The Heritage Guide
Discover Brisbane's Stories

Are you ready to discover greater Brisbane's stories? Fantastic – this guide is your key to accessing Brisbane's fascinating heritage places. There are all kinds of stories to be found. Pocket this guide and go exploring today!

Brisbane's Living Heritage Network is a membership-based organisation promoting more than 80 public museums, heritage places, houses and gardens dedicated to sharing Brisbane's story. You will find our members’ enthusiasm infectious and their knowledge extensive. As a conversation starter, let our members know that we sent you – show your guide when you visit any of the sites listed.

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St John’s Cathedral
Building began in 1906 and proceeded in three stages until 2009. This Gothic-Revival Cathedral houses needlework, intricate wood-carvings, stained glass windows and the only fully stone-vaulted ceiling in Australia.

373 Ann St, Brisbane CBD
Suggested donation $5.00 / Mon – Sat 9.30am – 4.30pm, Sun 11.00am – 4.30pm / www.stjohnscathedral.com.au

Ph: 3835 2222

**DID YOU KNOW . . .**

. . . Victoria Park predates the city? Some Brisbane parks are remnants of Aboriginal camping ground used before white settlement and into historic times. Victoria Park and the ‘Ekka’ grounds were *Barrambin* (windy place) and *Walan* – a camp and centre for inter-tribal tournaments and post-ceremony activities. Up to 1,000 people, visiting from all over the Moreton region, stayed here. At the middle lay a beautiful chain of waterholes, were slowly drained as Brisbane’s first water supply - one still survives. Residents of this major camp supplied Brisbane with much of its firewood, bark and bush plant needs, also working as domestics and manual labourers. The park was the scene of Aboriginal-settler conflict during the 1840s-1850s: the capture and execution of Yilbung and Ommuli; and raids by Brisbane’s militia and police.

**HISTORIC PROFILE**

**Mercy Heritage Centre**

Situated within historic All Hallows’ Convent, overlooking the Brisbane River and Story Bridge, the Mercy Heritage Centre sits within a unique cultural heritage setting. The Centre is a social history museum dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy Brisbane. Whilst the museum is currently closed, you can still appreciate the historical convent building from the street frontage along Ann Street and access resources on the website, www.mercyheritage.com.
INNER CITY

DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . although Brisbane’s Customs House was completed in 1889 and the federation of the Australian colonies dated from 1901, this iconic building boasts a Coat of Arms within its pediments that intrigues, as none of the Australian colonies had been accorded a Coat of Arms at the time of its construction. The Coat of Arms looks remarkably like the present-day Australian Coat of Arms, complete with the exhortation to ‘Advance Australia’. Perhaps the ornamentation to the Customs House pediment is linked to a medal struck in 1853, acknowledging the end of the transportation of convicts to Tasmania?

HISTORIC PROFILE Central Station

The Central Railway Station opened in 1889 as a temporary structure and represents the northern end of a defining ‘Line of Sight’ architectural design for the City which has, as its southern end, the Anglican Church of St Mary The Virgin at Kangaroo Point. A contract for a permanent building dates from 1899 and the design of the clock tower is attributed to onetime Colonial Architect JJ Clark, who provided the inspiration for the Treasury Building at the top of Queen St.

HISTORIC PROFILE General Post Office

Brisbane’s General Post Office (GPO) opened in 1872 to a design by FDG Stanley at a cost of £7,450. John Petrie was the builder, using a combination of porphyry from Kangaroo Point and sandstone. The original plans provided for a handsome clock tower; however, this work did not proceed.

The Telegraph Office, another commission for John Petrie, was completed in 1879.

HISTORIC PROFILE ANZAC Square War Memorial

This historic site features the Shrine of Remembrance with Eternal Flame, War Memorials, Honour Rolls, Unit Plaques and artefacts from WWII cemeteries. The stairs linking the Shrine with the Square are 19 on one side and 18 on the other, signifying 1918, the year the Great War ended.

Freemasons Ann Street Memorial Centre

With its foundation stone laid on Anzac Day 1928, and built from local materials, the Ann St Centre is the Headquarters of the Craft in Queensland, and a Memorial dedicated to those who gave their lives in World War 1 and subsequent conflicts.

311 Ann St, Brisbane CBD
Free, donation appreciated / Tours Fri 2.00pm
www.ugiq.org.au
Ph: 3229 3533

St Andrew’s Uniting Church

An excellent example of Romanesque-Byzantine architecture, designed by George David Payne, and featuring stained glass windows by Brisbane artist William Bustard. The Peace Chapel contains World War honour boards and a Communion Set used at Gallipoli.

Cnr Creek and Ann St, Brisbane CBD
Free, donation appreciated / Mon – Fri 11.00am – 2.00pm
www.saintandrews.org.au
Ph: 3221 2400

ANZAC Square (between Adelaide and Ann St), Brisbane CBD
Access to Shrine Mon – Fri 9.00am – 3.00pm
Ph: 3403 8888
Albert Street Uniting Church

The church is built in the decorative Gothic style of architecture to harmonise the style with the requirements of a tropical climate. The most prominent feature of the external design is the spire, rising to a height of 42 metres from the street.

