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HERITAGE

An aerial photograph of a large, historic brick building, likely a former industrial or warehouse structure, situated on a waterfront. The building has a mix of weathered brick and modern glass sections. In the foreground, there are lush green trees and a paved area with some people. In the background, a blue body of water is visible with a few boats, and a residential area with houses is on a hillside.

The Heritage Guide *

Discover Brisbane's living heritage
with over 90 sites to explore

Brisbane Living Heritage (BLH) invites you to discover the heritage of our great city — the stories, spaces, and faces that paint the culturally-rich picture of Brisbane. With more than 90 member organisations of museums, galleries, heritage sites, historic houses & gardens and historical societies, we are your guide to Brisbane's cultural heritage.

Using The Heritage Guide

Sites are listed by region on the contents page and contact information for each organisation can be found in their individual listing. Before visiting, please contact individual sites for confirmation of current opening hours, entry fees, group bookings and visitor information as these details are subject to change. Opening hours may vary on public holidays and during the Easter and Christmas/New Year holiday periods. When calling, prefix phone numbers in this Guide with the Queensland area code 07 if interstate or +61 7 if outside Australia.

Planning Your Journey

For local public transport information contact Translink via translink.com.au or 13 12 30. Where available, parking is indicated.

What's On

There are all sorts of fun and interesting heritage events happening every week across greater Brisbane. See the 'What's On' calendar on our website brisbanelivingheritage.org and keep up to date by signing up for our Friends of BLH Newsletter or following us on social media.

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-  Disabled access
-  Toilets
-  Refreshments
-  Meals



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Brisbane Living Heritage expresses its respect for and acknowledgment of the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, live and play. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. The Traditional Owners of the country are keepers of history, of knowledge, and sharers of story. We embrace our First Nations culture and commit to a strong future together.

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Inner City

Get to the heart of Brisbane's rich heritage in the inner-city precinct. There are many heritage sites in and around the city centre, all easily accessible by public transport, and most within walking distance. Explore museums, galleries, historic buildings and more on the northside of the Brisbane River in the CBD and Petrie Terrace. Or head over the river to uncover more of Brisbane's past in the Cultural Centre, South Bank and South Brisbane.

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All Saints' Anglican Church
Anzac Square & Memorial Galleries
Army Museum South Queensland,
Victoria Barracks Brisbane
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North West

Soak up Brisbane's historic inner-city suburban vibe in the north west with plenty of heritage sites to see in Milton, Toowong, St Lucia and Mt Coot-tha, all of which are within 8km of the Brisbane CBD and easily accessible via public transport. Sites in Enoggera and Ferny Grove are within 17km, and are on the Ferny Grove train line. Samford is a short trip away, just under 25km north west of Brisbane.

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South West

Travelling south west, you can dig into our State Archives, visit museums, historic houses and galleries, or take in our living history at Sherwood Arboretum. Heritage sites in the south west include Brisbane suburbs, and reach to North Ipswich (42km from Brisbane CBD) and Marburg (55km) in the west to Kingston (28km) in the south. Use the Beenleigh train line for Annerley, Yeronga, Woolloongabba, Dutton Park, Runcorn, Kingston and Logan; and the Ipswich/Rosewood line for Sherwood, Wacol, Ipswich and Rosewood.

Annerley-Stephens History Group
Diamantina Health Care Museum
Friends of South Brisbane Cemetery
Logan Art Gallery
Logan City Historical Museum Society
Mayes Cottage House Museum
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Sherwood Arboretum
The Workshops Rail Museum
Wolston Farmhouse

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There's plenty to see in the north east, with a range of fascinating heritage sites in the vibrant inner city suburbs of Fortitude Valley, Bowen Hills, New Farm, Newstead, Herston, Eagle Farm, Ascot, Clayfield, Windsor and Chermerside, all within 10km of the Brisbane CBD and accessible via public transport. For a day out with a difference, journey further afield to Sandgate (20km), Pine Rivers (30km), Redcliffe (40km), Caboolture (50km) or Bribie Island (80km), all serviced by train via the Caboolture, Redcliffe and Shorncliffe lines.

Abbey Museum of Art & Archaeology
Bribie Island Seaside Museum
Brisbane Powerhouse
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The Embroiderers' Guild, Queensland
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UQ Marks-Hirschfeld Museum of Medical History
Windsor & Districts Historical Society

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South East

In the south east, you'll find heritage sites on the Cleveland train line at Coorparoo, Morningside, and the bayside suburbs of Wynnum, Manly, Ormiston and Cleveland. Other sites are at Tingalpa (13km from the Brisbane CBD), Fort Lytton (18km) and Capalaba (22km). Or take a trip out onto beautiful Moreton Bay. Historic St Helena Island (21km east of Brisbane) is accessible by boat from Manly or New Farm, while boats and vehicular barges for North Stradbroke Island (30km) depart from Cleveland.

