

Broken Hill – New South Wales 2880

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I visited Broken Hill in May 2026, home of BHP one of Australia's most famous mining towns, located in far western New South Wales. Established in the 1880s after the discovery of rich silver, lead, and zinc deposits, Broken Hill grew rapidly and became known as "The Silver City." The town played a major role in Australia's mining industry and helped shape the country's economic development.

While exploring Broken Hill, I visited several historic sites that showcased the town's rich heritage. During my visit to a number of historic sites, I specifically looked for water meters, and examples of those discovered are documented here. In a region known for its harsh, arid climate and limited water resources, water management has always been important. It was noted that most of the water meters discovered were Actaris/Itron models. Given that the company had a strong presence in South Australia and that Broken Hill is located close to the South Australian border, their widespread use in the area was not surprising. (Alex Manu – Curator HWMM)



Founders of BHP.

The Syndicate of Seven



David James



James Poole



Charles Rasp



George McCulloch



Philip Charley



George Unquhart



George Lind

At the rear of an old Argent St premises two 20mm Itron TD8 20mm P.D. water meters.



Argent Street in 1888





1885 Argent House Building



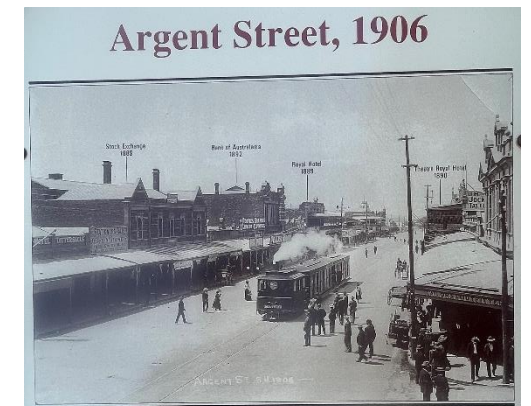
At the rear of Argent House two 20mm Actaris CT5 20mm P.D. water meters.

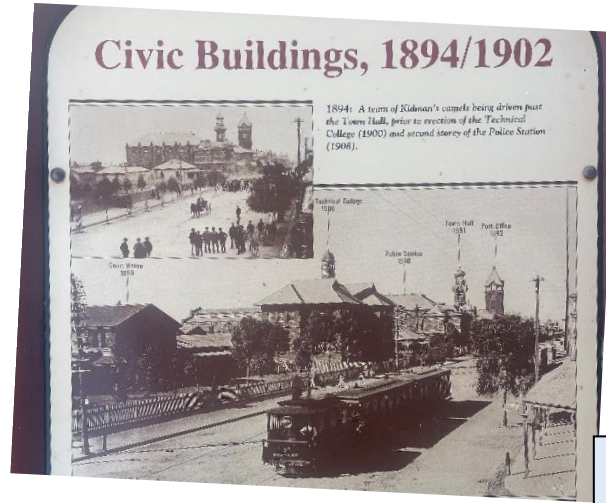


A 20mm Actaris CT5 20mm P.D. water meter.



Historic buildings along Argent Street





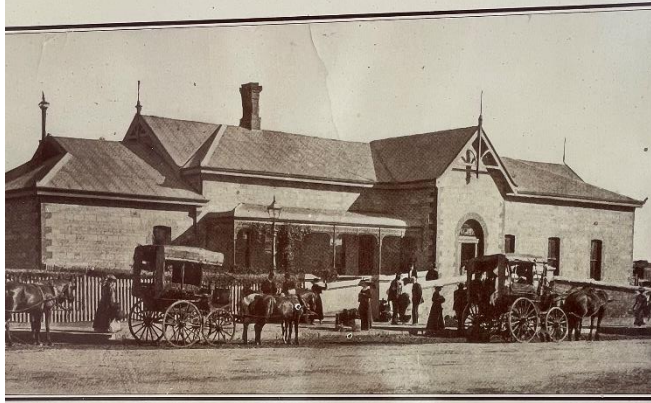
At the Barrier Daily Truth Newspaper building is an Itron 50mm FloStar flanged multi-jet meter.



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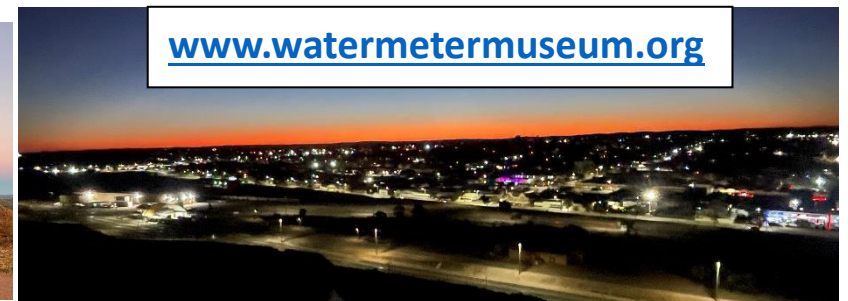
Sulphide Street Railway Station, 1905



Installed at the Railway
Museum on Sulphide Street
is a **20mm Itron TD8 20mm
P.D. water meter.**



At the AMA
building a **20mm
Actaris CT5 20mm
P.D. water meter.**

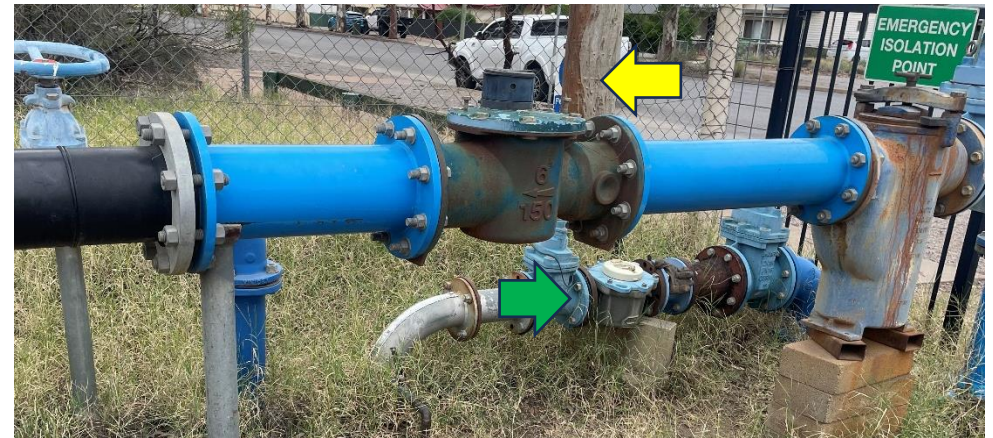


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At the front entry of the Perilya active mine site are located two large water meters which service the site.



In the foreground is an Itron 80mm FloStar flanged multi-jet water meter.



Pictured is a **Davies-Shephard 150mm H3000 flanged Turbine water meter.**