Cnr Albert and Ann St, Brisbane CBD
Free, donation appreciated / Mon – Fri 10.00am – 2.00pm
www.wmb.org.au

Ph: 3031 3030

DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . the Windmill on Wickham Terrace is the oldest surviving windmill tower in Australia and reputedly the oldest example of European construction in Queensland. Dating from 1828, it later became an Observatory and Signal Station reporting on shipping arrivals and, for many years, helped ‘keep the time’ for the citizens of Brisbane with the firing of a cannon and the dropping of its time ball at 1.00pm.

Museum of Brisbane

Museum of Brisbane focuses on the identity of Brisbane; the place, its history, people and culture, every dimension of its past, present and future, delivering an entertaining and authentic program of exhibitions and other activities.

L3, Brisbane City Hall, King George Square, Brisbane CBD
Free / Daily 10.00am – 5.00pm / www.museumofbrisbane.com.au

Ph: 3339 0800

Brisbane City Hall

Built between 1920 and 1930, the heritage-listed City Hall is seen as the heart of Brisbane. Come and see the results of the historic three-year restoration and repair project, completed on 6 April 2013.

King George Square (between Adelaide and Ann St), Brisbane CBD
Mon – Fri 8.00am – 5.00pm, Sat – Sun 9.00am – 5.00pm
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/cityhall

Ph: 3403 8888

Queensland Police Museum

Discover police heritage, Queensland crimes, investigative techniques, medals, the history of police women, operational equipment and transport, amongst other displays. Experience our simulated murder scene; come in and try your hand at solving this crime.

Ground Floor, Queensland Police Headquarters, 200 Roma St, Brisbane CBD
Free / Mon – Thurs 9.00am – 4.00pm, last Sun of month (Feb – Nov) 10.00am – 3.00pm / www.police.qld.gov.au

Ph: 3364 6432

Historic Profile Treasury Casino

Situated at the river end of the Queen St Mall, the Queensland Government Treasury Building was built in three stages between 1886 and 1928. John James Clarke’s neo-Italianate design was used for the new four-storey plan which was changed from the original two-storey plan proposed by Melbourne architects Grainger and D’Ebro. Looking closely at the building, the three stages of development can be seen by the colour changes of the sandstone ashlar casing of the building.
**Commissariat Store Museum**

Situated in the historic Queens Wharf Brisbane precinct, this 1829 convict built structure began its life as a storehouse for the Moreton Bay Penal Colony. Visit today to gain an insight into Brisbane’s convict beginnings.

115 William St, Brisbane CBD  
Adults $6.00, Concession $5.00, Child $3.00, Family $12.00  
Tue – Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm / www.queenslandhistory.org

**Queensland Parliament**

Visit Parliament House and take a free guided tour of one of Queensland’s most beautiful and historically significant buildings. Walk through the halls of power where our Parliament has met since 1868.

Parliamentary Annexe Building, 69 Alice St, Brisbane CBD  
Free / Mon – Fri, when Parliament is not sitting. Tours start at 1.00pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm and 4.00pm. On sitting days, there is only one tour starting at 2.00pm / www.parliament.qld.gov.au

**All Saints’ Anglican Church**

All Saints’ Church is the oldest continually used Anglican Church in Brisbane. Established by Bishop Tufnell, it was built in 1869 with one of the only three Lewis Organs in Australia. The hammer beam roof is unique in Australia.

32 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane CBD  
As an operating Church, please note Mass times Tue 12.15pm, Wed 10.00am, Thu 12.15pm, Fri 7.45am, Sun 7.30am and 9.30am / www.allsaintsbrisbane.com

**DID YOU KNOW . . .**

. . . that Brisbane has a link to London’s famous Big Ben through a building adjacent to the Cathedral of St Stephen in Elizabeth Street. Celebrating its first Mass in May 1850 and later becoming the first Roman Catholic Cathedral in Brisbane, this structure is attributed to a design by AWN Pugin [1812–1852] whose many commissions included the tower in which Big Ben is housed.

. . . that Devils have run amuck in George St; seven in fact who normally look down from the 1910 section of the old Government Printing Office? It has been suggested – perhaps unkindly – that four of the seven are representations of the politicians of the day. And why devils? Whatever the reason, it has certainly caused alarm to the two cats further up the street. These frightened felines can be easily seen, clinging for dear life to the parapets of the nearby Mansions building.

. . . that Queen Victoria personally chose the name ‘Queensland’ in 1859. Her statue in Queens Gardens was a replica of a statue located at Hove in the UK. Created by the sculptor Thomas Bock, this example dates from 1906. And whilst on the subject of royalty, many of the streets of Brisbane’s CBD are named for kings, queens, princes and princesses – the ‘ladies’ travel east to west; the ‘men’ north to south!

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Old Government House
Explore one of Queensland’s most significant historical buildings through a guided or podcast tour. Once the colonial hub of Brisbane, the House has been extensively restored into a historical museum for all visitors to enjoy.

2 George St, QUT Gardens Point Campus
Free / Mon – Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm, Sun 10.00am – 4.00pm, closed Sat / www.ogh.qut.edu.au

City Botanic Gardens
Enjoy Queensland’s oldest heritage gardens by strolling among beautiful old trees, some planted at the time Brisbane was first established. A tranquil green oasis, only minutes from the city centre.

