

STOCK EXCHANGE SEAT

*In the heyday of gold mining in Gympie in 1884 local share trading was sufficient to require the establishment of a stock exchange. The only other regional stock exchange ever in Queensland was at Charters Towers.*

*After 1893 the stock exchange was moved to the old Australian Joint Stock Bank building in upper Mary Street. The decline of mining in Gympie after World War 1 led to the closing of the stock exchange in 1922. The building is now occupied by the legal firm, Neilson, Stanton and Parkinson.*



*This rather ornate cast iron seat with padded leather back, armrests and folding base was part of the furniture in the building. It was made by A. Sargeant and Co, Engineers, Brisbane, and was donated to the museum by a relative of the sharebroker Sydney Shepherd. It is on display in the tank, along with lots of other wonderful things from Gympie's past, at the Gold Mining and Historical Museum.*