4MBS Museum of Radio
Fort Lytton Historical Association
Fort Lytton National Park
Friends of Balmoral Cemetery
Historic Ormiston House
North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah
Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
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Redland Museum
St Helena Island National Park
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Wynnum Heritage Ambulance Station
Wynnum Manly Historical Society

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Other Interest Groups

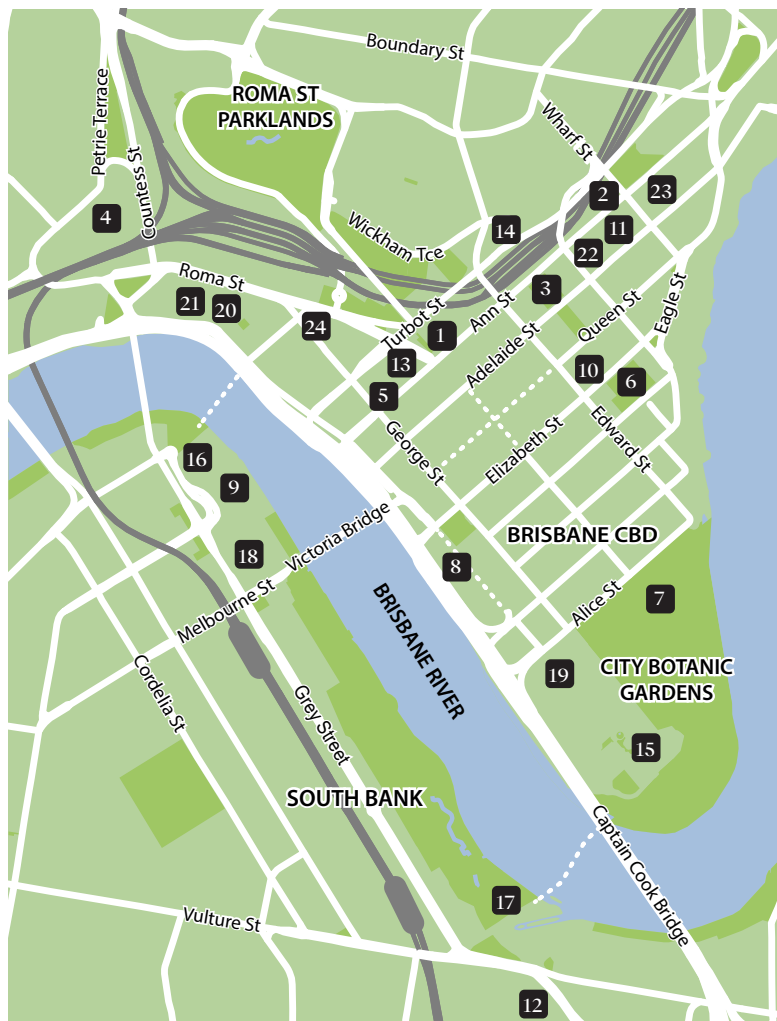
Brisbane History Group
Oral History Queensland
Queensland Omnibus & Coach Society

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Scan the QR Code to view all the member sites on the Brisbane Living Heritage website.

Inner City



Discover Brisbane Stories Tour: Inner City

Take a guided tour at your own pace and download our *Audio Tour of Brisbane Heritage Sites in the CBD* to your mobile device.



Albert Street Uniting Church

The church is built in the Victorian Gothic Revival style of architecture, harmonising with the requirements of a sub-tropical climate. You are most welcome to this place of reflection in the middle of the city.

Cnr Albert & Ann Sts, Brisbane CBD
Free, donation appreciated
Wed & Fri 10am – 2pm
albertstreet.church



Ph 3071 3060



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 Tce, Brisbane CBD
Free, donation appreciated
Wed & Fri 9.30am – 1.30pm for private prayer & meditation
allsaintsbrisbane.com



Ph 3236 3692



Anzac Square & Memorial Galleries

With the Shrine of Remembrance and Eternal Flame burning at its heart, Anzac Square is Queensland's pre-eminent war memorial. Beneath the Shrine, visitors can embark on an interactive journey from WWI to today inside the Memorial Galleries in a free exhibition curated by State Library of Queensland.

285 Ann St, Brisbane CBD
Sun – Fri 10am – 4pm | Free
anzacsquare.qld.gov.au



Ph 0466 922 259



Army Museum South Queensland, Victoria Barracks Brisbane

Located in the heritage-listed site dating from 1864, Army Museum South Queensland collects, conserves and displays military history from colonial times to current campaigns.

Victoria Barracks, Petrie Tce, Brisbane
Free, includes guided barracks tour, current exhibition, morning tea, souvenir booklet & group photo; bookings essential | Wed 9.30am – 12.30pm
armymuseumssouthqueensland.com.au



Ph 0429 954 663



Brisbane City Hall

Open seven days a week, visitors can enjoy strolling through the beautifully restored building, seeing the Museum of Brisbane, riding up the clock tower, taking a tour, or having a break in the refurbished cafes.

King George Square, Brisbane CBD
Free
Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm, Sat – Sun 9am – 5pm
brisbane.qld.gov.au/cityhall



Ph 3403 8888



Cathedral of St Stephen

A neo-Gothic building that houses many treasures. The first church in Queensland (1850), now St Stephen's Chapel, adjoins the Cathedral. Art and history are revealed during guided tours of the complex.

249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane CBD
Free, donation appreciated
Daily 7.30am – 6pm
cathedralofststephen.org.au



Ph 3324 3030



City Botanic Gardens

Explore Queensland's oldest heritage garden, established in 1828. Enjoy this tranquil green oasis surrounded by beautiful old trees, on the banks of the Brisbane River and just minutes from the city centre.

Alice St, Brisbane CBD

Free | Open 24hr

Mon – Sat 11am & 1pm free guided walks

depart from the information kiosk

brisbane.qld.gov.au/city-botanic-gardens



Ph 3403 8888



Commissariat Store Museum

This convict-built structure began its life in 1829 as a storehouse for the Moreton Bay Penal Colony and remains Queensland's oldest continuously used building. Take a guided tour to learn about Brisbane's convict past and other interesting episodes in Queensland's history.

115 William St, Brisbane CBD

Admission fees apply

Tue – Fri 10am – 4pm

commissariatstore.org.au



Ph 3221 4198



John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland

Established in 1934, the John Oxley Library at SLQ showcases Queensland's significant historical collections of manuscripts, diaries, maps, photographs, newspapers, and artworks. Visit the Treasures Wall, exhibitions, talks, tours, workshops, online showcases and JOL blog.