Alice St, Brisbane CBD
Free / Open 24 hours per day / Free guided walks Mon to Sat 11.00am and 1.00pm / www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/botanicgardens

Cathedral of St Stephen
Located in the City’s heart, this complex demonstrates a skilful modernisation of a 19th century neo-Gothic building. The first church in Queensland (1850), now St Stephen’s Chapel, adjoins the Cathedral and was refurbished in 1999. Fascinating art and history are revealed during guided tours of the Cathedral.

249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane CBD
Free, donation appreciated / 7.30am – 6.00pm daily / www.cathedralofststephen.org.au

MacArthur Museum Brisbane
Visit the restored office of General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in the South West Pacific during WW2. Find out what it was like to live in Brisbane during WW2.

Level 8, 201 Edward St, Brisbane CBD
Adult $8.00, Concession $5.00, Children $4.00, Family $15.00
Tues, Thurs and Sun 10.00am – 5.00pm / www.mmb.org.au

DID YOU KNOW . . .
. . . in colonial times, Queensland operated its own navy with ship names such as, Gayundah, Paluma, Midge and Mosquito. The Naval Stores survive to this day at the base of the cliffs at Kangaroo Point and the Queen Anne style Naval Offices at the Botanic Gardens’ end of Edward St date from 1900. A onetime Commandant of the Queensland Marine Defence Force, William Rooke Cresswell, came to be known as ‘The Father of the Royal Australian Navy’.

DID YOU KNOW . . .
. . . on a hot summer’s day there is nothing more refreshing than to bite into a portion of chilled mango or pawpaw; that is unless you are in Elizabeth St in Brisbane’s CBD. Here on the wall of the GPO building, across from the Cathedral of St Stephen and high above the traffic, are two depictions of mango and pawpaw trees . . . sculptured in stone! These are examples of the work of celebrated Brisbane artisan Lewis Jarvis Harvey and are recorded as dating from 1910.
Customs House

Customs House, one of Brisbane’s heritage icons, is located on the river in the CBD. It is owned and operated by The University of Queensland. Public access applies to some areas including the restaurant.

399 Queen St, Brisbane CBD
Free / 10.00am – 4.00pm daily / www.customshouse.com.au

Ph: 3365 8999

Supreme Court Library Queensland

SCLQ is the leading collector of Queensland’s legal heritage. Discover engaging exhibitions, events and education activities for schools, tertiary institutions, legal profession and wider community. Tours can be booked via website.

Ground and Level 12, QEI1 Courts of Law, 415 George St, Brisbane CBD
Free / Mon – Fri 8.30am – 4.30pm / www.legalheritage.sclqld.org.au

Ph: 3247 5434

Brisbane History Group

Dedicated to encouraging and promoting the study of Brisbane’s history. Contact us, join us or find out about our events at www.brisbanehistory.asn.au. Research the city’s rich history at the Brisbane History Hub, National Trust House, 95 William St, Brisbane.

Visits to the History Hub by appointment only
Ph: 3162 9429 or 0402 368 495

We offer a free audio guide to inner city Brisbane’s heritage places and museums for your own mobile device via izi.TRAVEL. It will help you discover great stories and things to do. The izi.TRAVEL app can be downloaded via the Apple Store (iPhone or iPad), the Google Play Store (Android) or Windows Store. After installation look for ‘Discover Brisbane’s Heritage Stories’. We suggest that you download the tour before you start, so you don’t have to be online in order to use it.
Queensland Maritime Museum

You can almost feel her moving as you visit the famous WW2 warship *Diamantina*, the last of her kind left in the world and host of the final surrender ceremonies in the Solomons. Experience the historic dry dock.

Cnr Stanley and Sidon St, South Bank
Adults $14.00, Concession $12.00, Children $7.00, Family $35.00
9.30am – 4.00pm daily / www.maritimemuseum.com.au

Ph: 3844 5361

Queensland Museum and Sciencecentre

Come on in and discover engaging exhibitions, programs and activities on science, technology, cultures and history that tell the stories of all Queenslanders.

Cnr Grey and Melbourne St, South Bank
Main Museum free. Sciencentre, admission charges apply
9.30am – 5.00pm daily
www.qm.qld.gov.au

Ph: 3840 7516

State Library of Queensland, John Oxley Library

Explore thousands of original collection items and discover engaging programs, events and workshops. The John Oxley Library is a key resource for Queensland’s history and heritage.

Stanley Place, South Bank
Free / 10.00am – 5.00pm daily / www.slq.qld.gov.au

Ph: 3840 7666

HISTORIC PROFILE

Former South Brisbane Town Hall

Constructed in 1891–1892 for the South Brisbane Municipal Council, this two-storeyed former municipal chambers provided a focus for the new Borough of South Brisbane that sought to rival in development the Municipality of Brisbane. The place is significant as a major and early Brisbane work by the important architect, John S Murdock. Many United States military personnel in Brisbane were associated with the hall during the Second World War.
Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA)
Queensland’s premier visual arts institution, QAGOMA, connects people and art through a dynamic program of Australian and international exhibitions that showcase works from a diverse range of historical and contemporary artists.

