

# 150 Ways...

## to experience the Living Heritage of South East Queensland

1. Admire the Romanesque-Byzantine architecture of *St. Andrew's Uniting Church* in Ann Street in the City, with its Peace Chapel and stained glass windows.
2. Follow the evolution of telecommunications from Morse Code to today's advanced telephone systems at the *Telstra Museum* in the leafy suburb of Clayfield.
3. Take a guided tour of Queensland's *Parliament House*, a building that looks like it would feel more at home in the Loire Valley in France.
4. Have a picnic in *Newstead Park* on the banks of the Brisbane River with its many memorials, 'talking tree' and the Alice through the Looking Glass playground.
5. Join a guided tour or take a self-guided tour of the *Toowong Cemetery* dating from 1875 and home to over 126,000 interments.
6. Experience Australian and international art and culture in its many forms at Brisbane's *Queensland Art Gallery* and the nearby *Gallery of Modern Art*.
7. Fancy a spot of reading? Check out the special collections including rare books, ephemera, manuscripts and photographs at the *Fryer Library*, University of Queensland.
8. Explore the history of Policing in Queensland at the *Qld Police Museum* and while you are there help solve a murder.
9. Visit *Old Government House* at the bottom of George Street, the first purpose-built residence of Queensland's Governors.
10. Take a step back in time with a tour of the historic villa *Miegunyah* in Bowen Hills, preserved as a memorial to the pioneer women of Queensland.
11. Climb the stairs at South Bank that lead to the remnant of an earlier *Victoria Bridge* with its many memorials and great views of Brisbane's CBD.
12. Attend one of the free UQ School of Music Sunday concerts held in the Long Room at *Customs House* and marvel at the copper dome interior and stained glass panels.
13. Walk the National Trust-listed Great Court of the *University of Queensland* with its distinctive Helidon sandstone carved with historic scenes, flora, fauna and grotesques.
14. 'Assume command' of the World War II frigate *Diamantina* at the *Queensland Maritime Museum* within the South Brisbane dry dock.

15. Visit **Fort Lytton** at the mouth of the Brisbane River over the Queen's Birthday long weekend and experience a colonial fort come to Life!
16. Take a 'dip' in the **Spring Hill Baths**, Australia's oldest and home to some of the cutest dressing rooms that you will ever see.
17. Visit the **Cloudland Memorial** at Bowen Hills. Take in the views. Remember the funicular, check out some dance steps and share the stories of heady days...and steamy nights.
18. Go beyond the stone walls of All Hallows' school to discover the **Mercy Heritage Centre** which charts the work of the Sisters of Mercy in Queensland since 1861.
19. Take a Sunday afternoon stroll through the **Victoria Barracks Museum** with its Collection dating from the Boer War to the present day.
20. Take off your shoes and have a game of bare foot bowls at the historic **Booroodabin Bowls Club**, part of the Breakfast Creek Heritage Precinct.
21. Capture the great views from **Bartley's Hill**, Albion. Look beyond Brisbane City, note the escarpment beyond and the bow in the mountains that is Cunningham's Gap.
22. Visit Brisbane's own **arboretum** on the banks of the Brisbane River at Sherwood. Explore the parkland setting and see how many different types of plants you can identify.
23. Explore the Precinct of the **Cathedral of St. Stephen** with its many memorials and Pugin's Chapel which dates from 1850.
24. Explore the Brisbane River aboard a sleek **City Cat**, each with an indigenous name linked to its many reaches and riverside suburbs of today.
25. Visit the **Kingston Butter Factory** dating from 1903 and now home to the Logan City Historical Museum Society.
26. Stand under a **jacaranda tree** in October and wait for a blossom to alight on your person. It is said to bring good luck in the forthcoming exams.
27. Take of tour of sculptor **Daphne Mayo's** legacy to the City of Brisbane with a visit to Post Office Square, Tattersall's Arcade, the City Hall Tympanum and Anzac Square.
28. Relive memories of wartime Brisbane and its legion of US forces with a visit to the **MacArthur Museum**, created around the onetime office of General Douglas MacArthur.
29. Step aboard a boat for a visit to **St. Helena Island National Park** in Moreton Bay, featuring the ruins of a 19<sup>th</sup> century prison set against a background of spectacular views.
30. Experience Sunset at **Norfolk Point, Manly** and the life and times of explorer Matthew Flinders who visited this area in 1799.
31. Take a tour of the historic **Balmoral Cemetery** with its gravesites representing a wide cross section of Society, including a Commissioner of Police and a maker of ginger beer.

