

REPORT ON FEBRUARY MEETING.

Mr Don Reynolds: Photographs as a tool for Historical Research.

As those who know him expected, Don had arranged an excellent display from his collection of photographs, mostly illustrating his two great interests: Dapto smelter and Port Kembla. Many of the photographs showed the developments in different stages, particularly of the growth of the steelworks. For example the pair of aerial photographs of the area surrounding the Tom Thumb Lagoon, one taken about the 1920s with the lagoon and Allan's Creek still in their original state; and the other showing the same area a few years ago, totally changed, with the steelworks, coal loader, grain loader and inner harbour, now surrounded by suburbia.

A couple of panoramas also attracted a lot of attention, one of the Dapto smelter and another showing the steelworks site as it was in farming days, with Don explaining who lived in every house.

Don's explanation of the collection brought the photos to life for us, and later, when we were invited to look closey, he answered all our questions.

Thanks, Don for a very instructive and memorable evening.

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