Stanley Place, Cultural Precinct, South Bank
Free, unless otherwise stated – visit website / Open daily 10.00am – 5.00pm / www.qagoma.qld.gov.au

Wolston House – National Trust of Australia (Queensland)
Built in 1852 by Dr Stephen Simpson, this brick and stone farmhouse is one of the oldest in Brisbane. Enjoy Devonshire tea on our shady verandah.

223 Grindle Rd, Wacol
Adults $8.80, Child $4.40, Concession $5.50, Family $22.00, National Trust members free / Open 11.00am – 4.00pm every Sun (except 5th Sun of the month)
www.nationaltrust.org.au/qld/WolstonHouse

Mater Archives and Heritage Centre
Located in the original Mater Private Hospital, designed by Robin Dods, and built in 1910. It collects and displays material that reflects the history of Mater Hospitals on the South Brisbane site.

Level 3, Aubigny Place, Mater Health Services, Stanley St, South Brisbane
Free / Mon and Wed 9.00am – 5.00pm / www.mater.org.au/Home/Services/Mater-Archives-and-Heritage-Centre

Diamantina Health Care Museum
Discover the history of the site and former healthcare facilities where the Princess Alexandra Hospital now stands. Displays include a broad spectrum of healthcare memorabilia and documents of significance with a focus on key persons.

Princess Alexander Hospital, Woolloongabba (Cornwall St entry)
Free / Wed 11.00am – 2.30pm, Sun 12.00pm – 2.00pm

HISTORIC PROFILE
Musgrave Park
Did you know that Musgrave Park is an Aboriginal Meeting Place? For over 70 years, Musgrave Park has been ‘the’ centre for Brisbane’s Aboriginal communities to connect, socialise and – if need be – express their political views. It is also the venue for a host of Indigenous cultural activities including one of Australia’s largest NAIDOC celebrations – with up to 20,000 attendees each July.

The park is the last remaining fragment of the once-huge South Brisbane and Woolloongabba Water and Recreation Reserves. These were the Southside’s main water source and site of its largest Aboriginal camps – stretching from Brisbane State High School east to the Mater Hospital. During the 1840s to 1870s, the camps provided much of South Brisbane’s honey, reeds, water-carrying and fish supplies. One translation of Woolloongabba is ‘fight talk place’, which expresses how the area was an important pullen-pullen (tournament ground), experiencing a long history of conflict. As early as 1827, residents of these camps tried to ‘starve out’ Brisbane settlement by destroying its crops at the location, known now as South Bank and Kangaroo Point.

By the 1960s and 1970s, many Aboriginal services and organisations were established close to the park and it became the staging point for massive protests and ‘tent cities’ seeking land rights. Musgrave Park Family Fun Day (usually on 10th July) is a good time for the whole community to enjoy the park’s Indigenous cultural heritage.
Logan Art Gallery
Logan Art Gallery showcases the diverse practices of visual artists, craft workers and designers through a dynamic program of exhibitions and creative art activities to inspire and engage residents and visitors to the region.

Cnr Jacaranda Ave and Wembley Rd Logan Central
Free / Tue – Sat 10.00am – 5.00pm
www.logan.qld.gov.au/artgallery
Ph: 3412 5519

Logan Historical Museum Society
Kingston Butter Factory was built in 1907. Converted to a community arts centre in 1988 it now houses several community organisations. The museum collection holds cream production records from 1905 to the cease of operations in 1983. A kiosk serves teas and lunches.

23 Milky Way, Kingston
Free / 10.00am – 4.30pm daily
www.logan.qld.gov.au
Ph: 3208 3943 or 3808 2900

Mayes Cottage House Museum
Mayes Cottage is a genuine treasure from Australia’s pioneering age. The main house, built in 1887, and other outbuildings stand on the grounds for the curious to explore.

20 Mawarra St, Kingston
Free / Thur and Fri 10.30am – 4.00pm
www.logan.qld.gov.au
Ph: 3412 4147

Rosewood Scrub Historical Society
The museum has a large display of historic photos of the district as well as a research library and books of family histories. The Society collects, preserves and archives family histories and documents relevant to the wider Rosewood area.

73 Edmond St, Marburg
Gold coin / 1.30pm – 4.00pm, 1st and 3rd Sun of the month / www.rshs.com.au
Ph: 5464 4808

The Workshops Rail Museum
The Museum tells the story of rail in Queensland spanning enormous technological and social change through 15 interactive exhibition zones, events, and behind the scenes tours of Queensland Rail’s active heritage workshops.

North St, North Ipswich
Adults $20.00, Concession $17.00, Children $11.50, Family $59.00 / 9.30am to 4.00pm daily
www.theworkshops.qm.qld.gov.au
Ph: 3432 5100

Queensland State Archives
Explore the state’s largest collection of government records. An invaluable research facility for those interested in Queensland’s local and family history.

435 Compton Rd, Runcorn
Free / Mon – Fri 9.00am – 4.30pm and 2nd Sat of month
www.archives.qld.gov.au
Ph: 3131 7777

RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre
RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre tells the story of aviation in south-east Queensland and highlights the history of our Air Force. Sit inside an F-111 cockpit, walk through a Caribou and inspect an Iroquois helicopter.