Level 4, SLQ, Stanley Place, South Bank

Daily 10am – 5pm | Free

slq.qld.gov.au



Ph 3840 7666



MacArthur Museum Brisbane

Visit the restored office of General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in the South West Pacific during WWII. Find out what it was like to live in Brisbane during this time and how people coped with rationing and other daily disruptions, and how the role of women in the workforce changed to help productivity in the wartime economy.

Level 8, 201 Edward St, Brisbane CBD

Admission fees apply

Tue, Thur & Sun 10am – 3pm

mmb.org.au



Ph 3211 7052



Masonic Memorial Centre

With its foundation stone laid on Anzac Day 1928, the Freemasons Memorial Centre is the headquarters of the craft in Queensland and a masonic memorial to those who gave their lives in the war. The grand hall features gold leaf ceilings, one of the State's largest pipe organs and original furniture made from local timbers.

311 Ann St, Brisbane CBD

Tours on request; fees apply

Check website for opening times

uglq.org.au/about/masonic-memorial-centre-tours



Ph 3229 3533



Mater Archives & Heritage Centre

Located in the original Mater Private Hospital designed by Robin Dods and built in 1910, the Centre collects and displays material that reflects Mater's medical and nursing history and the contribution of the Sisters of Mercy.

Level 3, Aubigny Place, Mater Health Services,
Raymond Tce, South Brisbane | Free

Tue 9am – 4pm & Fri 9am – 1pm; visit by appt only
mater.org.au/group/about/our-heritage/archives-and-heritage-centre



Ph 3163 8166



Museum of Brisbane

Museum of Brisbane (MoB) is central to conversations about the evolving life of Brisbane, its histories and contemporary cultures. Housed within iconic Brisbane City Hall, MoB celebrates the creatives and history makers through exhibitions, workshops, tours, talks and children's activities.

Level 3, Brisbane City Hall, King George Square, Brisbane CBD

Daily 10am – 5pm | Free
museumofbrisbane.com.au



Ph 3339 0800



Museum of Lands, Mapping & Surveying

The Museum showcases a range of displays, videos and interactive resources detailing how land exploration, mapping and surveying was critical to the planning and development of Queensland.

Ground Floor, 317 Edward St, Brisbane CBD
 Free

Mon – Fri 9.30am – 4pm
qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/museum-of-lands



Ph 3330 4756



Old Government House

Once the colonial hub of Brisbane, where laws and deals were made, grand balls were held, and royalty stayed. Today, this beautifully restored 1862 sandstone building is a house museum for all to visit.

2 George St, QUT Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane CBD

Free
 Tue – Fri 10am – 4pm, Sun 10am – 2pm
ogh.qut.edu.au



Ph 3138 8005



Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA)

QAGOMA is located across two architecturally significant riverside buildings in South Brisbane's Cultural Precinct. Discover compelling cultural experiences at the leading institution for the contemporary art of Australia, Asia and the Pacific.

Stanley Place, Cultural Precinct, South Bank
Free, with some ticketed exhibitions
Daily 10am – 5pm
qagoma.qld.gov.au



Ph 3840 7303



Queensland Maritime Museum

A place of remarkable stories of more than three centuries of maritime endeavour and adventure. Step aboard the warship HMAS Diamantina, experience the historic dry dock, see Jessica Watson's yacht, and view Queensland's first standing sailor statue honouring Navy personnel.

Sidon St, South Bank | Admission fees apply
Wed – Fri 9am – 4pm, Sat & Sun 9.30am – 4.30pm
(last entry 1hr before closing)
maritimemuseum.com.au



Ph 3844 5361



Queensland Museum

Discover engaging exhibitions, innovative programs, events and activities on science, technology, culture and history that tell the stories of all Queenslanders.

Cnr Grey & Melbourne St, South Bank
General entry is free; admission fees for SparkLab, Sciencentre & special exhibitions
Daily 9.30am – 5pm
qm.qld.gov.au



Ph 3153 3000



Queensland Parliament House

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

Tours Mon – Fri 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm when Parliament is not sitting; 1 tour on sitting days 2pm
parliament.qld.gov.au



Ph 3553 6000



Queensland Police Museum

Discover displays of police heritage, Queensland crimes, investigative techniques, police women, medals, operational equipment, police transport and more. Solve our simulated murder scene or take a selfie while seated on our genuine police motorbike.

Ground Floor, Queensland Police Headquarters, 200 Roma St, Brisbane CBD

Mon – Thur 9am – 4pm, last Sun of month (Feb – Nov)
10am – 3pm | Free
police.qld.gov.au/museum



Ph 3364 6425



Friends of Queensland Police

Community group devoted to the advancement of the Queensland Police Museum. It works to support Museum activities and assist with identification and purchase of items for the museum collection which enhance the appreciation of police heritage. New members welcome.

200 Roma St, Brisbane CBD
friendsqpmuseum.com.au



Ph 3351 2797



Saint Andrew's Uniting Church

This excellent example of Neo-Romanesque architecture, designed by George David Payne, features a Peace Chapel with World War honour boards and a communion set from Gallipoli, William Bustard stained glass windows and the Vera Wade Gallery.

Cnr Creek & Ann Sts, Brisbane CBD
Free, donation appreciated
Open to the public Fri 11am – 2pm,
otherwise by appointment
saintandrews.org.au



Ph 3221 2400



St John's Cathedral

St. John's Cathedral is sacred Gothic-Revival architecture perfection. It features a stone-vaulted ceiling, extensive wood carvings, icons, more than 150 stained-glass lights, war memorials and artefacts, a magnificent pipe organ and a 350-million-year-old fossilised limestone font.

