

FASCINATING FIND

FLOOD CHAIR



The 1893 flood was the biggest flood recorded since white settlement in the Gympie area, and the Mary River peaked at 25.45 metres (83.5 feet), about 3.5 metres higher than Gympie's last flood in 1999.

Among the possessions that floated downstream in 1893 was this colonial chair which was rescued from the floodwaters by the publican of the Miva Crossing Hotel.

It is of very solid construction, having been built by a firm of coachbuilders and wheelwrights.

The chair which was owned by James Oyshart, donated to the museum by D Slatter, and is on display in the tank.