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HISTORIC PICTURES RELEASED TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

To commemorate its 75th year, Thiess has released more than 700 historic photographs to the National Library of Australia.

The company was the largest Australian contractor on the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Scheme and has completed more than 2000 other projects, many of them critical infrastructure and iconic across the nation.

Forty of these black and white images will go on public display at the Library from tomorrow tonight, Tuesday 17 November 2009, in an exhibition called *Thiess 75 years: Shaping a Nation*. Other photos in the collection will also be available for public viewing via the Library's website.

The exhibition will be opened by The Hon Ros Kelly AO.

Thiess Managing Director David Saxelby says it's an honour to have the National Library hosting the exhibit. "We're fortunate that the Thiess story, which in so many ways reflects the prosperity and growth of Australia, was photographed," Mr Saxelby says.

"The five founding brothers, famed for their innovative thinking, were all about having a go and that's exactly what they did.

"The Snowy was just one project. The diversity of their ambition saw them construct hospitals, prisons, dams, roads, highways and more.

"They imported and distributed Toyota's first Landcruisers in Australia; were even pioneering cattlemen in the Kimberley; and they kicked off a coal mining business that today stretches to Indonesia.

"In 2009, Thiess is still at the forefront of some of the biggest construction jobs in Australia."

Curator of Pictures at the National Library, Linda Groom, says the Thiess images not only complement the Library's documentary collection, but also illustrate a diverse range of topics from construction techniques of the day and working conditions. "We are delighted to acquire the Thiess collection as many of the images feature useful subject areas, including the history of the company, the Snowy Mountains Scheme and the pastoral industry in Western Australia," she said.



Thiess Significant Projects 1934 - 2009

Queensland

1934	Thiess Bros is formally registered	Toowoomba
1934	Kilkivan road works	Kilkivan
1939	Cloudland Ballroom	Brisbane
1940	Heifer Creek Road Cutting	Gatton
1944	Blair Athol Coal Mine	Clermont
1954	Gold Coast canals	Gold Coast
1956	Mt Isa - dams, water mains and roads	Mt Isa
1962	Kianga and Moura Coal Mines	Moura
1976	Wivenhoe Dam	Wivenhoe
1983	Hayman Island Resort	Whitsundays
1987	World Expo 88 sails	Brisbane
1995	Burton Coal Mine	Glenden
1995	Newlands Coal Mine	Suttor Creek
1996	Collinsville Coal Mine	Collinsville
2006	Trackstar Alliance	South East Qld
2006	Bundamba Advanced Water Treatment Plant	Ipswich
2008	Airport Link	Brisbane

New South Wales

1940	Young Australia tank for New Occidental Gold Mine	Cobar
1944	Muswellbrook Coal Mine	Muswellbrook
1954	Gara River Dam	Guyra
1958	Tooma Dam and Tooma-Tumut tunnel	Snowy Mountains
1967	Talbingo Dam and Tumut 3 Power Station	Snowy Mountains
1987	Woollongong Waste Collection	Woollongong
1988	Sydney Harbour Tunnel	Sydney
1991	Port Kembla Steelworks Wastewater Recycling Facility	Port Kembla
1991	Junee Correctional Centre	Junee
1994	Prince of Wales Hospital	Sydney
1995	Mt Own Coal Mine	Singleton
1996	Sydney Olympics Site remediation	Sydney
1996	Homebush Bay Exhibition Hall	Sydney
1997	Sydney Olympics infrastructure development	Sydney
1998	Ansett Terminal Redevelopment, Sydney Airport	Sydney
2002	Epping to Chatswood Rail Line	Sydney
2008	Royal North Shore Hospital Upgrade	Sydney



Victoria

1949	Longwarry-Yarragon Rail Line	Longwarry - Yarragon
1954	Bostock Reservoir	Ballan
1973	Dartmouth Dam	Dartmouth
1977	Sugarloaf Reservoir	Christmas Hills
1979	Loy Yang Power Station chimneys	Loy Yang
1987	Barwon Prison	Lara
1990	Western Ring Road	Melbourne
1993	Melbourne Water maintenance services	Melbourne
2004	EastLink	Melbourne
2004	Regional Fast Rail	Melbourne
2009	Victorian Desalination project	Melbourne
2003	Australian Synchrotron Building	Melbourne