373 Ann St, Brisbane CBD
Free, donation appreciated
Mon – Sat 8.30am – 4.15pm
Mass times on stjohnscathedral.com.au



Ph 3835 2222



Supreme Court Library Queensland

The leading collector of Queensland's legal heritage. Discover engaging exhibitions, events and educational activities for schools, tertiary institutions, community groups, the legal profession and the general public. Group tours can be booked via the website, and all are welcome to visit the library during opening hours.

Ground floor & level 12, QEII Courts of Law,
415 George St, Brisbane CBD
Mon – Fri 8.30am – 4.30pm | Free
sclqld.org.au/legalheritage



Ph 1300 SCL QLD (1300 725 753)



9th Battalions War Memorial Museum

The museum covers the history of the 9th Battalions since 1867, with artefacts and memorabilia from the Boer War, including items from 9th AIF, 2/9th AIF, 9th Moreton through to the present serving unit 9RQR.

Heritage Precinct, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera
Free, a government issued photo ID is required to access the Barracks
Wed 8am – 1pm, by appointment
9bnassoc.org



Ph 0415 506 041



Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha

The Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha is renowned for its subtly changing plant displays arranged in thematic and geographic communities. More than 200,000 arid, tropical, and temperate plants thrive in this living subtropical museum.

152 Mt Coot-tha Rd, Toowong | Free
Daily 8am – 6pm (Sep – Mar); 8am – 5pm (Apr – Aug);
Free guided walks Mon – Sat 11am & 1pm
brisbane.qld.gov.au/botanicgardens



Ph 3403 8888



Brisbane Tramway Museum

Take unlimited rides on former Brisbane trams from the Matchbox type of 1901 to the Phoenix trams of 1964. Enjoy displays of memorabilia and equipment with a tram simulator for children to drive. Souvenirs and refreshments available.

Tramway St, Ferny Grove
Admission fees apply
Sun 12.30pm – 4pm; other days by arrangement
(closed in wet weather)
brisbanetramwaymuseum.org



Ph 3351 1776



Christ Church & Milton Memorial Reserve

A place of peace and reflection, Christ Church is a heritage-listed 19th century timber Anglican Church. The Milton Memorial Reserve preserves headstones from the former adjoining North Brisbane Burial Grounds (1843-1875).

9 Chippendall St, Milton | Free, donation appreciated
Milton Memorial Reserve open daily during daylight hours
Guided tours of Christ Church by arrangement
milton.anglicanchurchsq.org.au



Ph 3369 2797



Enoggera & Districts Historical Society

Formed in 1994, the Society helps the community discover its history through displays, tours and special events. The Kate Perry Library houses an extensive collection of documents and photographs.

Enoggera Memorial Hall, Wardell St, Enoggera
(access via Trundle Street)
Thur 9.30am – 1pm | Free
enoggerahistory.org



Ph 3366 3191



Friends of Toowong Cemetery

FOTC is a volunteer group who conduct tours of the historic Toowong Cemetery. Opened in 1875, the Toowong Cemetery is the largest cemetery in Queensland.

Cnr of Mt Coot-tha Rd & Frederick St, Toowong
Free, donation appreciated
Cemetery open daily 6am – 6pm
Tours 10.30am first Sun of month (except Jan)
fotc.au



Ph 0439 998 053



Samford Museum

Opened in 1986, the museum collects and displays objects from the district's rural, domestic, educational, timber, transport and village history. It also features reminiscences by families who have lived in the Samford Valley.

Station St, Samford

Admission fees apply

Wed & Sun 10am – 4pm; groups by appointment

samfordmuseum.com.au



Ph 3289 2743



St Thomas' Anglican Church

This 1877 heritage-listed church, in the Gothic Revival, is situated on a prominent site in Toowong. Designed by Francis D G Stanley it contains stained glass windows by William Bustard and a sandstone font.

Cnr Jephson & High Sts, Toowong

Free, donation appreciated

Parish office open Thur 8.30am – 2.30pm;

Sunday service 8.30am

stthomastoowong.org.au



Ph 0422 641 657



Toowong & District Historical Society Inc

The Society fosters interest in the history of Toowong and the suburbs which were part of the former Toowong Shire and Council, 1880-1925, including Auchenflower, Milton and Bardon. Local history materials can be made available to members and approved researchers.

Meetings 4th Fri of month, 10am – 12pm, Jan – Nov at

West Toowong Bowls Club, 17 Bywong St, Toowong

toowonghistory.org.au



Ph 0401 180 092



UQ Anthropology Museum

The Anthropology Museum contains a significant collection of art and artefacts including contemporary Pacific and Australian Indigenous artwork. The Museum also holds a collection of 6500 photographs.

Level 1, Building 9 (Michie Building),
The University of Queensland, St Lucia
Mon – Fri 11am – 3pm | Free
anthropologymuseum.uq.edu.au



Ph 3365 2674



UQ Fryer Library

The Fryer Library's collecting focus is on materials that advance scholarship or learning in the fields of Australian literature and drama, Queensland architectural history and Australian cultural, political, and social history.

Level 4, Building 2 (Duhig Tower),
The University of Queensland, St Lucia | Free
Mon – Thur 9.30am – 4.30pm, by appointment only
web.library.uq.edu.au/locations-hours/fw-robinson-reading-room



Ph 3365 6236



UQ Physics Museum

Scientific instruments and devices dating back to the University's beginnings form the basis of this collection of instruments, books and memorabilia. Also home to the famous Pitch Drop Experiment – the world's longest running laboratory experiment.

