



Our Vision

Making Queensland history matter

Our Mission

To collect, preserve, interpret, publish and promote Queensland history

Our Values

- ❖ Lifelong learning - connecting people to history
- ❖ Creativity and innovation
- ❖ Professional standards and integrity of scholarship
- ❖ Respect for the cultural diversity of Queensland and its different voices and stories
- ❖ Our relationships with members, volunteers and partners in the community
- ❖ Strong visitor focus
- ❖ Our custodianship of the Commissariat Store and the Dig Tree Reserve
- ❖ Our own history and contribution of more than 100 years of research, scholarly publication along with our continuing contributions
- ❖ Our autonomy as an organisation
- ❖ Good organisational governance.

Custodianship responsibilities

The RHSQ has a number of important custodianship responsibilities in relation to the Commissariat Store in Brisbane and the Dig Tree Reserve at Cooper Creek. Located at 115 William Street in Brisbane, the convict-built Commissariat Store has been home to the RHSQ since 1981 and houses the Welsby Library of Australiana and museum collections. Built in 1829, the Store is the most important structure remaining from the Moreton Bay Penal Colony, and is Brisbane's oldest occupied building. Since 1964 the RHSQ has been the Trustee of the Dig Tree Reserve at Cooper Creek, which was previously known as Depot Camp 65 for the 1860-61 Burke and Wills expedition from Melbourne to the Gulf of Carpentaria. The Dig Tree Reserve serves as a memorial for the camp site and an enduring reminder of our pioneering spirit.

About Us

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland (RHSQ) is the state's peak history body. Founded in August 1913 as The Historical Society of Queensland, the prefix "Royal" was added to the organisation's title in June 1963 under new Letters Patent. The RHSQ is dedicated to the study and promotion of history. It is a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation which exists for the benefit of its members and the community. The Society's Museum and Library fund is approved to receive tax deductible gifts, donations, bequests and grants in the form of money or property. Memberships include a monthly bulletin, a quarterly *Queensland History Journal*, invitations to events and access to the Library and Museum collections.



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Our goals	Our strategies
Goal 1 Promote QLD History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1.1 Continue support for the publications program.1.2 Continue to deliver public programs and conferences (and consider hiring casual staff to assist at certain events).1.3 Continue to implement advocacy and outreach initiatives to build relationships with other historical societies and groups.
Goal 2 Enhance the visitor experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.1 Develop a new marketing plan (with professional assistance).2.2 Review the school curriculum material.2.3 Develop a new exhibitions plan (including a focus on anniversary events).2.4 Develop a digital strategy (to enhance digital experiences and displays).2.5 Continue to develop content for the web site and social media.
Goal 3 Organisational sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.1 Strengthen relationships with the three tiers of government.3.2 Grow the membership base.3.3 Explore corporate partnerships and sponsorships.3.4 Explore philanthropy opportunities and bequests.3.5 Seek additional grant opportunities.3.6 Strengthen the focus on volunteer recruitment and training (including special project officers).3.7 Invest in IT tools.3.8 Update internal policies and procedures (including volunteer management, health and safety, insurance, security and risk management).3.9 Document rising costs
Goal 4 Sound facilities and assets management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4.1 Document and resolve the current building maintenance issues (including improving the front entrance and the air conditioning).4.2 Improve the museum's and library's current storage, and seek a long term solution.4.3 Implement a custodianship plan for the Dig Tree Reserve.4.4 Implement collection management and conservation strategies for the Museum and the Welsby Library.
Goal 5 Queen's Wharf Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">5.1 Manage the relationship with the Destination Brisbane Consortium.5.2 Develop a stakeholder communications plan.5.3 Review opening hours, signage and entry points.5.4 Seek advocacy opportunities.5.5 Develop a security plan.5.6 Develop tourism partnerships.