Southern Amberley Rd, Amberley
Free / 9.00am – 3.00pm, 3rd Sun of the month except Dec / www.raafamberleyheritage.gov.au
Ph: 1800 623 306

Oral History Queensland
Oral History Queensland promotes the use of oral history for recording memories of peoples’ unique life experiences. OHQ educates in the use of oral history methods by conducting workshops and encouraging discussions about oral history.

PO Box 3296, Birkdale, Queensland 4159
See the OHQ website for workshop and event times / www.ohq.org.au
Ph: 3376 1865

DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . about Queensland’s largest Buddhist temple?
Nestled in Priestdale’s bushland is the largest Buddhist temple in Queensland. Chung Tian Temple was constructed in 1992 and includes a seven-tiered pagoda, tea gardens, museum, statues of arhats (saints) and many other facilities. The temple, built by the Tiawanese Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Order, promotes multicultural and multi-faith activities around Brisbane, notably through the Inter-faith Centre (Griffith University) and the annual Buddha’s Birthday celebrations at South Bank.
North West

Christ Church, Milton
A charming 19th century wooden church, old rectory and headstones from the original Paddington cemetery. An oasis of peace in the midst of the city. Tours may be arranged and facilities available for hire.

9 Chippendale St, Milton
Donation / Parish office Mon – Thurs 9.30am – 2.30pm, Sun service 8.30am, Wed service 9.30am / www.cccpm.org.au

Ph: 3369 2797
What’s on in heritage?
Are you a history buff, culture vulture or heritage enthusiast? Want to be the first in your circle to know about Brisbane’s ‘heritage happenings’? Brisbane’s Living Heritage Network has just the thing for you. Our online ‘What’s On’ calendar lists the events of all members featured in The Heritage Guide.
There are all sorts of fun and interesting heritage events happening every week across greater Brisbane. Visit our website, www.blhn.org, and look for ‘What’s On’.

Army Museum South Queensland
Official Army museum in South Queensland. Collects and conserves military history from Colonial times to current campaigns. Located in the oldest existing military barracks in Queensland dating from 1864.

Petrie Tce, Brisbane
Museum currently closed. Barracks tours available.
Free, donation appreciated / Wed 9.00am – 4.00pm
www.army.gov.au/ahu

Ph: 3233 4531

9th Battalions War Memorial Museum
The history of the 9th Battalions since 1867 with artefacts and memorabilia from the Boer War, 9th Bn AIF and 2/9th Bn AIF, 9th Bn [The Moreton Regiment] to the present serving unit 9RQR.

Heritage Precinct, Enoggera Military Camp, Enoggera
Tues 10.00am – 1.00pm. Other times and groups by appointment.
www.9bnassoc.org

Ph: 3040 1069

Friends of Toowong Cemetery
The first burial on 3 January 1871 was that of Colonel Samuel Wensley Blackall, Queensland’s second Governor. Since then over 119,000 people have been buried at Queensland’s largest cemetery which includes Jewish and Chinese sections.

Cnr Frederick St and Mt Coot-tha Rd, Toowong
Free / Mon – Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm, Sat and Sun 9.30am – 2.30pm
www.fotc.org.au

Ph: 0435 326 206

Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
Enjoy a botanical world tour through subtly changing plant displays arranged in thematic and geographic communities. More than 20,000 arid, tropical and temperate plants thrive in this living subtropical museum.

Mt Coot-tha Rd, Toowong
Free / 8.00am – 5.30pm daily; 8.00am - 5.00pm (Apr to Aug)
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/botanicgardens

Ph: 3403 8888
DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . the Campus of the University of Queensland at St Lucia is dominated by a Great Court, covering 2.4 hectares. Completed in 1979, 42 years after the laying of the foundation stone, the Great Court was constructed using sandstone from Helidon and, as part of a proud academic tradition, buildings linked by the Great Court feature sculptured figures, scenes and the much-admired caricatures known as ‘grotesques’.

UQ Anthropology Museum
The Anthropology Museum hosts a dynamic exhibition program aimed at stimulating understanding and debate around a range of intercultural issues, with a focus on the art and cultures of Australian Aboriginal and Pacific peoples.

Level 1, Michie Building, University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus
Free / Daily 11.00am – 4.00pm
www.anthropologymuseum.uq.edu.au
Ph: 3365 3111

RD Milns Antiquities Museum
The RD Milns Antiquities Museum supports and promotes the study of the Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Near Eastern civilisations through their material remains. It offers a range of programs for schools, universities and the public.

Level 2, Building 9 (Michie Building)
University of Queensland, St Lucia
Free / Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm and selected Saturdays
www.uq.edu.au/antiquities
Ph: 3365 3010

UQ Art Museum
The Art Museum seeks to engage with the University and broader community through an active range of exhibitions, public programs, events and publications, and aims to foster critical enquiry, enjoyment and appreciation of art and visual culture.