Level 2, Building 7 (Parnell Building),
The University of Queensland, St Lucia | Free
Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm
physicsmuseum.uq.edu.au



Ph 3365 1111



UQ RD Milns Antiquities Museum

The RD Milns Antiquities Museum is the foremost collection of antiquities on public display in Queensland. The Museum's displays explore the civilisations of the ancient Mediterranean world, including the Greeks, Romans and Egyptians.

Level 2, Building 9 (Michie Building),
The University of Queensland, St Lucia
Mon – Fri 9.30am – 4.30pm | Free
antiquities-museum.uq.edu.au



Ph 3365 3010



Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha (2021 BLH Photo Competition entry by Carol Galligan)



Abbey Museum of Art & Archaeology

The Abbey Museum contains one of the best collections of international fine arts and antiquities on display to the public in Australia. The collection covers 500,000 years of human history including numerous cultures.

1-63 The Abbey Place, Caboolture
Admission fees apply
Mon – Sat 10am – 4pm
abbeymuseum.com.au



Ph 5495 1652



Bribie Island Seaside Museum

Discover your next day out at the scenic Bribie Island Seaside Museum. Located only metres from the waterfront overlooking the iconic Pumicestone Passage, the museum celebrates the rich and fascinating history and stories of Bribie Island through collection displays, exhibitions and programs.

1 South Esplanade, Bongaree, Bribie Island
Free
Wed – Fri 10am – 4pm; Sat & Sun 10am – 3pm
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/seaside-museum



Ph 5433 2596



Brisbane Powerhouse

Discover Queensland's home of contemporary culture, a magnificent power station reborn as an arts centre beside the Brisbane River. Recognised for heritage-listed graffiti, live performances and riverside restaurants.

119 Lamington St, New Farm
Free, ticketed performances
Mon 9am – 5pm, Tue – Sat 9am – until late,
Sun 9am – 6pm
brisbanepowerhouse.org



Ph 3358 8600



Caboolture Historical Village

Now home to the iconic Australia signs, the Caboolture Historical Village is situated on 4 hectares just north of Caboolture town centre and contains 70 old buildings and 140,000 artefacts. Immerse yourself in the past with a visit to the village of yesteryear.

280 Beerburrum Rd, Caboolture
Admission fees apply
Daily 9am – 4pm
historicalvillage.com.au



Ph 5495 4581



Girl Guides Queensland Archive

The archive includes Girl Guide history, photos and memorabilia plus information for family histories and war service stories. The collection also includes artefacts from Papua New Guinea.

Beside 17 Dundalli St (towards Webster Rd),
West Chermside
Free, donation appreciated
Tue 10am – 2pm; 1st Sat of month 10am – 3pm
bookings preferred
archives@guidesqld.org



Ph 0411 654 647



History Redcliffe

This Historical Society was formed in 1967 to preserve and document the history of Redcliffe and the surrounding area. It conducts monthly meetings which feature talks of historic interest. The Society publishes a quarterly Newsletter and undertakes research.

75 Anzac Ave, Redcliffe
Meetings 1st Fri of month 2pm at Redcliffe Library,
476 Oxley Ave, Redcliffe
historyredcliffe.com.au



Ph 3284 1466



Miegunyah House Museum

Owned and run by the Queensland Women's Historical Association, Miegunyah House is an opportunity to experience life in an elegant Victorian-era home. Tour the 1886 house, take in the current display and enjoy Devonshire Tea on the verandah.

35 Jordan Tce, Bowen Hills
Admission fees apply; bookings essential
Tours Wed 1pm, Sat & Sun 1pm & 2.30pm; Devonshire
Teas 12.30pm – 3pm (Feb – Nov)
miegunyah.org



Ph 3252 2979



Milne Bay Memorial Library & 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 Dr, Chermside
Free, donation appreciated
Visitors by appointment
milnebaybattlecentre.org



Ph 3733 1471



Museum of Nursing History

Discover the history of nursing through photographs and memorabilia from the late 19th century to modern day. Located in the grounds of the RBWH, the Museum also features a display of nurses involved in wars.

Building 19, Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital,
Bowen Bridge Rd, Herston
Free, donation appreciated
Tue, Thur & Fri 10am – 2pm
metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/rbwh/about-us/museum-of-nursing-history



Ph 3646 8702



New Farm & Districts Historical Society

The Society holds a collection of archival material including images, articles and oral histories relating to the suburbs of New Farm, Teneriffe and Newstead. Events include talks at public meetings (4th Sat of month), and the popular walking tours.

135 Sydney St, New Farm
Free public meetings; ticketed events
Thur 2pm – 4pm (Feb – Nov)
newfarmhistorical.org.au



Ph 0409 498 403



Newstead House

Built in 1846, Newstead House was the finest home in the colony of Moreton Bay, boasting a reputation for hosting lavish parties – it was the heart of Brisbane's social life. It is Brisbane's oldest standing European residence, and considered the Jewel in the Crown of Brisbane's historic properties.

Newstead Park, 191a Breakfast Creek Rd, Newstead
Admission fees apply; Group bookings welcome
Check website for opening times
newsteadhouse.com.au



Ph 3216 1846



Wagner home, Zion Hill

Nundah & Districts Historical Society Inc.

The Society maintains records, photographs, maps and documents of the Nundah districts, and of the pioneers of the region, including documents pertaining to the area covered by the 1883 Toombul Divisional Board.

