The Overflow Panel

As is the case when a collection of photographs is gathered in the same place for exhibition, there are a number of outstanding images which are a chance of not being included. Such was the case with the images in this overflow panel. It's a collection of important faces, family, trucks and places that I'm certain you'll enjoy.

The four vertical colour photos are portraits taken in May 2006 by award winning Advertiser photographer **Mark Brake**. They were captured during the **Back to the Bush – Bridging the Divide** outback trip by the then Governor-General, **Major General Michael Jeffrey**. The trip was part of the Year of the Outback celebrations (# refer to Reference folder – Governor-General Outback Trip).

Sadly three of the four Birdsville Track identities in this portrait collection are no longer with us in 2013. **Keith Rasheed** is, however, enjoying spectacular good health.

(L-R) Keith Rasheed, Eric Oldfield (1933 - 2010), George Bell (1919-2007) and Monty Scobie (1920 - 2012).

The first of the two largest black and white photos is of **Tom Kruse** (1914 – 2011) and **Henry Butler** (1915 – 1994) (# refer Reference folder – Henry Butler) in the non existent cabin of the Blitz truck used in **The Back of Beyond** and reproduced on the sleeve of **The Back of Beyond Collection.** How many firearms can you count?

The second is of outback transport and mail contractor pioneer **Henry Edgar (Harry) Ding** (1907-1976). **Harry** is also pictured leaning on the front of a utility halfway up a sandhill (# refer Reference folder – Henry Edgar (Harry) Ding).

Other photos are of Tom and members of the **Kruse family** taken in 2004 and 2006 at his hometown of Waterloo in the Mid North of SA. One photo is of Tom standing in the room where he and his eleven siblings were born at home at Waterloo. Tom's parents were **Ida** and **Henry**. His father was a blacksmith. Tom lost half of the ring finger on his left hand in an incident involving an anvil in his father's shed.

Tom and **Valma** (nee Fuller) were married in 1942. Their family home and Tom's work shed are a couple of blocks to the northwest of the Hotel.

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