Local History @ Gosford Library

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Local Studies Collection
Role of Local Studies

• To collect local history and geography books, photographs, maps and pamphlets.

• To preserve these materials.

• To provide customers with access to these materials.
Customers

- Gosford City Library serves customers of all ages.
- Local history resources are mainly used by students, local historians and family historians.
- Other customers include Council officers and heritage consultants.
Gostalgia

- Gostalgia is a gallery of local history photographs using the flickr platform.
- Gostalgia is a mix of “Gosford” and “Nostalgia”, and the emphasis is on fun and happy memories. It is very colourful and visually appealing with photographs, labels, tourist pamphlets and even early soft drink bottles! It is a great resource for students.
• Customers can browse images from this front page or search for particular themes or subjects.

• Recently added items appear at the top.
• Customers can click on the images to view the item and add or view comments about that item.

• Gostalgia gives students a very good overview of themes in our local history.
• Local history resources come in many forms. Gostalgia allows us to make valuable local history resources more readily available
Gostalgia: Tourism history
Gostalgia: Local industry & commerce
Gosford and District in Pictures

Gosford, 1887
Ourimbah, circa 1910
Gosford and District in Pictures

Gosford, circa 1940s
Future directions

- Focus on local WWI resources and stories
- Development of new Local Studies web portal
- Web publishing of key local history books
- Gosford Times 1897-1954 on Trove in 2014
Websites

Gostalgia
http://www.flickr.com/photos/gostalgia

Gosford and District in Pictures