1A Bage St, Nundah
Free, donation appreciated
Tue 9am – 3pm; Thur 12pm – 4pm;
Sat 9.30am – 11.30am



Ph 3260 6703



Pine Rivers Heritage Museum

Pine Rivers Heritage Museum explores the stories and significance of the district throughout history. Discover a treasure trove of permanent displays and temporary exhibitions, plus a diverse program of events that are perfect for the whole family to enjoy.

Old Petrie Town, 901-949 Dayboro Rd, Whiteside
Free

Wed – Sun 10am – 3pm

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pinerivers-museum



Ph 5433 2710



Queensland Family History Society

The QFHS Family History Research Centre provides resources (print library of 11,000 volumes, journals from 75 global family history organisations, hundreds of maps and thousands of microfilm/microfiche), access to millions of records online via worldwide databases such as Ancestry and Find My Past, and approximately 75 lectures and workshops per year to our almost 1000 members. Check website for opening hours.

46 Delaware St, Chermside
qfhs.org.au



Ph 3355 3369



Queensland Telecommunications Museum

Follow the telecommunications evolution from Morse code to today's advanced telephone systems, with displays including working phone exchanges, Morse code sets and teleprinters. Several exhibits are 'hands on', with guided tours and a movie theatre.

3 Oriel Rd, Clayfield

Free, donation appreciated

Wed 9am – 2pm

telemuseum.org



Ph 3862 2958



Redcliffe Museum

Offering a unique and contemporary look at the people, places, significant moments and the stories that have shaped this historical seaside town through a vibrant program of temporary exhibitions, collection displays and events. The museum is perfect for all ages.

75 Anzac Ave, Redcliffe

Free

Wed – Fri 10am – 4pm; Sat & Sun 10am – 3pm
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/redcliffe-museum



Ph 3480 6700



Sandgate & District Historical Society & 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

Admission fees apply

Wed & Sun 10am – 3pm
sandgatemuseum.com.au



Ph 3869 2283



The Embroiderers' Guild, Queensland

Located in a former Masonic Hall, the Guild has a collection of antique and modern needlework, and a library of books and magazines. Members meet regularly to share, teach, learn and keep the skills alive. The Guild also hosts classes in embroidery techniques and public exhibitions.

149 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley

Free, visitors by appointment

embroiderersguildqld.org.au



Ph 3252 8629



The Old Museum

From 1891 to 1930, The Old Museum Concert Hall was the main venue for concerts in Brisbane. Over the years, the building has been transformed into the Queensland Museum and the Queensland Art Gallery, and today is the home of Queensland Youth Orchestras. Spaces are available for hire.

480 Gregory Tce, Bowen Hills

Office hours: Mon – Fri 9am – 3pm, by appointment
oldmuseum.org



Ph 3257 4089



Thoroughbred Racing Museum & Archive

The Museum in the Old Tote building on Eagle Farm racecourse and the Archive at Doomben racecourse display memorabilia and records of more than 150 years of thoroughbred racing in Queensland.

Museum: 230 Lancaster Rd, Ascot

Archive: Hampden St, Doomben

Free, donation appreciated

Tue & Wed 10am – 2pm by appointment
qhrm.org.au



Ph 3630 2245



TradeCoast Central Heritage Park Interpretive Centre

The Interpretive Centre tells the story of three heritage sites, featuring walking trails, a cinema and interpretive displays of the convict era Women's Prison, World War 2 Allison Testing Stands and Hangar 7.

87 Schneider Rd, Eagle Farm

Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm | Free

tradecoastcentralheritagepark.com.au



Ph 3124 7400



UQ Marks-Hirschfeld Museum of Medical History

One of Australia's finest historic medical collections of unique instruments, photographs, books, furniture, personal effects and artworks. Themed displays and exhibitions outline the history of Queensland medicine.

Mayne Medical School, 288 Herston Rd, Herston
Daily 8.30am – 4.30pm; tours Tue & Thur 9am – 12pm
(bookings required) | Free
medicine.uq.edu.au/museum



Ph 3365 5423



Windsor & 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 & Palmer St, Windsor
Free
Sun & Mon 1pm – 4pm
windsorhistorical.org.au



Ph 0401 802 980



Caboolture Historical Village (2021 BLH Photo Competition entry by John Keating)



4MBS Museum of Radio

4MBS Classic FM is Brisbane's classical music FM station. The Museum displays radios and historic gramophones from 1925 to 1960. The radio station's interest in yesteryear is also evident on Silver Memories – a 24hr nostalgia radio service.

384 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo

Free

Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm

4mbs.com.au



Ph 3847 1717



Fort Lytton Historical Association

Fort Lytton Historical Association is an organisation of dedicated volunteers founded to support the Fort Lytton National Park staff in the restoration and presentation of Fort Lytton Historic Military Precinct, Queensland's foremost military exhibit.

160 South St, Lytton

Free, donation appreciated

Sun 10am – 4pm & some public holidays

fortlytton.org.au



Ph 0412 572 326



Fort Lytton National Park

Explore this unique heritage park that comprises Australia's only moated 19th Century fort and a 20th Century quarantine station. There are free tours on Sundays and regular ticketed events, including night performances and school holiday programs.

160 South St, Lytton

Free

Sun 10am – 4pm; weekday group tours by

appointment (fees apply)

parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/fort-lytton



Ph 3393 4647



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. Contact the Friends of Balmoral Cemetery to get involved and visit the website for events.

Wynnum Rd, Morningside
Free, limited wheelchair access
Cemetery open daily 6am – 6pm
balmoralcemetery.com



Ph 3395 7916



Historic Ormiston House

Regarded as the birthplace of the Australian Sugar Industry. Built by Hon. Captain Louis Hope in 1862, it is one of the finest examples of colonial architecture in Queensland. The meticulously restored house, expansive grounds and beautiful gardens overlook stunning Moreton Bay.

