

WELCOME TO THE BROOME HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Discover the history of Broome through pearling, multicultural heritage, wartime events and the lives of the people who shaped the town.

This guide will help you navigate the museum.

The Broome Historical Society is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers. Thank you - your entry fee helps support the museum's ongoing work.

VISITING WITH KIDS?

Ask at the front desk for a quiz and follow the clues through the museum to find the answers. The activity is suitable for a range of ages, from non-readers to primary school students. Return to the front desk to collect your reward when you've finished.

RUN OUT OF TIME?

Visitors often underestimate how much there is to see. If you would like to return on another day, ask at the front desk for a pass-out voucher, valid for 7 days.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

If you have family connections to Broome, we may have information that can help with your research. Ask at the front desk about the museum's photograph collection, archives and local history resources. Research services are also available for a nominal fee.

MUSEUM (CUSTOMS HOUSE)

Built in the late 1890s as a general store, this building later became the headquarters of the Broome Customs Department. It was also a place where thousands of indentured pearling workers were processed on arrival.

The Broome Historical Society has operated the museum here since 1981.



THE SAILMAKER'S SHED

Originally the workshop of Bagge's sailmaking business, this building later served as offices for the WA Power and Works Department. The Broome Historical Society rescued and restored the building, a project that received a WA Heritage Award and a UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage High Commendation.

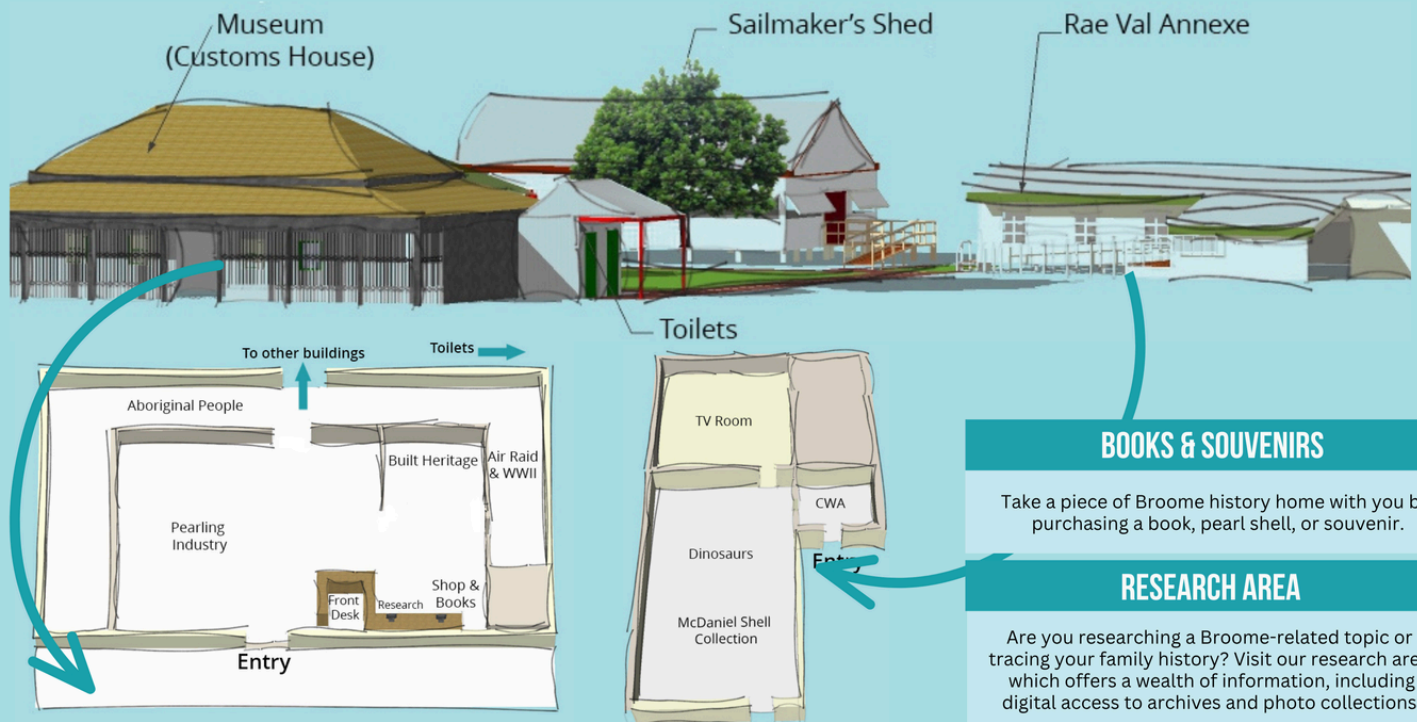


THE RAE VAL ANNEXE

Originally used to accommodate employees working on the construction of Broome's main port at Entrance Point, this building later served as the Broome CWA Hall. It was moved to the museum site in 2006 and renovated to house our growing collection.



BROOME HISTORICAL MUSEUM VISITOR GUIDE



BOOKS & SOUVENIRS

Take a piece of Broome history home with you by purchasing a book, pearl shell, or souvenir.

RESEARCH AREA

Are you researching a Broome-related topic or tracing your family history? Visit our research area, which offers a wealth of information, including digital access to archives and photo collections.

PEARLING INDUSTRY

Broome was once celebrated as the pearling capital of the world. Explore the pearling display and dive into the fascinating details of this unique industry.

BROOME AIR RAID

Delve into the dramatic history of Broome's WWII air raids, which had devastating impacts on the area. Uncover the stories and learn more about this significant chapter in Broome's past.

TV ROOM

Sit back and enjoy a wide range of historical films in the comfort of our air-conditioned TV room.

SAILMAKER'S EXHIBITION

Explore the tools and techniques of a turn-of-the-century sailmaker in our restored, heritage award-winning Sailmaker's Shed.

RAE VAL ANNEXE

Discover the ancient world with casts of dinosaur footprints from 130 million years ago. Explore the McDaniel Shell Collection and the Stateships Story.

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