

National Trust of Australia: Amazing Stories Every moment

**Queensland** [www.nationaltrustqld.org](http://www.nationaltrustqld.org)

**Examples from the National Trust of Queensland for the History Challenge and the National Trust themes:**

### ***Celebrations, memories and history in Australia's heritage***

Uncover amazing stories every moment in National Trust properties.

2009 commemorated 150 years of “being Queensland”. National Trust properties in Queensland celebrated the pioneering spirit of Australians in many endeavours, from farming to mining, and in so doing contributed significantly to the development of Queensland. Places classified by the [Queensland Trust](#) or the Queensland State and local Government also celebrate many stories in Queensland's development. Contact the Trust office for more information on the register.

A few examples from Trust properties include:

#### **Hou Wang Temple, Atherton**

<http://www.houwang.org.au/>

This heritage site celebrates the story of the Chinese who came to the “New Gold Mountain” to make their fortunes. As the gold dwindled the Chinese, suffering from racist sentiments and government policies, were forced to find other work. They were not allowed to own property themselves, so instead leased land from white settlers and pioneered the growing of maize, peanuts and lychees, soon creating a thriving township and Chinese community.

#### **Brennan And Geraghty's Store, Maryborough**

<http://www.nationaltrustqld.org/property-brennan.htm>

Celebrate memories associated with this large grocery store and the family that managed it from from 1871 - 1972. The Trust acquired the shop with contents which are displayed on the shelves. The interior is very intact and is typical of many all purpose stores that were once located throughout Queensland. Contents range from unsold stock from the 1890's to 1920's advertising material, a wealth of material meeting the themes *Australia's heritage* and *Celebrations, Memories and History*.

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James Cook Museum, Cooktown

<http://www.nationaltrustqld.org/property-jamescookmuseumcooktown.htm>

James Cook Museum celebrates the history of James Cook, perhaps more than any other place in Australia. Yet this is due to a misfortune, a temporary glitch in proceedings for James Cook and the Endeavour, and one that was overcome. National Trust reused a former convent to make this centre for the celebration of Cook. The museum even holds one of the jettisoned cannon and an anchor.

Stock Exchange Arcade, Charters Towers

<http://www.nationaltrustqld.org/property-stockex.htm>

This properties celebrates the rise of the mining industry with stories from the mining boom.

National Trust Heritage Centre, Townsville

<http://www.nationaltrustqld.org/property-townsville.htm>

Celebrate *Made in North Queensland* in this historic house complex commemorating three (3) typical North Queensland Houses. Discover the stories and memories and research the histories of the people who lived these places: a simple miners cottage built about 1884, a comfortable villa residence (1888) and a farmhouse (1921). The combined homes celebrate and commemorate a part of the development and heritage of North Queensland. A number of education brochures are available in the [National Trust Heritage Centre Education Kit](#) which tell the stories of many families associated with this centre. <http://www.nationaltrustqld.org/property-townsvilleEDKIT.htm>

**Celebrate your story at the Heritage Festival**

**QUEENSLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL runs from 9th to 16th May 2010**

**Be inspired by the theme “Celebrate YOUR Story”**

<http://www.nationaltrustqld.org/heritage-festival.htm>

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[Explore the Australian Book of Memories](#) to uncover more amazing stories that celebrate memories and history of ordinary and extraordinary people that contributed to Queensland's heritage.

**QLD entrants to Australia's heritage in the National Heritage Challenge are not restricted to researching QLD heritage- you may choose Australia's heritage from anywhere.**

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