

Broken Hill Miners Settlement Scheme

Index of names for Years July 1921 to June 1924 only.

(NB: Index may be incomplete)

The index has been created by copies our Society holds of the Water Conservation & Irrigation Commission correspondence during the establishment of the scheme.

Some of the ex-miners' mentioned in the files did not come to Griffith.

Some further information is available on the names.

Introduction to Scheme

In July 1921 the Department of Labour and Industry presented to NSW Cabinet a proposal to locate mine workers who were receiving compensation under the Workmen's Compensation (Broken Hill) Act on irrigation farms.

A large number of miners, all of whom were prevented from following their usual occupations in the mines, were receiving compensation of varying amounts up to £3.17.0 per week. Although many of the miners were considered to be capable of earning a living wage, it was thought that it was unsafe for them to continue working in the mines as the industrial disease (Fibrosis) they suffered from, made it unsafe for them to remain in the closely settled area of Broken Hill where tuberculosis was present.

Due to the risk of an early death which threatened the ex-miners if they remained in Broken Hill it was proposed to encourage them to take up rural pursuits.

The infant irrigation scheme on the MIA was thought to be an ideal solution.

A number of farms were set aside and it was thought that an amount of £600 per farm by way of advances for fencing, housing, horses, implements etc would be necessary.

During the period before the farms became productive the ex-miners would still be entitled and would need their payments under the Workers Compensation Scheme to enable them to live.

SURNAME	NAME
Alfred	Richard H
Allen	James
Andrews	Richard Henry Alfred
Aulich	August
Beach	Henry E
Boag	William
Boland	P
Bourman	William Henry
Bramwell	Michael Christopher
Brenton	James E
Carter	William Bacon
Colmer	Nyram N
Copeland	Walter
Couch	W
Crocker	Richard Henry
Devitt	Michael Joseph
Dolan	Paul
Dunneman	Leslie Hamilton
Edwards	James
Gee	Harry
Greenway	William
Grossman	Richard
Hall	Henry
Heiniger	William
Henderson	Henry James
Herbert	Frederick
Jones	John
Martin	Frederick
Martin	William John
McDougall	D Colin
McMahon	Patrick
Menhennett	Alfred
Miles	William George
Mills	George Herbert
Moloney	W L
O'Connor	Patrick
Paton	William
Payne	Charles William
Pike	Bert
Price	John
Reardon	Stephen
Reid	James B
Russell	George J
Stempel	Alfred Benjamin
Summers	Alexander
Theuff	James Helmuth
Thorp	Frederick
Trevarrow	A
Waine	Charles Henry
Walsh	John
Watson	William
Watters	Samuel
Wellington	Robert
Whentley	Alfred J
Willington	Harold Walter
Witherdon	Robert



In 1922 this group of Broken Hill Miners, all suffering the ill effects of working in the mines, came to inspect small farms at Griffith in the hope that, if they stayed, working in the open air would improve their health.

Most of these men pictured decided to settle in Griffith with their families. They received compensation from the Broken Hill Mines and most remained on 'Compo' for the rest of their lives.