campaign". Chief Commissioner of Police, Mr. Porter, said his Department would begin to look for alternative offices.

**?ON: "OUT OF BLUE" TO MINISTER**

**"Years . . . . "**

Text only

No author or date

**Content: Acting Chief Secretary,** Mr. Thompson, said he would confer with Robertson and Chief Secretary, Mr. Rylah, on his return from Queensland saying it was the first time he had heard of the proposal of the site being used for the 1963 International Fair. Mr. Thompson said he would consider the relocation of the regarding costs of relocating the Country Roads Board, Transport Regulation and Motor Registration offices as well as the Migrant Centre and White Ensign Club. Chief Commissioner of Police, Mr. Porter, claimed the current office was crammed for space and also raised concerns about staff difficulties through relocation.

## **CAR REGISTRATION AT PORT MELB. SOON**

Text only

No author

24 March, 1961

**Content:** Police Traffic Chief, Supt. F. Leigh announces that driving tests and testing un-roadworthy vehicles would commence in Graham St on April 5. Registration was expected to be added later – the Centre is hoped to service Port and South Melbourne, St. Kilda, and parts of the Yarra.

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**PAGE 207**  
**Three Articles**

**SPACE NEEDED FOR A WORLD FAIR**

Text Only

No Author or date

**Contents:** The Government faces challenges in moving their offices and Migrant Centre from the Building despite time being on their side. While ranking eighth in the world commercially, an International Fair was needed to boost future progress on diverse trading. The Fair is expected to bring 350,000 people much like the International Trade Fair held a last year.

**PUBLIC IS SHUT OUT**

**DESERTED**

**IDEAL SITE**

Text and image

Herald Staff Reporter

No date

**Contents:** The article sheds light on the Exhibition oval which was commissioned by the R.A.A.F. during the war and later as a Migrant Centre in 1950. At the time of the reporters visit, the Centre was been transiting migrants and deserted. A tall barbed wire fence was noted separating the Centre from Carlton Gardens. Acting Chief Secretary, Mr. Thompson, said he had no idea when the land would be returned to Trustees with the late Sir Horace Robertson saying the government would return the land before the Fair.

**State sheds mar oval**

Text and image

No Author

Saturday, 4 March, 1961 (handwritten-ink)

**Contents:** A photograph of the migrant quarters on the oval in front of the Exhibition Building.

**The Articles:** Yellowed with age

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**PAGE 208**  
**No Articles**

**PAGE 209**  
**Twelve Articles**

**SOCIAL GOSSIP**

Text only

Bulletin (Rockhampton)

Friday, 26 September, 1941 (in-text ink)

**Content:** After discussions with the Fisheries Department, Mrs. Isobel Green passes through Rockhampton on a three week itinerary to Townsville. Magnetic and Green Islands and the Tablelands to collect plants, coral, sponges and fish for the Melbourne Aquarium.

**Aquarium Expert**

Text only

Sydney M. Herald (handwritten ink)

No date

**Content:** Sister of Defence Co-Ordination Minister Mr. Menzies, Mrs. I. A. Green, charge of Melbourne Aquarium for the past three years, leaves Sydney to collect species including rare Lung Fish. Mrs. Green also hopes to add birds and orchids to the collection that will shipped by air and sea.

**MAYOR'S TRIBUTE**

**TO AMATEUR FISHERMAN**

**CAIRNS ASSOCIATION'S DINNER.**

**WORK DONE FOR CITY.**

**MELBOURNE INTEREST.**

Text only

Cairns (handwritten ink)

No date

**Content:** I. A. Green is a guest at the annual Cairns Amateur Fisherman's Association. Cairns Mayor, W. A. Collins, praises the Associations efforts and trophies are awarded. Underwater photography was also highlighted. As Mrs. Green donates a trophy, she explains that she wants to install a Great Barrier Reef section in the Aquarium and is pleased with the endeavors. The article is folded on the left side making it difficult to read.

**NATURAL AQUARIUM**

**GREEN ISLAND WATERS**

**MRS. GREEN'S PRAISE**

Text only

Cairns (handwritten ink)

No date

**Content:** Mrs. Green gives high praise after visiting Green Island saying it is the most beautiful natural aquarium. She is confused as to why Cairns doesn't make it the star of tourism but believes the Island must be conserved. The article explain the shipping arrangements and challenges of stock being sent to Melbourne, claiming it will take a year to install the Great Barrier Reef section. Green ten travels to Palm Island and Brisbane to collect local species and possibly lung fish.

## **BARRIER REEF POSSIBILITIES**

### **Aquarium Expert's Views**

#### **SPECIAL CONTAINERS**

Text only

Sydney Morning Herald (handwritten ink)

No date

**Content:** As Mrs. Green leaves Queensland, she stresses the enormous possibilities of the Great Barrier Reef becoming a tourism hotspot. Green encourages the building of comfortable accommodation and to cater to increasing international visitors and urges fellow Australians to also visit. Due to the array of stock, species and coral described at some extent, Green announces extending her exhibition to larger than five tanks. Mention is also made of her brother, Former Prime Minister Menzies, as well as her two R.A.A.F. sons, Robert and Maxwell and daughter, Lois.

