



Our Vision

Making Queensland history matter

Our Mission

To promote, interpret, publish, collect and preserve 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 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.



Our goals

Goal 1

Research, publish and preserve QLD History

Goal 2

Engage the public in Queensland History

Goal 3

Organisational sustainability

Goal 4

Sector leadership

Our strategies

- 1.1 Document a formal publications program (a forward plan which included a digital component)
- 1.2 Develop and/or update a collection management (and conservation) strategy for the Museum & Library (& include the restoration of the museum collection).
- 2.1 Document a formal outreach program (to include events, exhibitions & school visits)
- 2.2 Develop a media, marketing and communications plan (including identifying any potential promotional campaigns)
- 2.3 Identify and document a partnerships program (identify key stakeholders and opportunities to enhance the profile of the RHSQ and Museum)
- 2.4 Develop a digital strategy (to include over time capacity for e-publications, an improved website, social media and marketing strategy, policies and training)
- 2.5 Develop a 4-year exhibitions program.
- 3.1 Develop a revenue plan (to include increased membership, sponsorships and grants; crowd funding; and to identify rising and new costs)
- 3.2 Develop a Queens Wharf strategy (to include a communications protocol with key stakeholders, and advocacy opportunities)
- 3.3 Develop an ICT infrastructure plan (to identify current assets and a replacement schedule; current IT capability & plans for future enhancements)
- 3.4 Develop custodianship plans for the Commissariat Store and the Dig Tree Reserve
- 3.5 Develop and/or update an internal policies and procedures manual (to cover volunteer management, health and safety, security and risk management)
- 3.6 Realign the Council's sub committee structure and meeting agendas to cover all aspects of the Strategic Plan's goals and strategies (to monitor & measure progress)
- 3.8 Develop a list of core capabilities required to operate the RHSQ and Museum now and into the future (and seek additional sub committee members with skills to match).
- 4.1 Develop an advocacy plan (to promote the Society's peak body status by identifying and making submissions on important sector issues. This may include a review of prizes and awards)
- 4.2 Develop an outreach and/or communications plan for affiliated societies in Queensland.

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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