

Moruya and District Historical Society Collection Policy Summary

The collection preserves the history of the district with artefacts and memorabilia which represent the way of life of the people. The Museum building is a major part of the collection being a heritage building with close association with a family associated with the business development of the town.

The building is to be managed in keeping with its residential character and any displays within the building will not distract from its residential character.

Objectives

- Collect and conserve important objects associated with the history of the district
- Collect local photographs and other pictorial material illustrating the places and people of the district
- Build an historical resource for the community
- Develop the collection as an educational resource
- Interpret the history and development of the district in co-operation with the local community

Key Themes

- Pre European history
- Early settlement and development
- People and families
- Agriculture and rural history – small objects only
- Local businesses – prior to the 1960's
- Domestic life
- War service

Acquisitions Policy Summary

- Objects and collections may only be acquired as donations, bequests or transfer.
- The museum will only acquire objects that can be properly stored, documented and managed.
- The museum provides community access to the collection, through exhibitions, access to collection information, response to public enquiries and other means.
- The museum only acquires objects that are provenanced to the area prior to 1950, or that help to interpret themes, places and people in the history of the district.
- The museum aims to build unique historical records about local people and places, themes and environments through the collection, related archives and associated projects.
- Where possible the museum will develop non-collecting initiatives, such as assisting the community to document and care for their heritage collections in their original context of use.
- Where possible the museum will record the owner's memories of the object and photograph and document objects in their original context, before removal to the museum.
- The museum works in partnership with other museums, libraries, galleries, archives, heritage and community organisations in the district, where possible developing a collaborative approach to collecting, and the research, analysis and interpretation of collections.
- No objects will be acquired from significant heritage sites and buildings where acquisition and removal would diminish the significance of the place; except in circumstances where the object is at risk.
- No objects or collections will be acquired or accepted with conditions or restrictions on the way they might be used or displayed in the future.
- Ensure the donor or vendor of a proposed acquisition has clear legal title to the item.
- No objects will be accepted on indefinite or long term loan.