

## Brown & May portable engine 1909

In the square at Sovereign Hill is a Brown & May single-cylinder portable engine built in England and tested to 200psi for a working pressure of 100psi on 10 December 1909 (most likely in Australia, as its original test stamping is for 13.5 atmospheres). Measurements show it to be of the 8nhp variety with a bore of 10 inches and a stroke of 14 inches, and designed to develop 24-28bhp at 120rpm. It would most likely be one of Works number 7932, 7965, 7975 or 8004, all 8nhp engines dispatched to Langwill Bros & Davies in Melbourne in 1908-1909.<sup>1</sup> Since the boiler bears no *Boiler Inspection Act* stampings it may have been used for purely agricultural purposes or outside Victoria. The engine is typical of those used on farms or in small sawmills. It appears work started to restore this engine at Sovereign Hill with the manufacture of a new front tube plate, but was abandoned for some unknown reason.

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<sup>1</sup> Bedder, L. (2012). *Brown & May Ltd., North Wilts. Foundry, Devizes, England*. Allan & Ruth Rundle, Lincolnshire.