South Australia

1996	Maralinga Rehabilitation project	Maralinga
1996	Olympic Dam Expansion project	Olympic Dam
2007	South Road Upgrade	Adelaide

Northern Territory

1967	Mt Hart Cattle Station	The Kimberleys
1984	Rum Jungle Uranium Mine remediation project	Rum Jungle
1984	RAAF Base Tindal	Katherine
1992	Cullen Bay Marina	Darwin
2003	Darwin LNG Tank	Darwin

Western Australia

1962	Kwinana to Kalgoorlie Rail Line	Kwinana - Kalgoorlie
1989	Granny Smith Gold Mine	Laverton
1991	Dawesville Channel	Dawesville
2003	HISmelt Iron Smelter	Kwinana
2009	Barrow Island - Gorgon Project	Barrow Island

South East Asia

1972	Sembawang dry dock	Singapore
1988	Kalimantan Mine	Indonesia
1992	Balikpapan Training Centre	Indonesia
1996	Central Java telecommunications	Indonesia
1997	Balamabano Dam	Indonesia



2000 Satui and Senakin Mines

Indonesia

Complete List of Thiess ACT Projects

1960 Aerodrome Road (TN July 1960)

1960 Canberra City Hall (TN July 1960)
Roadworks & earthmoving

1962 King's Avenue Bridge approaches (TN June 1962)
Half-cloverleaf system with flyover + ½ mile of carriageway

1962 Southern Lake Wall (TN June 1962)
First part of Canberra Lakes scheme in front of existing Parliament House; ¾ mile 6' high concrete retaining wall

1963 Anzac Parade

1964 NCDC Subdivision

1968 Corin Dam

1968-9 Civil engineering contracts for National Capital Development Commission

1975 Ginninderra Dam

c1977 Googong Dam
Mesh-covered earth-fill dam on Queanbeyan River

c1981 Parliament House earthworks

c1982 William Hovell Drive

1983-4 Gilmore North sub-division

1986 Isabella Plains subdivision & road (TN April/May 1986)
Construction of subdivision and Isabella Drive stage 5A

1988 Eastern Parkway – Hindmarsh Drive Stage 4 (TN May 1988)
Construction of 1.1km of a major arterial road linking northern & southern ends of Canberra

1988 Hindmarsh Drive bridge (TN May 1988)
Reinforced concrete, post tensioned bridge over Eastern Parkway

1988 Calwell Central Stage 2 Subdivision

1989 Jerrabomberra Retardation Basin

1989 Point Hut Floodway

1989 Monash West Sub-division



- 1989 Cooyong Ballumbir Street upgrade
- 1989 Monaro Highway reconstruction
- 1990 Condor 8 Estate Engineering Services
Residential land development for 135 housing sites
- 1991 Monash Central stage 4 & 5
Engineering services for residential land subdivision
- 1995 Harcourt Hill (TN Vol 1, 1995)
Management of civil works
- 1995 Department of Environment Land & Planning (DELPL) Office Development
Provision of two office buildings and car park
- 1996 Federal Hwy, Lake George to Collector
Earthworks, drainage, pavement and finishing works for 8 km of four lane dual carriageway
- 1997 National Capital Private Hospital, Canberra Hospital Campus
Construction management of new building with some minor site & services work
- 2002 Maintenance operations of MRF
- 2006-7 7 London Circuit
Design and construction of a six-storey 'A' Grade commercial structure, comprising two buildings with shared atrium and through site link. This project achieved an Australian Building Greenhouse Rating of four stars and a Green Star design rating of four stars. Special features included embedded heating within the atrium slab to ensure a comfortable ambient temperature throughout Canberra's cooler periods.
- 2006-7 18 Marcus Clarke Street
Twelve levels of commercial 'A' Grade office accommodation including three levels of underground car parking. Ecologically sustainable development initiatives were incorporated into design and construction to ensure its position as a benchmark building in the ACT. Environmental features include waterless urinals, retention tanks for re-use of stormwater, plus operable louvers that will help to cool the building during the evening for the next day. The building achieved a 4-star Green Star design rating.