

Welcome to **REDCLIFFE MUSEUM**

A Social Guide



We can read this story as we get ready for our trip to Redcliffe Museum.

In this story we will learn about what we can find inside the museum and about some of the people who work there and can help with our visit.

The Redcliffe Museum celebrates the story of the Redcliffe Peninsula. Inside we will find lots of objects that relate to the history of the area, some of which are very old! There are also photographs and movies to watch. Around the museum we will find lots of places to sit and relax too.

THE ENTRY



At the front of the museum there is a ramp and a walkway to the sliding door entry.

Inside, we will see friendly volunteers who wear blue shirts. They will say hello and help with any questions you have.

There is also a counter with information brochures about events all around the Moreton Bay region. You are welcome to take home any that interest you.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION SPACE



Along the left wall in the museum we will find sliding glass doors that lead us into the exhibition space.

This area gets changed every three to four months. So next time we come back, we might see something different. It is a large, quiet space with interesting objects and stories to learn about.

Sometimes there will be videos or activities we can do there.

FIRST PEOPLE



On the orange wall opposite the exhibition space, we will find a display on the culture of First People.

There is a red couch directly under a white sound dome. When we sit on the chair we can hear the words and sounds for the film that is playing. It is a short documentary about how the Gubbi Gubbi people craft a canoe from tree bark.

At the right end of the wall there is a small box of pisolites, which are magnetic rocks that are collected from the Redcliffe foreshore. We can use the magnet to play with them, and drag the small rocks around the box.

IMAGINARIUM



The Imaginarium is a fun, creative, learning space.

It has a table in the centre with art and crafts for everyone. Sometimes we can make a craft that we add to the group space and other times we take home what we create. The choice is ours.

It can be a little bit noisy and crowded when children, families or school groups are busy creating and learning together.

REDCLIFFE STORIES



We will find a section called Holidays by the Seaside at the back of the museum. This area has blue walls and is about Redcliffe as a place to go for holidays. Here we learn about how people came to Redcliffe, where they stayed and what they did for fun.

It has a raised walkway through it, part of which is timber from the old Redcliffe jetty. This can feel bumpy under our feet but it is very safe.

There are three screens playing different slideshows in this area that we can watch. None of them have any sound.

The largest screen on the back wall is a slideshow of photos by Redcliffe photographer George Mewes.

THE SHED



The Shed has a lot of old things that parents, grandparents and great-grandparents would have used in their homes when they were young.

We can smell the timber and hear a creaking, wooden floor. At the back of the space there is fake grass. Different areas are fenced off. The objects are for looking at, but please do not touch.

Many of the items were given to the museum by people who lived in Redcliffe.

THE THEATRE



The Theatre is a dark room, with rows of seating for people to watch short films about Redcliffe.

When we enter the room, we will find a touchscreen panel where we can pick from seven short films. Some of these films are silent and others have music and the sound of people talking.

If we want the room to be brighter, we can ask the volunteers at the front desk to help. The volume can also be changed by a volunteer or staff member.

THE SHOP



The shop has things we can buy. It has books, toys, jewellery and homewares. Many of them are made from local artists.

If we want to buy something, the volunteers can help us.

AMENITIES

If we need to use the bathroom, we can find it just before the orange sign that says Imaginarium. The lights for the hallway and bathrooms will turn on automatically when we walk in.

There is also a water cooler in the hallway for us to have if we feel thirsty.

The museum is wheelchair friendly with ramps to the front door and to the parkland beside the museum.

THINGS TO DO

Some of the fun things we can go to at the museum are:

Exhibition openings: These are when the museum celebrates a new exhibition with morning or afternoon tea, guest speakers and other events depending on what it is about.

Term Time Tots: This program is for children under 5 years of age and their families. Children explore different ideas through fun hands-on art and crafts.

Workshops: There are different workshops organised for adults and children throughout the year.

Talks: The museum likes to invite experts to come to the museum and discuss different topics relevant to the exhibitions.

Group tours: The museum caters for groups to have tours of the museum and the temporary exhibition space.

We can ask the volunteers for more information about any of these events.

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