- 32.** Pack a rug, a folding chair and settle back for an afternoon of *free music* on the lawns surrounding Newstead House - on the third Sunday of most months.
- 33.** Settle yourself in the shade of *a mulberry tree* on public land and get your face and hands black and blue from the joy of eating one, two, three...
- 34.** Walk the streets of *the historic precinct* bounded by William, George and Alice Street in company with your trusty I Pod and a fascinating downloadable commentary on same.
- 35.** Visit a QATB station from the 1930's at the *Queensland Ambulance Museum* at Wynnum with its collection of ambulances through the Ages a special highlight.
- 36.** Take a cruise on the *Brisbane River* aboard the classic timber ferry Neptune with an animated commentary providing interesting historical 'tid bits'.
- 37.** Admire *Palma Rosa* at Hamilton and celebrate the life and times of Florentine-born architect Andrea Stombucco, a man who left Brisbane many a great architectural legacy.
- 38.** Look closely into the beautiful ceiling of the foyer of the grand *Regent Theatre* in Queen Street and see if you can locate the bullet hole!!
- 39.** Contrast the old and the new with a visit to the *Christ Church Community Precinct* where an historic, steepled church stands alongside a modern football stadium.
- 40.** Explore the remnants of Queensland's first European settlement at *Redcliffe Museum*...and take a dip in the First Settlement Lagoon on Redcliffe Parade.
- 41.** Why not take one of the six self-guided walks featured in the *Windsor & District Historical Society's* booklet, 'Walking a Changing Windsor'.
- 42.** Set yourself down in the 'History Room' of the *Breakfast Creek Hotel* with its great displays and enjoy a beer 'off the wood' and great steaks.
- 43.** Do you have a secret desire to be a nurse or a doctor ?, then, check out the wealth of medical history on show at the *Diamantina Health Care Museum*, P.A. Hospital.
- 44.** Tickets please. That's right; you too can celebrate the times when trams were an integral part of our city's transport at the *Brisbane Tramway Museum* at Ferny Grove.
- 45.** Check out the fascinating photographs and records of one of Brisbane's earliest European settlements at the *Nundah & Districts Historical Society*.
- 46.** Be refreshed by the cooling Bay breezes as you sit on the verandahs of *Ormiston House* at Cleveland. Open every Sunday afternoon from March to November.
- 47.** Travel back in time to the 1820's and the convict settlement of Moreton Bay with a guided tour of the *Commissariat Museum*, home to the Royal Historical Society of Qld.

48. Drawings, maps, registers and other fascinating records reaching back to the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement can be found at *Queensland State Archives'* Runcorn facility.
49. Take a tour to the bottom of the 1881 built South Brisbane dry dock at the *Qld Maritime Museum*
50. Visit *Anzac Square* and the *Shrine of Remembrance*. Sense the powerful symbolism of the Precinct and...count the number of stairs linking Ann Street with Anzac Square.
51. Visit *Tingalpa's Pioneer's Chapel* for an insight into the district's early pioneers; read their tombstones and have a cuppa in the grounds afterwards.
52. Enjoy a family outing at the *Minnippi Parklands* or the riverside *Colmslie Beach Reserve* and wonder out loud what it must have been like when there had been a zoo nearby.
53. Celebrate the work of New Zealand-born architect R. S. Dodds; most notably *St. Brigid's Church* at Red Hill. Was it really inspired by a cathedral in faraway France?
54. Watch the weekend sailing from *Cameron Rocks Reserve* at Hamilton and reminisce about the days pre-World War II when this river reach hosted rowing regattas.
55. Explore the George Street campus of the *Queensland University of Technology* with its Art Museum, Old Government House and sculpture of the Countess Diamantina *di Roma*.
56. Be like the early convicts and walk *Charlotte Street* with its assortment of commercial facades, art and even a church that now serves pancakes.
57. Take a guided tour of the *City Botanic Gardens* with its natural and man-made memorials to the pioneering curator Walter Hill. Check out the funky playground.
58. 'Don't put your daughter on the stage Mrs. Worthington' but don't miss going behind the scenes with Queensland's performing arts at the *Tony Gould Gallery* at QPAC.
59. Imagine you are standing in the middle of the Brisbane River with a walk across one of the growing number of *pedestrian bridges* - The Goodwill, Kurilpa or Eleanor Schonell.
60. Take the ferry to St. Lucia and check out the many museum Collections at the *University of Queensland*...antiquities, anthropology and art. It is all there to enjoy!
61. Dive into the cooling waters of the *Spring Hill Baths* and imagine you are TARZAN aka Olympian Johnny Weissmuller who swam a length of the same pool in the 1920's.
62. Visit the *Lady Lamington Building*, built in 1896, where nurses lived and trained together for nearly 100 years - at the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital.
63. Visit *the historic Nundah Cemetery* with many of its earliest graves linked to families of German missionaries who came to the area in 1837.

