

FASCINATING FIND

FIREMAN'S HELMET

This fireman's helmet came from the Gympie Fire Brigade and shows some scars of battle. Made by Rider & Bell in Sydney, who manufactured them after British production ceased around 1940.

It is of brass components, soldered, rivetted and screwed together, with an inner leather scullcap. Whilst affording good protection from falling timbers.

They were prone to getting hung up in clothes-lines, and were dangerous among fallen electric power cables.



They were used in Gympie from the early 1900s until about the early 70s, when they were replaced with Cromwell cork helmets, and later by plastic and fibreglass versions.

It is on display along with other emergency services equipment and memorabilia, in the cottage, at the gold mining and historical museum.