

FASCINATING FIND

ANDREW FISHER IN WA

During the lulls in the mining boom in Gympie many miners sought work on other goldfields, and some went as far away as the Kalgoorlie goldfields in W.A.

When the Prime Minister Andrew Fisher visited Kalgoorlie in 1909 the expat Gympieites there organised a "smoke social" in honour of their old townsman, at the local Railway Hotel.



This framed photo with Andy in the centre of his fellow Gympieites in W.A. was presented to him to mark the occasion. Shown in the photo are, W., J. and H. Carroll, T. and J. Bath, W. and H. Hayes, T. Brown, E. Tindall, J. Higgins, J. Sheppard, E. Jones and E. Stream.

Fisher's Labour government was responsible for introducing many of the fair go policies that are part of our society, including old age pensions and workers compensation.

This photo is on display in Tank.