- 64.** Interested in the history of your local suburb and its earlier residents? Then join a **local historical society**, share in the experiences and tell others.
- 65.** Stand on the marble-floored balcony of Brisbane's **Customs House** and survey the busy Town Reach of the Brisbane River. Perhaps there is a party climbing the Story Bridge.
- 66.** Check out the dinosaurs at 'the bottom of the garden' of the **Queensland Museum** at South Bank; just one of the many treats on offer.
- 67.** Imagine a time when there was a 'line of sight' linking the Church of St. Mary the Virgin at **Kangaroo Point** with the clock tower of the Central railway station.
- 68.** Walk the streets of historic **Spring Hill** with some special architectural gems to be found in and around Gloucester and Rogers Streets.
- 69.** The stories of the Mayne family and the riverside mansion **Moorlands** have the hallmarks of a Greek tragedy...a poor beginning, reputation and fortune acquired and a tragic end.
- 70.** **Queens Gardens** with its memorials to the Fallen and statues of Queen Victoria and Labor Premier T. J. Ryan is a welcome retreat in the bustling metropolis.
- 71.** Look up at 'one of the most endearing curiosities' of Brisbane's **Customs House** - an unusual Coat of Arms filling the four pediments of the building. What can it mean ?
- 72.** Interested in tracing your family? The **Queensland State Archives** at Runcorn give seminars and offer expert advice to academics and family researchers alike.
- 73.** Why not learn to embroider by attending classes organised by the **Embroiders' Guild of Queensland** in a heritage-listed former Masonic Lodge in Fortitude Valley.
- 74.** Visit the **Musgrave Park Cultural Centre**, operating out of the Jagera Arts Centre, and celebrate the preservation of Aboriginal culture and heritage.
- 75.** Talk a poignant stroll along the 700 metre **Royal Australian Regiment National Memorial Walk** at Gallipoli Barracks which is flanked by 1000 native Australian trees.
- 76.** Walk the path taken by the convicts of 1825 -the present-day **Charlotte Street** in the CBD and watch out for a copy of the Moreton Bay Courier with a difference!
- 77.** Watch the passing parade under a tree in **Centenary Park** and make friends with the locals...Scottish Bard Robbie Burns and Queensland Premier, T. J. Byrnes.
- 78.** Take a drive across the **Story Bridge** when the roadway is named for the Sandgate-born engineer John Bradfield; better know for his work on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- 79.** Stand in front of the oldest building from Brisbane's European past. **The Windmill**, dating from 1828, it first served the convict settlement and later became a signal station.

- 80.** Finally complete after 100 years, *St. John's Cathedral* is a powerful celebration of Faith with its Gothic-Revival architecture and the only stone-vaulted ceiling in Australia.
- 81.** Wander down *George Street* in the CDB and see if you can find cats that are unable to purr and devils intent on mischief.
- 82.** Seek out the early history of Logan City with a visit to historic *Mayes Cottage* which dates from 1887 and don't forget to check out the slab hut, barn and cream shed.
- 83.** Living history can take many forms and a visit to the operational pissotiere in *Newstead Park* gives new meaning to the term 'spending a penny'. 1905 rocks!!
- 84.** Interested in hieroglyphics, then take a visit to the charming headquarters of the *Windsor and District Historical Society?* The 'antipodean version' on show is fascinating.
- 85.** Observe *Parliament House* from a concourse that incorporates a stylised Maltese Cross and a *Porte de cochere* featuring urns encircled with garlands of Cooktown orchids.
- 86.** With one of the finest collections of medical memorabilia, the *Marks-Hirschfeld Museum* within the Mayne Medical School at Herston draws interest from around the world.
- 87.** The *John Oxley Library* within the State Library of Queensland houses in excess of a million photographic images and honours the man who gave the Brisbane River its name.
- 88.** A visit to the seaside urban village of *Sandgate* provides a great opportunity to visit the museum in Rainbow Street, once the site of Mohaupt's General Store of the 1880's.
- 89.** There is nothing nicer than a juicy mango of slice or paw paw in the Summer months so why can't you eat the fruit on constant show in *Elizabeth Street*, Brisbane City?
- 90.** Test your fitness with a brisk ascent of *Jacob's Ladder*, linking King Edward VII Park with the iconic Windmill in the doctor's dress circle, Wickham Terrace.
- 91.** Visit *Fortitude Valley* with its eclectic styles of architecture, variety of cuisine and the always frenetic Chinatown.
- 92.** Take a promenade through *New Farm Park* with its croquet court, rose bushes, avenue of jacarandas, band rotunda and the Sandakan Memorial, honouring the Fallen.
- 93.** Pack a rug, comfy chair and picnic and settle down to enjoy a Brisbane City Council sponsored Sunday afternoon concert in any number of *public parks*.
- 94.** Urban sprawl takes on a new meaning after you have taken in the view from *Mt. Gravatt*; named after George Gravatt, Commandant of convict Moreton Bay.
- 95.** If it is the season for fresh strawberries from the farm, then it is the time to visit *Redlands* overlooking Moreton Bay with its always exciting Art Gallery and Museum.

