

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland, Queensland's peak history body...

Founded in 1913 as a cultural organisation, the RHSQ is a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation, which exists for the benefit of its members and the community.

The objects of the Society are to:

- promote interest in and advance the study of Queensland history;
- broaden opportunities for the practice and writing of history;
- preserve documents, manuscripts, photographs, charts and maps relating to Queensland history;
- preserve and display artefacts illustrating Queensland colonial history;
- study the history of the Commonwealth of Australia and the adjacent islands of the Pacific.

Your interest in Queensland's history is welcomed.

To undertake our many and varied activities, the RHSQ relies on the work of its many volunteers, including students, without whose work it could not function.

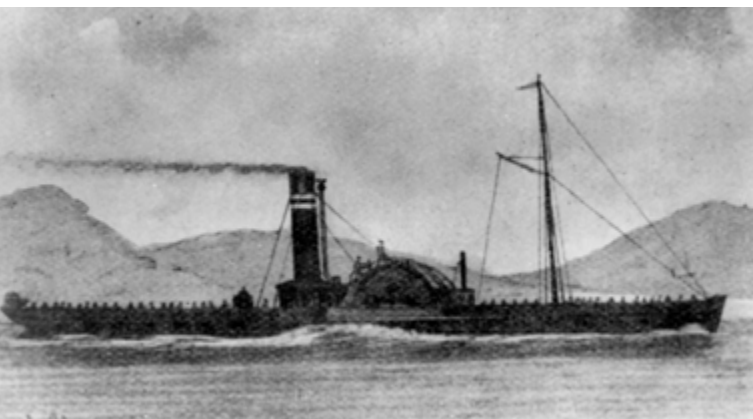
Would you like to be a volunteer? If so, please contact us.

The RHSQ offers membership to everyone and application forms are available from the website or the Society.

Membership Benefits

The **RHSQ** offers you:

- a quarterly *Queensland History Journal* of articles on Queensland's history
- a monthly *Bulletin*, except December, containing information on the Society's activities, notices of forthcoming tours and seminars, book notes and news of other Historical Societies
- attendance at the Society's 'At Home' days
- invitations to functions
- free use of the Society's Welsby Library containing a substantial collection of Australian history – books, journals, manuscripts, photographs and cutting books principally relating to Queensland. The Library is open on Thursdays between 10 am and 4 pm and at other times by appointment.
- free access to the Society's museum of colonial Queensland
- conferences on topics of state-wide interest
- a programme of talks and lectures including the Annual Clem Lack Memorial Oration
- members are invited to take an active interest in the Society and Queensland's history. There are opportunities to take part in the work of the library or museum, submit papers for the *Journal* and items for the *Bulletin*, and participate in the lecture programme, or serve on the various committees of the Society.



Commissariat Store, erected by convict labour

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland's headquarters, the Commissariat Store, situated at 115 William Street, Brisbane, in the City's centre and the Windmill on Wickham Terrace share the distinction of being the oldest buildings in Brisbane.

The Commissariat Store is located at the birthplace of Queensland - on William Street, facing the Brisbane River. It was used as a government store from 1829 until 1960.

The Commissariat Store is the most important building remaining of the Moreton Bay Penal Colony and Brisbane's oldest occupied building.

The Commissariat Store was erected by convict labour during Captain Logan's term as Commandant of the Moreton Bay Penal Colony. The Store was completed in 1829 as part of his major building program.

In 1977, the State Government decided that The Royal Historical Society of Queensland should occupy the building. Extensive renovations occurred from 1978 to 1981.

Since occupation by the RHSQ in 1981, the Commissariat Store has been used as a museum and research centre, and as a venue for the Society's activities such as conferences, functions and meetings.

The RHSQ appreciates opportunities to show the building and the convict display to members, visitors, school children, and tourists. The Store is home to the Society's extensive Welsby Library, museum collection, and cultural activities.

Opening Hours: 10am-4pm Tuesdays-Fridays.

For a more detailed history of the Commissariat Store go to the Society's website: www.queenslandhistory.org.au