University Drive, University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus
Free / Daily 10.00am – 4.00pm / www.artmuseum.uq.edu.au
Ph: 3365 3046

UQ Fryer Library
This is the special collections branch of UQ Library. The collection of manuscripts, rare books, photographs and ephemera covers Australian literature, history, politics and more, with an emphasis on Queensland.

Level 4, Duhig Building, University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus
Free / Mon – Sat 9.00am – 5.00pm / www.library.uq.edu.au/fryer
Ph: 3365 6236

UQ Physics Museum
Scientific instruments and devices dating back to the University’s beginnings form the basis of the collection which includes instruments, books and memorabilia. Also home to the famous Pitch Drop Experiment - the world’s longest running laboratory experiment

Ground floor, Parnell Building, University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus
Free / Mon – Fri 8.30am – 5.00pm / physicsmuseum.uq.edu.au
Ph: 0405 685 813
Brisbane Tramway Museum
Visitors experience short rides on former Brisbane trams from the Matchbox type of 1901 to the Phoenix trams of 1964. Also displays of memorabilia, equipment and souvenirs are accessible.

Tramway St, Ferny Grove
Adult $14.00, Concession $11.00, Child $7.00, Family $42.00
Sun 12.30pm – 4.00pm. Other days by arrangement.
www.brisbanetramwaymuseum.org

Ph: 3351 1776

Brookfield District Museum
The Museum features exhibits relating to early Brookfield pioneering families whose lives revolved around the main industries of timber, farming and gold mining.

550 Brookfield Rd, Brookfield
By donation / 9.00am – 11.00am 1st and 3rd Sat in the month and 2.00pm – 4.00pm 1st Sun in the month, during the Brookfield Show and by appointment / www.brookfieldshowground.com.au/museum

Ph: 3374 0505

Samford District Historical Museum Society
Samford Museum opened in 1986 and collects objects from the district’s rural, domestic, educational, railway, timber, transport and village history as well as reminiscences by families who have lived in the Samford Valley.

Station Street, Samford
Adults $5.00, Children $2.00 / Wed 10.00am to 3.00pm and Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm
www.samfordmuseum.com.au

Ph: 3289 2743
Queensland Military Memorial Museum

The Museum displays items of Queensland’s Military Heritage from pre-Federation to the present day with over 2000 items housed in the Sir Arthur Macdonald KBE CG Annex.

28 Church St. Fortitude Valley
Adults $5.00, Children $2.00, Family $10.00 / Sun 12.00pm – 4.00pm
www.qmmm.org

Ph: 3852 3565

The Embroiderers’ Guild Queensland

Located in a former Masonic Hall, the Guild’s collection includes antique and modern needlework as well as a library of books, videos and magazines. Members meet regularly to share, teach and keep the skills of the art alive.

149 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley
Free / Tue 10.00am – 2.00pm, Thur 9.00am – 12.00pm, 2nd and 4th Wed 10.00am – 2.00pm, Sat 1.00pm – 3.00pm
www.embroiderersguildqld.org.au

Ph: 3252 8629

HISTORIC PROFILE

Ancient temple defied the odds

During the 19th century, Breakfast Creek and Eagle Farm’s Cantonese community provided most of Brisbane’s fruit and vegetables from their market gardens. Between 1885 and 1886, in the heart of their community, they built what remains as Queensland’s oldest and longest-used Chinese temple. *Feng shui* is said to have enabled the temple to survive the 1894, 1974 and 2011 Brisbane floods. The temple is open to the public thanks to a caretaker-monk.
UQ Marks-Hirschfeld Museum of Medical History
The Museum holds one of the finest collections of medical memorabilia and instruments in Australia serving scholars, researchers and visitors alike.

Mayne Medical School, Herston Rd, Herston
Free, donations appreciated / Tue and Thur 9.00am – 3.30pm.
By Appointment.

Nursing Museum RBWH
Stories of nurses and nursing from the late 19th century to the late 20th century. The collection features photographs, memorabilia, war-time reflections and much more.

Building 19, Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital, Bowen Bridge Rd, Herston.
Free, donations appreciated / Tues 11.00am – 2.00pm Tours by appointment.

DID YOU KNOW . . .
… about Nudgee’s well-kept bora ground? There are less than ten, publically accessible boras (Aboriginal ceremonial grounds) in South-East Queensland – especially the earth ring variety that typified the coastal area. The Nudgee site has explanatory signage and includes a boardwalk path through surrounding bushland. The site is close to the pleasant Nudgee Waterholes are part of the walk. The walk passes midden remnants and other sites, within view of Nudgee Golf Course, site of an Aboriginal camp as late as the 1880s.

Ph: 3636 8702

Windsor and Districts Historical Society
The Society holds a large collection of archival material relating to local families, schools, community organisations and especially the Windsor Shire and Town Councils.

Old Windsor Town Council Chambers
Cnr. Lutwyche Rd and Palmer St, Windsor
Free / Sun and Mon 1.00pm – 4.00pm / www.windsorhistorical.org.au

Ph: 0401 802 980

Miegunyah House Museum
Miegunyah House Museum is the home of The Queensland Women’s Historical Association. Built in 1886, it is furnished in the style of the late 19th century and dedicated to displaying women’s history and domestic life.