- 96.** Enjoy a day in the Bay and detour to the *North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum* with its unique blend of local social history in a variety of exciting forms.
- 97.** If you have an interesting story to recount, don't forget the *Oral History Association of Australia. Qld* who are on hand to record the memories of unique life experiences.
- 98.** In the search for the river system that ultimately resulted in the Convict Settlement of Moreton Bay, the Pine River was first traversed. *Pine Rivers Heritage Museum* is a must!
- 99.** Enjoy a Devonshire Tea on the farmhouse veranda of the brick, timber and sandstone *Wolston House* at Wacol. Open some Sundays and dating from 1852.
- 100.** With a spire some 42 metres above street level and a Gothic style of architecture given warmth by dark brickwork, the *Albert Street Uniting Church* invites inspection.
- 101.** Admire the striking art deco facade of the newly renovated *Waterloo Hotel* in Fortitude Valley - corner of Ann St & Commercial Rd.
- 102.** Stroll along the floating walkway to the *Howard Smith Wharves*, formerly Qld's premier port, now a great contemporary exhibition space.
- 103.** Visit the *Mater Archives and Heritage Centre*, located in the original heritage-listed and Robin Dods-designed Mater Private Hospital which dates from 1910.
- 104.** Come face to face with Hippocrates at the entrance to the Mayne Medical School built in the 1930's and home to the *UQ Marks-Hirschfeld Museum*.
- 105.** Take a water taxi to *Dunwich* on beautiful Nth Stradbroke Island and wander through Qld's second oldest cemetery with graves dating back to the 1850's.
- 106.** Visit Brisbane locations made famous by the bestselling book, *The Mayne Inheritance*; Moorlands, Mercy Heritage Centre, Mayne medical School, Toowong Cemetery & more.
- 107.** Enjoy an old fashioned afternoon tea on the cool verandas of historic *Miegunyah*, built in 1886 for the wealthy Perry family and now home to the Qld Women's Historical Association.
- 108.** Discover *Old Government House* where royalty stayed, society wined, dined and danced and where a French chef created a national culinary icon - the Lamington.
- 109.** Step off the busy city streets and discover history and art in our city's iconic heart - *Museum of Brisbane*, now at 157 Ann Street and not far from the Freemasons Memorial Centre.
- 110.** Climb to the heady heights of the Story Bridge and view the beautiful Brisbane vista that includes the lovely *Customs House*.
- 111.** Have lunch at the *Barracks Precinct* and sit side by side with built history dating back to the 1860's illustrating Brisbane's policing past.

- 112.** Come to the *Queensland Police Museum* and imagine the wind in your face as you experience a *ride* on our 1986 Yamaha motorcycle.
- 113.** Discover the brass pelicans who inhabit the pool at the *Queensland Art Gallery* and dip your toes into the water.
- 114.** Promenade along the length of *Elizabeth Street* in the city, to discover a number of beautiful old buildings and some interesting laneways.
- 115.** Wander the 16 hectares comprising *Roma Street Parklands*, the largest urban subtropical garden in the world and view gardens with names like Frangipani Court and Spectacle Garden.
- 116.** Get a new perspective on the Brisbane skyline from the innovative *Kurilpa Foot Bridge*. Night time is best when the structure changes colour. Cool!
- 117.** View the city from the south side of the river at the *Kangaroo Point cliffs*. Marvel at the earthy colours of Brisbane tuff and keep an eye out for daring cliff climbers.
- 118.** Discover a 'living' memorial that commemorates soldiers of the Royal Australian Regiment who died whilst serving overseas at *Gallipoli Barracks*, Enoggera.
- 119.** Have fish & chips on the Southern Hemisphere's longest bridge, the *Hornibrook Highway*.
- 120.** Wander along the river side precinct below the Story Bridge and see Brisbane's most intact group of WW II *air raid shelters*.
- 121.** Take a trip out to the *Brookfield District Museum* and learn about the pioneering families, farmers & gold miners who settled the area.
- 122.** Gain an insight into the fascinating history of Brisbane by hearing from local historians at events held by the *Brisbane History Group*. Seek out their great selection of publications.
- 123.** Enjoy permanent and touring exhibitions at the *Ipswich Art Gallery* housed in Ipswich's lovely restored town hall.
- 124.** Take a trip to Marburg and visit the *Rosewood Scrub Historical Society* and discover why so many streets and buildings have seemingly mysterious German names.
- 125.** Visit the *Enoggera & Districts Historical Society* and learn about the families and local industries which developed in this area.
- 126.** Catch a ferry to *Karragarra Island* in Moreton Bay, onetime home to salt manufacturing for Brisbane in the mid-1800's.
- 127.** Capt. Louis Hope recognised the potential to grow sugar in the district of Moreton Bay. Visit *Ormiston House* where it all started.

