

FASCINATING FIND

MASCON LATHE



This large Macson 27G-17 gap bed lathe was built by McPhersons in Victoria, and served duty in the Townsville railway workshops from 1926 until 1968.

In 1987 it was installed at the mining museum where it was used to machine parts to restore C17, No 45, the original Mary Valley Rattler, and for other large work.

Since it has been at the museum it has been flooded a few times, so recently it has been skillfully overhauled and restored by museum volunteers, and now it is ready for work again.

It is on display in the stamper shed near a huge railway workshop swing arm drill.