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Community Talk



The life and times of Faiz Mahomet, Afghan cameleer/businessman

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Faiz Mahomet was one of the most important 'Afghans' in Western Australia until 1906 when he left never to return. His business had been hugely successful. In 1896 the firm of Faiz and Tagh Mahomet had branches across WA and employed five accountants and managers, some of them Anglo/Australian. The firm was worth £50,000 in 1896, and many of the camel drivers and camel owners working in the colony had been first employed by Faiz Mahomet on two-year contracts.

Notwithstanding his obvious prestige, he was refused Australian citizenship despite living in Australia for almost 30 years. By the time he left for Quetta he was almost penniless.

There is a plaque to Faiz and his brother Tagh in St George's Terrace. This talk will illuminate his fascinating life and times as a businessman, entrepreneur and camel owner.

Wednesday 24 April, 10 for 10.30-11.30am

Cost \$15 Bookings essential

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