- 128.** Wartime in Brisbane presented ‘unintended opportunities’ for girls to meet, fall in love with and marry their GIs. Find their stories at the *MacArthur Museum*.
- 129.** Church Street in Fortitude Valley is home to the *Qld Military Memorial Museum* with the history of Queenslanders’ service in the Commonwealth and Queensland Defence Forces.
- 130.** Visit the R.D. Milns *Antiquities Museum* at the University of Qld & see the Attic sculpture of the head of Aphrodite carved from Parian marble.
- 131.** Visit the *Anthropology Museum* at the University of Qld & its collection of items celebrating the arts crafts of the indigenous people of Oceania.
- 132.** Visit Logan Central and the exciting *Logan Art Gallery* with its great programme of exhibitions by local artists, workshops and young peoples’ gallery.
- 133.** The bay-side suburbs of Wynnum and Manly offer a treasure trove of interesting architecture and great memories collected by the *Wynnum Manly Historical Society*.
- 134.** Redcliffe proudly calls itself ‘First Settlement’ City. The *Redcliffe Historical Society* preserves and documents the History of this bay-side city and surrounding areas.
- 135.** Check out the life-size Draughts Board in Brisbane’s *Newstead Park*. Gather some friends and play a game or two.
- 136.** Drive a tilt train and engage in a bit of shunting at the *Workshops Rail Museum* at North Ipswich, the birthplace of rail in Queensland.
- 137.** Take in the ‘Doctor’s Precinct’ in *Wickham Street* with an interesting assortment of office blocks and apartments often named after a doctor’s private home.
- 138.** Take a trip out to Enoggera and the working Gallipoli Barracks to visit the *2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment [QMI] Museum* with its display of Light Horse items from 1860-1942.
- 138.** Fancy a swim at the interesting *Centenary Pool* ? While you are there check out the nearby *flagpole* and *story board* which tell of U.S. forces in Brisbane during the war years.
- 140.** *Friends of Peel Island* is a community support group active in raising the cultural and heritage values of the Teerikoo Ra [Peel Island] National Park and Conservation Park
- 141.** Visit *Miller Park* in Brisbane’s CBD, honouring the first Commandant of convict Brisbane and sandwiched between Brisbane’s early museum and the Commissariat Store
- 142.** Celebrate the stories of nurses and nursing from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to present times with a unique collection at the *Nursing Museum* in the historic Lady Lamington Building, Herston.
- 143.** Head to Brisbane airport for an encounter with Charles Kingsford-Smith’s historic *SOUTHERN CROSS* aircraft and hear the story of the epic 1928 flight from the U.S.

- 144.** Ever been to a cemetery located within an aerodrome ? - *God's Acre* at Archerfield welcomed its first interment even before Queensland became a separate Colony.
- 145.** *Take a train* to link up with many of the living historical experiences on offer in South East Queensland.
- 146.** Cruise the Brisbane River and, in the *Milton Reach*, look out for the rare terrace houses of Cook Terrace on the starboard side and on the port side, the even rarer Gas Stripping Tower.
- 147.** Head to the foothills of Mt. Cootha for a visit to the *Mt. Cootha Botanic Gardens* with its many botanical treats and not forgetting the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium.
- 148.** Stand in *John Burke Park* at Kangaroo Point. Named for a pioneering ship owner, it is easy to find yourself surrounded by the sights and sounds of a busy City.
- 149.** Bowen Park opposite the Royal Brisbane Hospital was once the site of the *Acclimatisation Gardens* and features a variety of trees and shrubs from around the world.
- 150.** After *149 great adventures*, it is time to share these great journeys with family and friends and celebrate the rich and diverse cultural landscape that is South East Queensland.

*That's all folks !*