

## Articles used in CLLC tests for History Australia article:

“Who wrote a ‘Visit to the Western Goldfields’? Using computers to analyse language in historical research”.

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**Charles de Boos: known writings:** The first reporting known to have been written by Charles de Boos for the *Sydney Morning Herald* was in 1857, a series of articles under the heading ‘The Gold-Fields of New South Wales’ from ‘Our Special Commissioner’.

Number	Date	Words	Places visited
I	April 20	4203	“The Steamer”: steamer <i>Williams</i> to Newcastle, then to Morpeth, & road to Maitland, Lochinvar, Muswellbrook, Aberdeen, Scone, Page Valley
2	April 23	3773	Page Valley, Murrurundi, Tamworth, Moonbie
3	May 1	2167	Bendemeer, Carlisle’s Gully, Armidale
4	May 4	2502	Armidale to Oban
5	May 8	3139	Oban
6	May 11	2521	Oban, Armidale, Rocky River
7	May 12	4048	Rocky River, Uralla
8	May 16	1293	Uralla/Rocky River, Nundle, Hanging Rock
10	June 26	1763	Hanging Rock, Gunoo Gunoo, Breeza, Sydney. Barnaby’s Inn, Round Swamp
11	June 27	817	Barnaby’s Inn, Mudgee
13	July 2	2568	Murrendi to Burrendong
14	July 3	2256	Burrendong to Muckrawa, Ironbark
15	July 6	2937	Ironbark, Wellington Road, Stoney Creek, Muckrawa, Burrendong
16	July 7	3250	Burrendong to Louisa Creek
17	July 9	2803	Avisford (Meroo), The Meroo
18	July 15	2691	Louisa to Tambaroora and district
19	July 20	1591	Tambaroora to Sofala
20	July 21	2079	Sofala
21	July 29	2398	Sofala to Bathurst and Kelso
22	August 3	2368	Bathurst, to Tuena
23	August 5	1237	Bathurst to Tuena
24	August 18	1942	Tuena to Binda and Goulburn

In late 1858, de Boos wrote a series of articles in the *Herald* on the gold rush on the Fitzroy River, upstream from Rockhampton. For this work, the *Herald* gave him the title ‘Our Special Commissioner’, though the last report was by ‘Our Special Correspondant’. Most of the articles were headed ‘Fitzroy Diggings’, but ‘Fitzroy Goldfields’ was also used. The first one was placed below another article headed ‘Fitzroy Gold-Fields’. Not all of the articles were numbered.

No.	Date	Words: Opening words ...
I	October 5	2658 “The Yarra Yarra...”
II	October 13	1356 “I wrote you in my last...”
III	October 16	1881 “If any person will take...”
IV	October 27	2622 “The probabilities being...”

VI	November 6	2555	“You will have learnt...”
VII	November 17	1573	“I was in hopes of being...”
VIII	November 27	4452	“The Eagle, steamer...”
IX	December 7	1005	“Once more in Sydney...”

**Western Goldfield series:** This series ran in the *Sydney Morning Herald* from December 1859 to August 1860, and although similar in many ways to the series written by De Boos, the writers of this paper believe they were written by an author as yet unknown.

No.	Date	Words	Places visited – sometimes hard to determine
none	December 14	5927	Titled “The Upper Turon”. Sofala
II	December 21	4102	Little Oakey, Atkinson’s Creek
III	December 23	2269	Wattle and Bullock Flats, Oakey
IV	December 24	4111	Oakey area, Pennyweight Creek, Sofala
V	January 10	2399	Turon area
VI	January 11	2551	Turon area
VII	January 18	1921	A diversion
VIII	January 21	2209	Big Wallaby, Turon, where the Bathurst-Tambaroora Road crosses the river, Nuggetty Creek, Bathurst Road, Wyagdon
IX	January 26	2688	Tablelands on the north bank of the Turon, Tambaroora. “In the year 1852 I travelled through the Utah territory ...” *
X	January 27	3937	Turon/Macquarie, Dirt Hole, Pyramel Creek, Louisa Creek, Stoney Creek
XI	January 28	2888	Louisa Basin, Lewis’s Ponds, Louisa; comments on agriculture
XII	February 11	2365	Louisa, Burrangdong, Meroo; comments on Chinese, 5,000 in the Western Goldfields in one year.
XIII	February 15	569	Richardson’s Point, Clear Creek, Merinda
XIV	February 21	2402	Meroo, Sailor’s Creek, Cricketers’ Flat
XV	February 24	2384	Meroo, Avisford, Edward’s Point
XVI	February 26	1800	Meroo district, Sheepstation Point, Warrattra, Richardson’s Point
XVII	March 8,	1384	Meroo district, Merrendee
XVIII	March 16,	2229	Meroo district, Chinaman’s Point
XIX	March 17	2582	Upper Meroo, Meroo
XX	March 21	1195	See printed copy
XXI	April 5	1949	“Again leaving Richardson’s Point”, Long Creek, Campbell’s Creek, Doyle’s Bar
XXII	April 8	1655	Long Creek, Long Flat
XXIII	April 15	1797	See printed copy; on Sydney Road, Crundine; comments on roads, unemployed men
XXIV	April 16	1281	See printed copy, Cherry Trees Hill
XXV	April 20	1822	Ben Bullen, Tabrabucca

XXVI	April 22	1096	Pyramul, Jackson's Flat
XXVII	April 28	2459	Long Creek, Devil's Hole Creek
XXVIII	April 29	1750	Devil's Hole Creek, Warratra
XXIX	May 20	2256	Louisa, Maitland Bar, Golden Point
XXX	May 25	1479	Golden Point, Yeoman's Point, Grati Creek, World's End
XXXI	June 2	2545	From World's End, Grati Creek, Leaning Oak Creek, Merindee, Waterloo Flat, "Meroo farewell".
XXXII	June 3	2406	Unstable nature of gold mining; travels to Mudgee, Macdonald Creek, Guntawang
XXXIII	June 29	772	Guntawang, Wyadra, Cudgegong
XXXIV	July 14	3011	Guntawang, Rats Cstle,; murders of miners
XXXV	July 15	1780	See printed copy: gets lost travelling to Burrendong
XXXVI	July 16	2755	Burrendong district
XXXVII	July 20	2411	Burrendong to Macquarie River, Mullion Range, Poor Man's Reef
XXXVIII	July 21	1701	Stoney Creek, Muckerawa, Ironbarks, Ophir: "And this miserable, damp, gloomy spot is the world renowned Ophir!"
XXXIX	July 25	3305	Mullion Range, Ironbarks, Summerhill
XL	July 26	2666	Summerhill, Lewis's Ponds Creek
XLI	August 3	2182	Heading south, Frederick's Valley, Brown's Creek, Carcoar, Ellerslie, Cowra

**'A Visit to the Southern Goldfields':** *Sydney Morning Herald*, 1859.

The first unnumbered report reads very much like a continuation of the last of his visits to the Western Goldfields and the series may well be by the person who wrote the Western Goldfields series.

No.	Date	Words	Places visited
X	November 8	3253	"The Valley of the Tumut": Lower Gilmore, Adelong, Tumut

**'A Visit to the Northern Goldfields',** *Sydney Morning Herald*, 1859-60. We also believe this series is also the work of the writer of the Western Goldfield series.

Number	Date	Words	Places Visited
I	November 26	2611	"On the Way to the Northern Goldfields": by boat to Newcastle, changed boats to Clarence River, Lawrence, Tenterfield road, Tabulam; Clarence.