

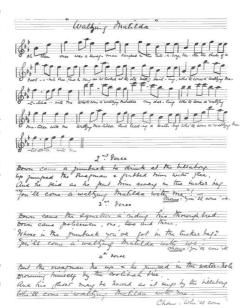
The new Waltzing Matilda Centre opened in April 2018 due to the original building burning down in 2015. Most of the artefacts have been salvaged from the fire and now there's a bigger and better memory built from the words of Banjo Paterson.

The title is Australian slang for travelling by foot with one's goods (waltzing, derived from the German auf der Walz) in a "Matilda" (bag) slung over one's back. The song narrates the story of an itinerant worker, or "swagman", making a drink of tea at a bush camp and capturing a sheep to eat. When the sheep's owner arrives with three police officers to arrest the worker for the theft, the worker commits suicide by drowning himself in the nearby watering hole, after which his ghost haunts the site.

The original lyrics were written in 1895 by poet and nationalist Banjo Paterson. It was first published as sheet music in 1903. Extensive folklore surrounds the song and the process of its creation, to the extent that the song has its own museum, the Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton, Queensland. In 2012, to remind Australians of the song's significance, Winton organised the inaugural Waltzing Matilda Day to be held on 6 April, the anniversary of its first performance.

The song was first recorded in 1926 as performed by John Collinson and Russell Callow. In 2008, this recording of "Waltzing Matilda" was added to the "Sounds of Australia Registry" in the National Film and Sound Archive which says that there are more recordings of "Waltzing Matilda" than any other Australian song.

Securiton's Early Warning System is featuring aspirating technology based on ASD 535 for protecting sensitive areas such as the warehouse of artefacts. System design, installation and commissioning has been accomplished in close cooperation with Securiton's local partner Incite Fire Pty Ltd..









Project Name: Waltzing Matilda Centre Project Category: Cultural Heritage

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System Components: SecuriRAS Aspirating,

Smoke Detectors ASD 535

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