History of Prouds Clocks and their Successors

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Prouds Movement Circa 1913
MASTER OR CONTROLLER CLOCK.

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Sydney Personalities Involved

- The Proud family
- Thomas John Murday
- George Francis Gough
- Arthur Louis Franklin
- Alan Crook
- Laurie Taprell
- Cecil Gross
- Alan Gross
- Frank Rozzoli
PROUDS

• Prouds the jewelery firm commenced by William James Proud in 1904
• Mid 1911 Thomas Murday English clockmaker arrives in Australia and begins working for Prouds shortly thereafter
• First known major installation Circular Quay
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ALAN CROOK ELECTRICAL

• Commenced by Alan Crook circa 1940
• Located in Barrack St, Sydney, advertising for staff in 1940 - 1942
• Laurie Taprell finished his apprenticeship in 1945 with Alan Crook
• 1947 Change of name to Ac-Elec
• Master clocks with ACELELEC on the secondary pilot dial printed on the face
SCIENTIFIC CLOCKS

• Commenced by Laurie Taprell and Cecil Gross in 1947
• Alan Gross, Cecil’s son became a full partner in 1949
• Scientific Clocks went on to become Time and Service Company, owned and managed by Laurie Taprell.
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