

FASCINATING FIND

BOILER



A recent find in the archives at the museum was the original test certificate dated 10/10/1907 when this 1906 Walkers Cornish boiler was commissioned at Maryborough's water works at Teddington Weir.

The boiler was later removed to Gympie and it ended up at a sawmill where it was used as a storage vessel for 20,000 litres of timber preservative chemicals. In the 1980s museum volunteers set up the boiler to work again to power an 1899 Walkers winding engine and associated equipment. Although the fire doors were missing, Walkers then still retained the original blueprints and patterns, and new set of fire doors was cast.

The boiler will be fired up along with lots of other steam equipment during the Steam Festival at the museum.