

PENRITH PRINTING MUSEUM.

Wednesday 6th March, 2024.

Meet on site at 10.15 for a 2 hour tour...\$10 entry fee.

Short drive today...a mere 100 km round trip.

This very informative experience was enjoyed by our group of 22 members with pleasant memories for Pete, our resident exprienter!



Upon entering we were immediately met by a bronze template of Gutenberg's workplace, the father of printing! And below said template an original copy of the Sydney Morning Herald which coincidentally was published on the same day as our very own **Renna's birthday** but obviously not the same year!



And at the end of the tour she was presented with a lovely birthday present from the museum....a notepad which will never let her down...nothing is traceable...pages can be removed, burnt, soaked in water for cleaning eyes etc and if one is careful everything can be deleted, never to be retrieved again!



Take note of ALBION...an early name for Australia.

The Penrith Museum of Printing is a unique 'working museum' established in Penrith NSW in 2001. The museum is managed and staffed by volunteers who are primarily printing tradesmen. The aim of the museum is to collect, conserve and showcase letterpress printing machinery and equipment, some dating from as early as the 1980's!

These presses have been collected and restored so as to keep alive the knowledge and skills of letterpress printing for present and future generations.

The museum has been designed to give the appearance of a 1940's Australian printing establishment. The collection showcases 22 pieces of working printing machinery and equipment as well as pre-press 'composing room' equipment that includes many different type fonts gathered from Australian print shops.



Of interest was that the capital pieces were put in the top shelves and the non capitals were placed in the lower shelves, and from this we get Upper Case and Lower Case in computers today!



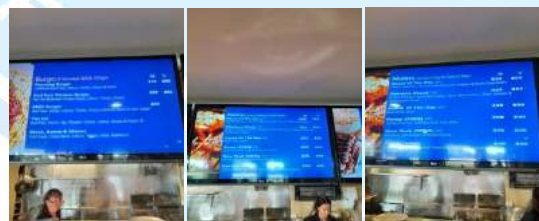
We certainly received an in depth look into the printing trade both about the workers who were employed in the establishment and the development of the machines themselves.

The museum has also been used for film purposes! Ladies in Black was filmed here showcasing the girls who worked at Mark Foys and David Jones in earlier days. Shane Jacobson (aka Kenny, Mr. IGA etc) was the male star.

Some of our members closely following the action.



After 2 hours it was time to adjourn for lunch which was in the Paceway Club with Roscoe making a surprise appearance.





Roscoe doing some entertaining.

All in all a very interesting and enjoyable day...a good time was certainly had by all.

Well done to all involved.



Ed.