35 Jordan Terrace, Bowen Hills
Adults $7.50, Child $2.00, Student Groups $2.00 / Feb – Nov, Wed 10.30am – 3.00pm, Sat and Sun 10.30am – 4.00pm
www.miegunyah.org

Ph: 0401 802 980

Newstead House
Discover the layers of Brisbane’s oldest surviving home, built in 1846. From Georgian cottage to grand residence, Newstead House is an established house museum decorated and furnished to reflect the late Victorian period.

Newstead Park, 191a Breakfast Creek Rd, Newstead
Adult $9.00, Concession $6.00, Child $6.00, Family $20.00
Tue – Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm, Sun 2.00pm – 5.00pm
www.newsteadhouse.com.au

Ph: 3216 1846
Girl Guides Archive
The archive includes photos and memorabilia covering 100 years of Girl Guiding. The collection includes artefacts from Papua New Guinea. The archive and collection is currently displayed in two locations. Visitors are welcome, but by appointment only.

1/132 Lutwyche Rd, Windsor
Gould Rd, Herston
Free / By appointment / www.guidesqld.org

Ph: 3357 1266

Enoggera and Districts Historical Society
The Society’s collection, all housed at the Enoggera Memorial Hall, covers the history of the Parish of Enoggera, the early Enoggera district and former Shire.

Enoggera Districts Memorial Hall,
Cnr Wardell and Trundle St, Enoggera
Free / Thur 9.30am – 1.30pm, 1st Sat of month 1.00pm – 4.00pm
www.enoggerahistoricalsociety.org.au

Ph: 3366 3191

Old Tote Racing Museum and Archive
Situated in the Old Tote building, the museum and archive celebrates almost 150 years of thoroughbred breeding and racing history.

Eagle Farm Racecourse, 230 Lancaster Rd, Ascot
Free / Doomben Archive open Wed 10.00am – 3.00pm and Old Tote Racing Museum by appointment / www.brc.com.au

Ph: 3630 2245

Nundah and Districts Historical Society
This Society was formed in 1984 to increase knowledge of the Nundah districts, its history and heritage, and to collect and preserve these records which include a wide range of photographs, maps and documents.

1a Bage St, Nundah (entry via Primrose Lane)
Free / Tue 9.00am – 3.00pm, Thur 12.00pm – 4.00pm, Sat 9.30am – 11.30am

Ph: 3260 6703

Telstra Museum Brisbane
Follow the telecommunications evolution from Morse code to today’s advanced telephone systems with displays including working phone exchanges, Morse code sets and teleprinters.

3 Oriel Rd, Clayfield
Gold coin / Wed 9.00am – 2.00pm / www.telemuseum.org

Ph: 3862 2958

Sandgate and District Historical Society and Museum
Opened in 1982, the society collects and preserves the history of Sandgate districts for future generations and displays photos and information regarding this history and other items of historical significance.

150 Rainbow St, Sandgate
Adult $3.00, Child $1.50 / Wed and Sun 10.00am – 3.00pm
www.sandgatemuseum.com.au

Ph: 3869 2283
Redcliffe Museum and Redcliffe Historical Society
Tell the fascinating story of the history and community of Redcliffe through modern museum exhibits, interactives, community engagement and includes a document research facility.

75 Anzac Ave, Redcliffe
Free / Tue – Sun 10.00am – 4.00pm
www.redcliffehistoricalociety.com
Ph: 3883 1898

Milne Bay Memorial Library and Research Centre
Visit the Library and Research Centre to discover details about the Battle of Milne Bay, which helped save Australia in WW2. The building is the former Sandgate Army Drill Hall, which was built in 1915.

Chermside Historical Precinct, 61 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside
Free, donation appreciated / Visits by appointment only / www.milnebaybattlecentre.org
Ph: 3733 1471

Bribie Island Seaside Museum
Discover the birthplace of modern seaside tourism. Learn about Matthew Flinders’ encounter at Skirmish Point, American troop occupation in WW2 as well as stories of Brisbane and the people who shaped it.

1 South Esplanade, Bongaree, Bribie Is.
Free / Thu and Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm, Sat and Sun 10.00am – 3.00pm
Ph: 3408 0007

Caboolture Historical Village
The CHV is an award-winning heritage museum on 12 acres with 70 old buildings and 140,000 artefacts. Hands-on costumed demonstrations for schoolchildren, miniature train, two cafes, weddings, major events, fun and education.

280 Beerburrum Rd. Caboolture
Adults $15.00, Concession $9.90, Children $5.00 / 9.00am – 4.00pm everyday except national holidays / www.historicalvillage.com.au
Ph: 5495 4581

Pine Rivers Heritage Museum
Set amongst the graceful landscape of Old Petrie Town, the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum encourages visitors to explore the district’s historic character through the permanent and ever-changing special displays.

Old Petrie Town, Dayboro Rd, Whiteside
Free / Wed – Fri, 10.00am – 3.00pm / Sat and Sun, 9.00am – 2.00pm
Ph: 3285 7213

TradeCoast Central Heritage Park, Interpretive Centre & Walking Trail
The Interpretive Centre is at the heart of three heritage sites at the former Eagle Farm Airport, which features walking trails and interpretive displays of the convict era Women’s Prison and Farm, the World War Two Allison Testing Stands and Hangar 7.

