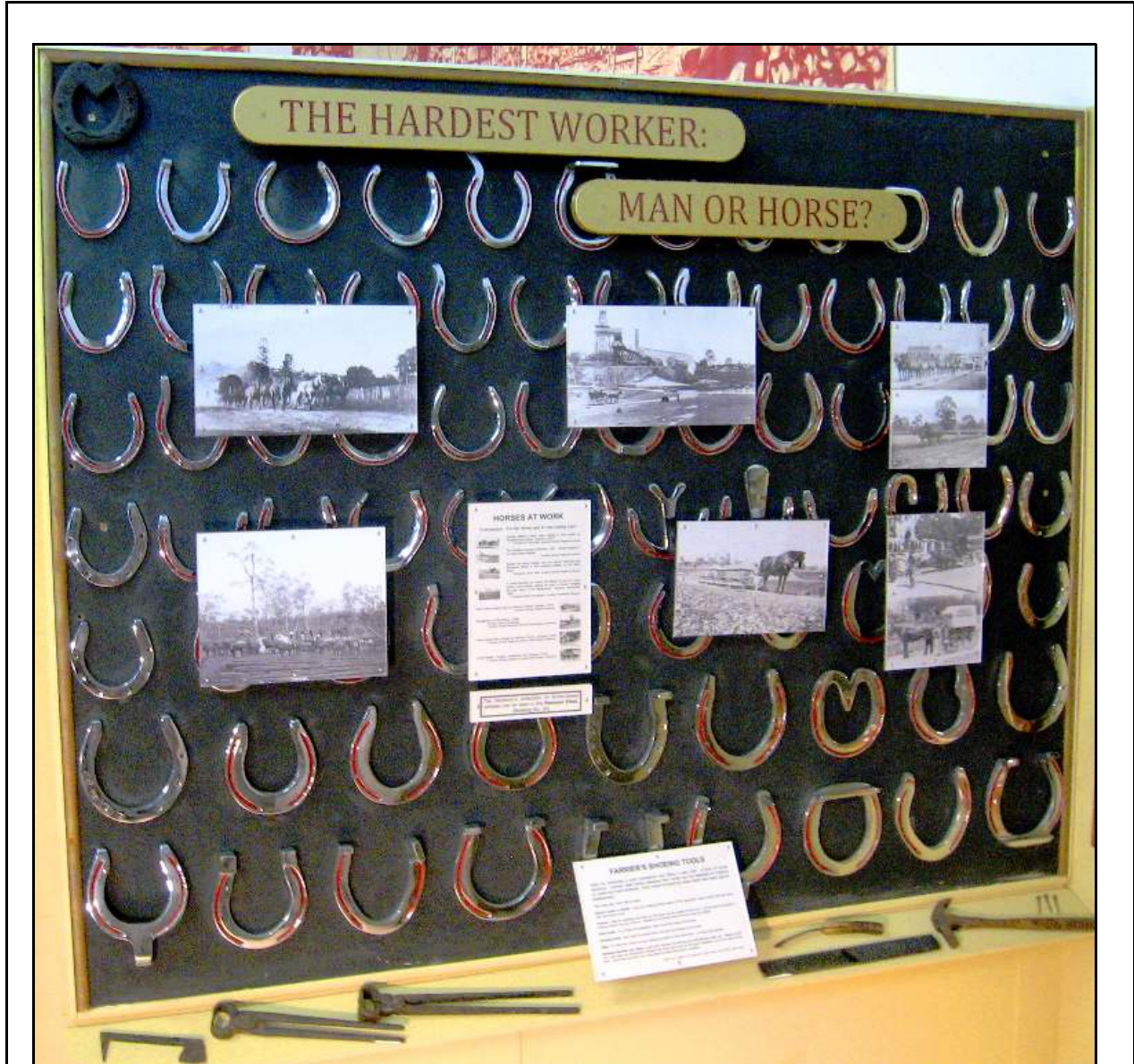


FASCINATING FIND

HORSESHOES



100 years ago, just prior to the age of petrol, most things were powered by people or steam or real horse power. Almost everything was made of steel and timber, and the local blacksmiths were responsible for fixing and sharpening all the mining, transport and agricultural equipment. This often included the work of the farrier who made and fitted horseshoes.

The collection of shoes on display is an example of the work of Richard Ambrose, a Gympie farrier, in the 1900 era. The different patterns are for correcting problems, or various working conditions.

Donated by the Ambrose family and the Queensland Museum, they are on display along with some medals he received, in the tank, at the Mining and Historical Museum.