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## Back then

In 2003, Menindee WWII veteran Bill Moroney was featured on the cover of the local White Pages directory.

## Step back in time

The Broken Hill City Library has been a treasure trove of information for Sydney's MLC School Year 9 students visiting the region.

The library is a regular focal point of their visit, with students joining Library Coordinator Cheryl Smith and Archives Officer Brian Tonkin delving back into the city's amazing history.

"We always love to host the students during their visit to Broken Hill," Ms Smith said.

"The really have a love and fascination for the city's history and importantly a love of libraries.

"The girls were also a great help during what has been a very big week for the library, assisting us with our Biggest Morning Tea and enjoying the celebrations around Library and Information Week."

MLC Sydney teacher Lynne Slarke said the students always enjoyed their journey outback.

"There is a real sense of community here," Ms Slarke said.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for the girls to see first-hand how country communities come together and what it is like to be part of that community. The Far West region provides many experiences."

Ms Slarke said the students also enjoyed learning about the region and the library was an important part of that education experience.

"The library staff are wonderful, knowledgeable and make our students feel welcome. Brian Tonkin certainly provides a great insight into the amazing history of the city."



Broken Hill Library Coordinator Cheryl Smith takes MLC students Sheree Kuan (left) and Chrissy Burjan on a journey back through time at the Broken Hill City Library's archives collection. PICTURE: Supplied