

## FASCINATING FIND

### ROLLER



*Calico Creek State School was established in 1936 for the growing number of children of local farmers, many of whom were returned soldiers. The weatherboard building is typical of many of the one teacher schools in the area.*

*This roller (shown with volunteer Chris Kapernick) was used on the school cricket pitch.*

*Many schools with ant-bed tennis courts had similar rollers.*

*It is constructed of solid concrete, with a pipe and flat steel frame for the handle. With a diameter of 35 inches (880mm) and a width of 23 inches (580mm) it would weigh about three quarters of a ton (750 Kg). Scratched into the concrete is the date 5/8/37, and the initials A N.*

*With the introduction of school buses in the early 1970s many of the smaller out-lying schools were closed, and the Calico Creek school building was moved to the museum. Upstairs is the school display with the dairy display underneath.*