277 Wellington St, Ormiston
Admission fees apply
Sun 12pm – 4pm, Feb – Dec
ormistonhouseqld.com.au



Ph 0407 034 978



North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah

A social history museum on unceded Quandamooka land emphasising contemporary collecting, and representing 25,000 years of Aboriginal history, the British invasion and colonisation and a complex shared history of less than 200 years.

15-17 Welsby St, Dunwich (Goombi),
North Stradbroke Island, accessible
by boat/vehicular barge from Cleveland
Admission fees apply
Wed – Sun 10am – 2pm | stradbrokekmuseum.com.au



Ph 3409 9699



Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation

QYAC Cultural Heritage Exhibition Centre protects Aboriginal artefacts, images and historical information relating to Quandamooka Country. Scientific evidence of Indigenous history on North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) dates back 25,000 years.

100 East Coast Rd, Dunwich (Goompi),
North Stradbroke Island
Tours on request; fees apply
qyac.com.au



Ph 3415 2816



Queensland Military Historical Society Inc.

Based at Fort Lytton National Park, the Queensland Military Historical Society showcases its unique and significant collection of Queensland's military heritage through engaging exhibitions and displays.

160 South St, Lytton
Free
Sun 10am – 4pm
qmhs.com.au



Redland Art Gallery

Redland Art Gallery's exhibitions and events feature local, Queensland, nationally and internationally recognised artists. The exhibition program is showcased in six exhibition spaces over two locations at Cleveland and Capalaba.

Cnr Middle & Bloomfield Sts, Cleveland
Capalaba Place, Noeleen St, Capalaba
Free
Mon – Fri 9am – 4pm, Sun 9am – 2pm
artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au



Ph 3829 8899



Redland Museum

One of Queensland's finest social history museums with a program of events and changing exhibitions. Redland Museum holds more than 14,000 artefacts across 2700 square metres of area and tells the stories of the local area.

60 Smith St, Cleveland
Admission fees apply
Daily 10am – 3.30pm
redlandmuseum.org.au



Ph 3286 3494



St Helena Island National Park

Experience the cultural and natural values of this Moreton Bay island comprising the ruins of Queensland's first security prison that operated from 1867 to 1932.

Moreton Bay (7km NE of Manly), accessible by boat from Manly or New Farm
Free to access unrestricted area; guided tours of unrestricted area by appointment (fees apply)
parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/st-helena-island



Ph 3393 4647



Tingalpa Pioneers' Chapel & Cemetery

Visit the wedding chapel of early settlers and the cemetery containing the graves of pioneers and their descendants from 1868 to present. The restored chapel is available for hire for weddings and ceremonies. Annual Decoration Day community event is in October.

1341 Wynnum Rd, Tingalpa
Free; group tours by appointment, donations requested
Daily, during daylight hours
pctingalpa.com.au



Ph 0490 386 396



Wynnum Heritage Ambulance Station

Presented as a 1930-era ambulance station with its casualty and communication rooms, the heritage station showcases the evolution of ambulance development from the 19th Century to modern day.

33 Tingal Rd, Wynnum
Tours by appointment (fees apply)
ambulance.qld.gov.au/history.html



Ph 0407 117 916



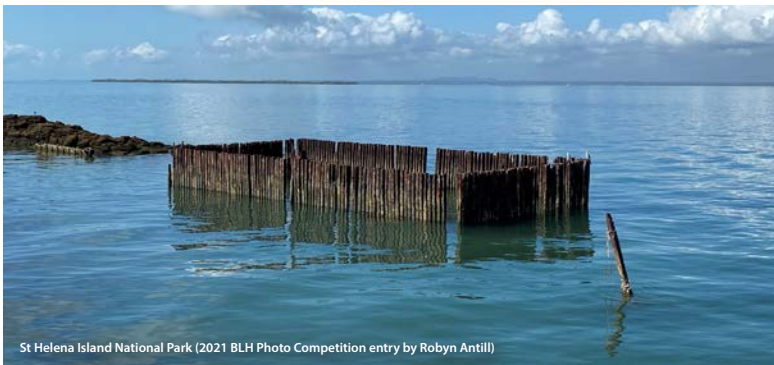
Wynnum Manly Historical Society

The Society maintains an extensive collection of resources pertaining to the history of the people, places and events of Wynnum, Manly and Lota.

Wynnum Community Centre, Room 1.08,
First Floor, 105 Florence St, Wynnum
Free, donation appreciated
Mon – Fri 10am – 12pm
wmhs.org.au



Ph 0407 293 177



St Helena Island National Park (2021 BLH Photo Competition entry by Robyn Antill)



Annerley-Stephens History Group

Promoting an interest in the history of the suburbs within the former Stephens Shire (1886-1925), including Yeerongpilly, Tennyson, Yeronga, Fairfield, Annerley, Tarragindi, Holland Park West, Greenslopes and Moorooka. Regular local history conferences, books published, library talks and community events.

Meetings 1st Mon of month, 6.30pm at Stephens Croquet Clubhouse, Frederick St, Yeronga
annerleystephenshistory.org
AnnerleyStephensHistoryGroupIn@gmail.com



Diamantina Health Care Museum

Located in the only remaining building from the original Diamantina Hospital, built in 1909 for the Dispenser, Frederick Staubwasser. Displays include memorabilia and documents of significance reflecting the history of more than 100 years of healthcare at the PA Hospital.

