

FASCINATING FIND

BULLION BOXES/ MOULDS



In Gympie's heyday of mining the gold was usually taken to the bank in Brisbane by coach with a gold escort, or by rail after 1991. It was carried in solidly built wooden bullion boxes which were screwed closed, or otherwise locked, and sealed with wax.

The two smaller bullion boxes shown were donated by the National Bank. The larger box with two stout handles was from the Commonwealth Bank. It would have easily held over 2,000 oz (60 Kg) of gold bars. That would be over \$2 million today.

The gold moulds shown are for 75, 100 and 200 oz bars respectively. They are on display in the gold building at the museum.