

# The Bank



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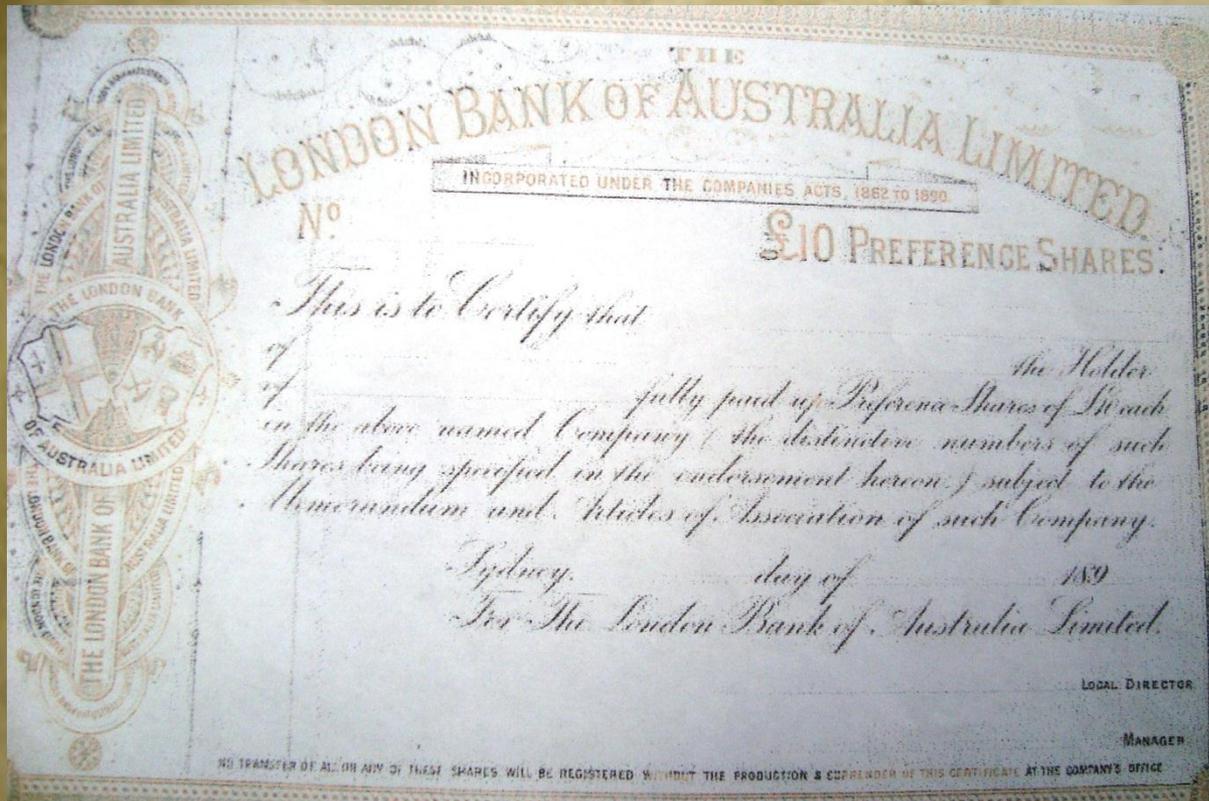
# The Bank comes to Bungaree

In 1909 a bank started to be built in Bungaree. It was opened in 1911. The bank was first known as the London Bank of Australia Ltd. The second name that the bank had was the English Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd. The name of the bank now is the London Bank of Australia Ltd.



# The bank was used often

Lots of people used the bank including farmers, Bungaree store and the Police Station. It was too far for people to go to the Ballarat Bank so they came to Bungaree.



Bank share



# Opening Hours

The bank was only open on Thursday morning until lunch time. After that Gavin Ryan would close the bank and work at the Gordon bank in the afternoon.



# The managers of the Bank

The last manager of the bank was Gavin Ryan. Des Ryan also worked at the bank.



Des Ryan in 1968



Des Ryan in 2006

# Travelling to Work

With Gavin Ryan as Bank Manager they would leave Ballarat at 9:30am loaded with cash, first going via Daylesford Road to the Dean agency which was near the entrance of the cricket oval.

He had lunch at Bungaree, he would buy a pie and a can of drink and use the toilet if he needed.

We would get back to Ballarat about 4 o'clock with large sums of cash to put into the customers account. Farmers traded a lot in those days.

*From the memoirs Of Des Ryan*



# Gavin's interests

Being the old style bank manager, he would always smoke a bent pipe and always had three to four pipes with him at all times. He would light his pipe several times before he would get to Dean.

Going through Pootilla to Clarkes Hill with all the hills Gavin would move to the wrong side of the road. A number of times he would have Des Ryan hold the steering wheel to keep in the right side of the road.

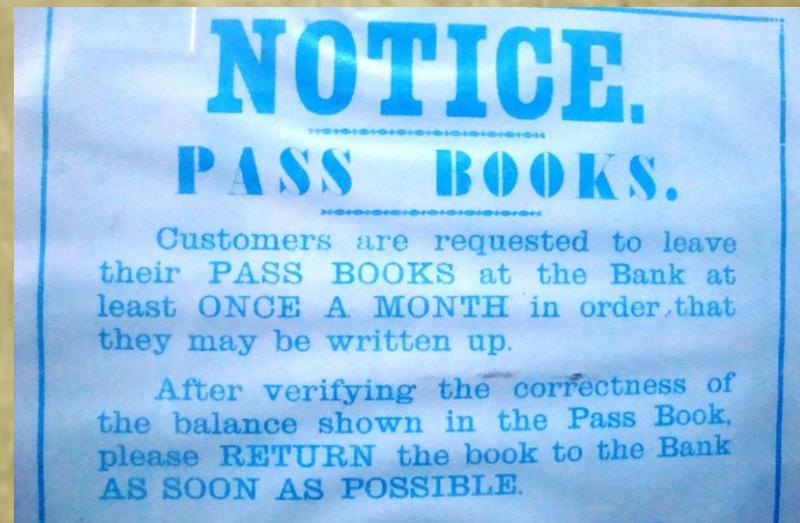
He drove an old station wagon with rubbish and bits and pieces everywhere. Being a very keen shooter, he had belts of cartridges and three or four guns in the car. If a rabbit was sitting he would stop, shoot it and take it home for his dogs.

*From the memoirs Of Des Ryan*

# Inside the Bank

The Bank had two chairs, a desktop and a drawer for cash. The bank had no toilets or water so they used the shop's toilet. A revolver was put into the drawer but we were instructed never to use it. He would say "let them have the bloody money". There didn't seem to be any fear of being held up. I recall the first chamber in the revolver would be empty because if you dropped the gun it could discharge.

*From the memoirs Of Des Ryan*



# Closing

The bank closed in 1971 because of lack of business. Due to the cost of sending out bank officers from Ballarat and by then people were going to Ballarat more often to do their banking.



# Restoring the Bank

In 2003 the bank was restored by the Bungaree and District Historical Society and relocated to its current location.