Building 5, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Woolloongabba (Cornwall St entry)
 Wed 11am – 2.30pm & Sun 12pm – 2pm | Free
metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/princess-alexandra-hospital/about-us/history/diamantina-health-care-museum



Ph 0400 751 426



Friends of South Brisbane Cemetery

Opened in May 1870, South Brisbane Cemetery is the city's oldest surviving burial ground. The Friends of South Brisbane Cemetery maintains the cemetery history and heritage fabric, and organises popular guided tours as well as community grave-cleaning days.

185 Annerley Rd, Dutton Park
 Cemetery open daily dawn to dusk
fosbc.com



Ph 0401 005 430



Logan Art Gallery

Logan Art Gallery celebrates the diverse practices of visual artists, craft workers and designers, and presents a dynamic exhibition program for residents and visitors to the region.

Cnr Wembley Rd & Jacaranda Ave, Logan Central

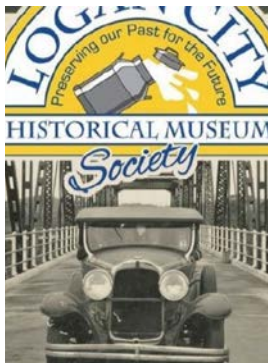
Free

Tue – Sat 10am – 5pm

loganarts.com.au/venue/logan-art-gallery



Ph 3412 5519



Logan City Historical Museum Society

Logan City Historical Museum Society contains an extensive collection of material related to the history of the Logan area.

270 Jacaranda Ave, Kingston

Admission fees apply

Tue – Sat 10am – 3pm

lchmskbf.wordpress.com



Ph 0426 147 446



Mayes Cottage House Museum

Built in 1887, this well-preserved timber cottage was home to the Mayes Family for more than 100 years. The house, outbuildings and garden have had very few changes. Now a museum where you can also enjoy a picnic or share a yarn on the veranda with the friendly staff.

20 Mawarra St, Kingston

Free, groups over 15 by appointment

Thur, Fri, Sat 10.30am – 4pm

loganarts.com.au/venue/mayes-cottage



Ph 3412 4147



NGVR & PNGVR Ex-Members Military Museum

The museum of the New Guinea & PNG Volunteer Rifles Ex-members displays historical material relating to the military and auxiliary forces which have served in PNG. Also on display are cultural artefacts of PNG.

Nasho Place, Wacol

Admission fees apply

1st Sat of month, 10am – 1pm, or by appointment

pngvr.weebly.com



Ph 0402 644 181



Queensland State Archives

The Queensland State Archives (QSA) collection comprises millions of public records documenting the history of the state, connecting Queenslanders with their past and ensuring significant government records are available and accessible.

435 Compton Rd, Runcorn

Free

Mon – Fri & 2nd Sat of month 9am – 4.30pm

archives.qld.gov.au



Ph 3037 6777



Rosewood Scrub Historical Society

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

73 Edmond St, Marburg

Gold coin donation

1st & 3rd Sun of month 1.30pm – 4pm

rshs.com.au



Ph 5464 4808



Sherwood Arboretum

Opened in 1925, the arboretum contains tree species native to Queensland planted for scientific study. It features a central promenade of Queensland kauris, parkland, artificial freshwater wetland and frontage to the Brisbane River.

87 Jolimont St, Sherwood

Free | Daily

brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/parks-venues/parks



Ph 3403 8888



The Workshops Rail Museum

Whether you're a trainspotter or a steampunk, a travel enthusiast, rail romantic or an inquisitive young explorer, get on board at The Workshops Rail Museum for an eye-opening journey through the State's history as seen from the birthplace of rail in Queensland, the heritage-listed Ipswich Railway Workshops.

North St, North Ipswich

Admission fees apply

Daily 9.30am – 4pm

theworkshops.qm.qld.gov.au



Ph 3432 5100



Wolston Farmhouse

Hidden in the outer suburbs is a 19th century rural gem: the oldest surviving residential farmhouse in Brisbane. Built in 1852, Wolston Farmhouse Museum is now operated by the National Trust of Australia (Qld). It features a Visitor Centre, General Store and the Tea Rooms Café.

223 Grindle Rd, Wacol

Admission fees apply

Sat & Sun 10am – 2pm

nationaltrustqld.org



Ph 3088 8133

Other Interest Groups

Brisbane History Group

Formed in February 1981, the Brisbane History Group is dedicated to encouraging and promoting the study of Brisbane's history. New members welcome. Events open to everyone.

brisbanehistorygroup.org.au

Ph 3368 1828

Oral History Queensland

Oral History Queensland (OHQ) promotes the use of oral history for recording memories of people's unique life experiences. OHQ educates in the use of oral history methods by conducting workshops and encouraging discussion about oral history.

ohq.org.au

Ph 0422 344 466

Queensland Omnibus & Coach Society

QOCS is a group of dedicated volunteers who actively record and preserve Queensland's passenger transport history. The Society owns a fleet of 20 historical buses and coaches that range from 1938 to 1989 models, which are showcased at community events across the state.

qocs.org.au

Ph 0413 379 552

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Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha.
2021 BLH Photo Competition entry by Sally Jelbert.



2021 WINNERS

PLACE John Keating,
Caboolture Historical Village

OBJECT Rosemary
Featherstone, RAAF Base
Amberley Aviation
Heritage Centre

PEOPLE'S CHOICE Jimmy
Plant, Wolston Farmhouse

2022 WINNERS

PLACE Sandie Peters, Friends
of South Brisbane Cemetery

OBJECT Laura Ahumada,
Queensland Omnibus &
Coach Society

PEOPLE'S CHOICE Mason
Rawling-Jones, Friends of
Toowong Cemetery



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