

# Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum Excursion Management Plan

## Contact

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### **Museum Hours**

Monday to Friday

9.30am – 3.30pm

Saturday and Sunday

9.30am – 12.30pm

Closed on some public holidays.

## Our Collection

The museum contains displays on all Australian theatres of war including: Boer War, WW1, WW2, Vietnam, Korea, Malaya, Timor, Iraqi and Afghanistan conflicts. The museum has a register of 10,000+ items including memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Every item has a specific item number which never changes and can be found by item number, category, ownership, date acquired or location in the museum.

The real strength of the museum is in the individual human stories about our soldiers, sailors, airmen and nurses whose stories are told relating to the memorabilia on display. There is a large local display component.

There are displays such as: Gallipoli Room; Long Tan; Keith Payne VC; RAAF, HMAS Maryborough; Uniforms; An extremely large Medal Collection; Maps; Vehicles; Carvings; Murals: The Museum has on display a Victoria Cross from Gallipoli and two of only five Cross of Valour's ever awarded.

## Purpose of Excursion

Displays and collections at the Museum may meet curriculum needs in areas such as:

- Sequence historical people and events, use historical terms and concepts
- Use historical terms and concepts, identify the origin, purpose and context of primary and secondary sources, identify and analyse the perspectives of people from the past
- Historical knowledge and understanding Year 9: World War I - An overview of the causes of World War I and the reasons why men enlisted to fight in the war, the places where Australians fought and the nature of warfare during World War I, including the Gallipoli campaign.
- Museum visit satisfies the requirement of the educational curriculum stating that it must include student field study.
- Year 10: World War 2
- Visit can be tailored to meet the individual requirements of your school/collage.

## Environment

The museum is at 106 Wharf Street Maryborough. The heritage listed building was built as a Warehouse in the gold rush days and its prior uses included being the US Army HQ during WW2. The Museum is right in the middle of the Portside Heritage precinct with Gatakers Art Space next door. Within easy walking distance is Kent Street and the Maryborough CBD. On the corner of Kent and Richmond streets is the Mary Poppins Statue outside the building which was the birthplace of PL Travers (Mary Poppins Author). This building will become an interpretive centre for literature and Mary Poppins in the near future

The museum covers three levels, with only the ground floor being wheelchair accessible. With prior notice we will endeavour to provide an experience for disabled students who cannot access to the higher levels. Education kits are being prepared for most age groups. We can also programme a tour with emphasis on various theatres of war, or a period in time.

There are toilets in the Museum & Public toilets are located in Queens Park nearby or off Wharf St in the Riverside Park opposite the Museum alongside the old steam train tracks. Both facilities are only a few minutes' walk away.

Adjoining Museums of the Bond Store and the Customs House tell the early history of Maryborough. The 'Mary Ann' Steam train operates Thursdays and the last Sunday of the month (or may be hired for special trips). The McAlister Railway Station is 100m from the Museum. Thursday is also Market Day in Maryborough. The Town Crier and 'Mary Heritage' fire the Time Canon (11am Thursdays and special occasions) and may be able to arrange free walking tours of the area,.

## Target Audience – Students, General Public and Military Veteran Groups

All age groups will find the museum of interest. We can arrange tours/displays specific to your needs eg: WW1; WW2; Vietnam; personal stories etc. Whilst tours within normal hours are preferred, we can with notice, arrange tours outside normal hours.

## External provider Information

The museum is staffed by Volunteers, many of whom have had prior Military Service.

Full Public Liability and Volunteer Insurance is carried by the Museum.

How to pay for group visits: Payment may be cash, cheque, or bank deposit. The museum can invoice groups for the visit. Generally payment is only for students of School Groups, not for adult supervisors.

Teacher famils available for those organising group visits.

Supervision of groups: Schools must provide adequate supervision of students during visits. Students are best broken up in small groups of about 6 to 7. Multiple groups will rotate through the museum at timed intervals. No food or drink is allowed inside the museum, but good shaded areas are available in the secluded courtyard outside. Photographs may be taken. Bags may be left near rear entrance door under cover. Visits outside normal opening hours may be arranged if necessary.

## Student and Staff Identification

All students should wear a school uniform and name badges for teachers. There will be volunteers available to escort groups around and we suggest dividing the students into groups of 6-7. With notice, we can move about a bus full of students at a time through the Museum.

## Communication

Communication is by a system of bells. They are rung at timed intervals to signal moving from one base to the next.

## Emergency Response Plan

Continuous bell ringing or verbal call is to evacuate the building. Assembly area is in the courtyard to the rear of the building

## Transport

Students are to provide own transport to the Museum. There is coach parking available on the street opposite the museum.

## Certificate of Currency

Details of Public Liability and Professional Indemnity insurance also included under information listing.

## Other:

The Museum will facilitate the finding of accommodation and meals if required.