

FASCINATING FIND

ENGINE DRIVER'S TUCKER BOX



A recent addition to our railway exhibit is this engine driver's tucker box.

About 16" long (385mm) and 14" high (350mm), it is solidly constructed from folded galvanized sheet steel, soft-soldered and riveted together.

Known as the "away from home over 24 hour box" it stored the food requirements for a day for engine drivers or firemen when they had to stay in "foreign" quarters at Bundaberg or Brisbane. A compartment under the lid was for storing pyjamas, towel and rule book.

It was donated by retired engine driver Norm Schafferios, and it shows the signs of over 40 years of use, having required repairs to the handle and hasp during its duty.

Much more railway memorabilia can be seen in the railway display in the breezeway, and at our old Monkland Railway Station.