### **Mr. Menzies' Sister Seeks Queensland Fish & Coral**

Text and image

Courier Mail Brisbane (handwritten ink)

No date (24<sup>th</sup>)

**Content:** The article mentions Green's occupation of the last three years as manager of the Melbourne Aquarium and her proposal of opening a Queensland section. The article also mentions her brother, Former Prime Minister Menzies, as well as her two R.A.A.F. sons, Robert and Maxwell and daughter, Lois. Green also raises funds for patriotic associations and enjoys knitting. Green, staying at the Lennon Hotel with Mrs. O. C. Simonson (who will visit Lindeman Island solo), arrives in Brisbane carrying orchids from Sydney intended to last her the entire trip.

### **"Looking for Fish," Mission of Former Prime Minister's Sister**

Text and image

Telegraph Brisbane (handwritten ink)

23 September, 194\_

**Content:** As Green steps off the mail train, she describes her mission as 'looking for fish' for her newly heated and renovated Aquarium. Green's job of the last three years as secretary to the Exhibition Trustee's and manager of the Melbourne Aquarium has also placed her in a unique position and she is also involved in many fundraising Committee's and activities. Green describes the Building as currently housing an Air Force Technical Training School accommodation 1, 000 members. The article also mentions her brother, Former Prime Minister Menzies, as well as her two R.A.A.F. sons, Robert and Maxwell and daughter, Lois. Green also raises funds for patriotic associations and enjoys knitting. Green is staying at the Lennon Hotel with Mrs. O. C. Simonson.

### **Melbourne Visitor**

Text only

Townville (handwritten ink)

No date

**Content:** By the mail train, former Prime Minister Menzies, sister arrives as she makes her way en-route to Green Island. Green's quest is obtain plants, corals and fish for the Melbourne Aquarium. Although coming from a political family, Green does not take part in these activities preferring to follow scientific pursuits. Green is also a Committee members for Boys' Club and R.A.A.F. training school currently housed in the Exhibition Building, of which she is Trustee secretary.

### **An Unusual Expedition**

Text only

The Weekly News ?

No date

**Content:** The article briefly makes mention of Green moving through Sydney as she travels north to Brisbane, Cairns and the Barrier Reef in order to collect fish for the Melbourne Aquarium.

### **Barrier Reef Section for Melbourne Aquarium**

Text only

Courier Mail (handwritten ink)

No date

**Content:** As Green returns through Brisbane, she expresses her desire that her trip will establish a Great Barrier Reef section at the Aquarium. Green, sister of R. G. Menzies, states that they will no longer be looking for stock abroad with so many species available and wishes she could spend more time in Queensland. Green stays at the Lennon Hotel until returning to Melbourne on Saturday.

### **Little Fishes**

Text only

Herald (handwritten ink)

No date

**Content:** Fish stock carried in cans containing Latin names, such as Blue Eyes and Sunfish, arrive to Melbourne docks for transportation to the Melbourne Aquarium. This is the first time such species will be displayed in Melbourne. Green is praised as a woman that went a-fishing and brought them all home alive.

### **MRS. I. A. GREEN**

#### **... Tropic Fisher**

Text and image

The Woman's Weekly (handwritten ink)

No date

**Content:** Mrs. I. A. Green, sister of R. G. Menzies, searches for rare types of colourful tropic fish to add to the Melbourne Aquarium. Under Greens management the Aquarium has become the most popular place for tourists.

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**First Home For Migrants . . .**

**. . . Just Off The Boat**

Text and image

Herald

Today's Newsreel

28 March, 1958

**Content:** The article describes how thousands of migrants spend the first week of arrival in Australia on an oval surrounded by the Exhibition Building. A migrant Centre was established by the Federal and State Governments in 1950, the Centre has housed approximately 3000 migrants a year. Migrants are processed and employment found and then moved on to hostels closest to their employment in the metropolitan area. The Centre contains 26 weatherboard staging quarters, not lower grade Nissan huts, and are neat and tidy in appearance. Migrants eat cafeteria style in a communal dining room and relax in a large recreation room. The kitchen served 36,000 meals in the last year. The lawns and garden beds are kept neat and migrants comment on enjoying their surroundings. Photographs show a picture of the quarters, a family of seven happily smiling, a woman serving herself in the kitchen, and 19 month old Lynn Blyth wide eyed as she arrives from Dundee, Scotland.

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**PAGE 306**

**Two black and white photographs**

**Photograph 1.** Four striped fish in the Aquarium tank.

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**Photograph 2.** Two goldfish in the Aquarium tank.

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**PAGE 298 – 303**

**No articles**

**PAGE 304**

**One black and white photograph**

**Photograph: Two seals with their mouths open in the Aquarium grotto.**

**PAGE 305**

**One black and white photograph**

**Photograph:** Seal submerged to the head with mouth open.

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**PAGE 306**

**Two black and white photographs**

**Photograph 1.** Building and gardens taken from the western side (no date noted)

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**Photograph 2.** Two pufferfish in the Aquarium tank.

**PAGE 307**

**One black and white photograph**

**Photograph:** A group of primary school children observed the seals through the metal fence.

**PAGE 308**

**Two black and white photographs**

**Photograph 1.** Front view of a crab.

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**Photograph 2.** A school of six striped fish in the Aquarium tank.

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**PAGE 309**

**One black and white photograph**

**Photograph:** An elephant stands on platform on two legs with keepers watching.  
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**PAGE 310**

**One black and white photograph**

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**Photograph 1.** Front view of a crab.

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