

Some possible reasons for the presence of such high standards of Education in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia during the 1940's and 50's

As a result of the Great Depression of the 1930's, some of the most highly qualified teachers flocked to Kalgoorlie because there was work available in the city because of the demand for gold, both in Australia and internationally. The gold mines were operating exceptionally well- one could go so far as to say "flourishing".

This is for the simple reason that in times when the international financial system is in trouble, people turn to a substitute which has stood the test of time in the form of this yellow metal.

The schools were thus blessed with high standards that one could even go so far as to maintain that these standards were to be found nowhere else within the entire British Commonwealth countries.

Kalgoorlie is essentially a typical mining town but those high standards remained well into the 1950's.

As has been already dealt with by this author in another article, there were marvellous music teachers there - in addition to the general standards of education.

One was taught English grammar at a superb level. French, in spite of the appalling accent by the locals, was compensated thereby by a very sound grammatical grounding. This enabled a facile acquisition of other languages at a later stage of life.

I would sum up this article with the following presumption: Kalgoorlie, during the era in question, possessed incredibly high educational standards and would thus be an excellent example for the present troubled era.