87 Schneider Road, Eagle Farm
www.tradecoastcentralheritagepark.com.au
Free / Mon – Fri 10.00am to 4.00pm
Ph: 3124 7400
4MBS Museum of Radio
Displaying radios and historic gramophones from 1925 to 1960. The Network’s interest in yesteryear is also evident on Silver Memories – a 24hr nostalgia radio service.
384 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo
Free / Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm, Sat 9.00am – 12.00pm
www.4mbs.com.au
Ph: 3847 1717

Friends of Balmoral Cemetery
Gazetted in 1865, glimpses of Queensland’s history can be discovered through monuments of pioneers, politicians and local identities at this Victorian era cemetery.
Wynnum Rd, Morningside
Free / Daily, during daylight hours / www.balmoralcemetery.com
Ph: 3395 7916

Tingalpa Pioneers’ Chapel and Cemetery
Award-winning Pioneers’ Chapel available for civil and religious weddings and other celebrations. Kitchen facilities provided. Cemetery visits any time; group visits by arrangement with illustrated stories and a cuppa.
1341 Wynnum Rd, Tingalpa (opposite Villiers St)
Free, pre-booked guided tours $2.00 pp / Cemetery open daily during daylight hours / www.tingalpachapel.com.au
Ph: 3396 9472

Queensland Ambulance Museums – Wynnum
Presented as a 1930-era QATB station the collection includes eleven historic vehicles including a rare 1926 Arrol Johnson ambulance.
Cnr Tingal Rd and Cedar St, Wynnum
Donation / By appointment / www.ambulance.qld.gov.au
Ph: 0407 117 916

Fort Lytton National Park
This unique heritage park incorporates 19th century fortifications (including the legendary ‘disappearing gun’), WW2 artillery emplacements, historic Lytton Quarantine Station, two museums and regular cannon firings.
160 South St, Lytton
Free, donation appreciated / Sun 10.00am – 4.00pm
www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/fort-lytton
Ph: 0408 073 944

Fort Lytton Historical Association
Fort Lytton defended Brisbane from colonial times to WW2. Learn about the remote-controlled minefield, the disappearing guns, the cross river boom gate, the anti-aircraft battery, the radar station, and more.
Fort Lytton National Park, South St and Lytton Road, Lytton
Free / Sun and public holidays 10.00am – 4.00pm
www.fortlytton.net.au
Ph: 3393 4647
Redland Art Gallery
Presents a balanced and varied exhibition program of innovative and traditional works that provide opportunities for residents and visitors to engage with the visual arts and support the representation of the Redlands’ diverse culture and heritage.

Cnr Middle and Bloomfield Sts, Cleveland. See website for Capalaba Gallery details / Free Mon – Fri, 9.00am – 4.00pm, Sun 9.00am – 2.00pm
Ph: 3829 8899

Redland Museum
Your meeting and keeping place. Regarded as one of Queensland’s finest local history museums with a program of lectures, performance and changing exhibitions.

60 Smith St, Cleveland
Adults $5.00, Concession $4.00, Child $1.00, Family $10.00 / Mon – Fri 10.00am – 3.30pm, Sat 1.00pm – 4.00pm, Sun 10.00am – 4.00pm
Ph: 3286 3494

St Helena Island National Park
Situated in the heart of Moreton Bay, this island was a prison from 1867 to 1932. Accessible by private and commercial vessels, entry to the main ruins is by guided tour only.

7 km NE of Manly Harbour Village
Unrestricted area – free / Fees apply in restricted area. Daily during daylight hours / www.nprsr.qld.gov.au
Ph: 3393 4647

DID YOU KNOW . . .
… that Holland Park was a welcome stop for cameleers? The oldest mosque on the eastern seaboard of Australia, and still the heart of Queensland’s Muslim community, sits on the slopes of Mt Thompson. Between 1908 and the 1920s, Afghans, fresh from long treks in outback Queensland tied up their camels here as they took time for much-needed rest and worship. The current building is much younger (1968–1970) but has hosted celebrities and dignitaries. Visits and tours can be arranged by phoning.

Quandamooka Yooloooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
QYAC created under the Native Title Act 1993 to manage the recognised Native Title rights and interests of the Quandamooka people. QYAC is a registered Cultural Heritage Body, responsible for cultural heritage management across the Quandamooka estate.

100 East Coast Road, Dunwich
By appointment only / www.qyac.net.au
Ph: 3415 2816

Historic Ormiston House
Built in the 1860s by Captain Louis Hope, a Scottish aristocrat, the house has been restored and furnished to illustrate the lifestyle of its inhabitants. The 14 acres of well kept grounds include many specimens that were planted by Captain Hope.

277 Wellington St, Ormiston
Adults $5.00, Child $1.00 / Sun 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Mar – Nov
Ph: 3286 1425

Wynnum Manly Historical Society
The Society’s Resource Centre contains details of people, places and events featured in the local history of Wynnum Manly.

7/66 Bay Tce, Wynnum
Donation / Mon – Fri 10.00am – 12.00pm
wmhs.org.au
Ph: 3393 3208

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