

SPREAD ALONG THE PRISTINE COASTLINE AND THROUGHOUT THE LUSH HINTERLAND, THE SUNSHINE COAST MUSEUM TRAIL OFFERS A UNIQUE CULTURAL TOUR OF THE REGION.

Hidden treasures and little-known facts about our history and heritage can be discovered at the community museums spread across the Sunshine Coast. While enjoying the historic surrounds of the many villages and towns the museums are places to explore, interpret, and understand the region's cultural heritage. You can delve into collections of historical objects, photographs, and stories, many of which are significant to our local, state, and national identity.

Historical societies and heritage libraries form an impressive network of information hubs to research local and family history. Visit any of the sites in the Sunshine Coast Museum Trail and you will have the unique opportunity to talk with many of the region's most knowledgeable historians. Share their passion as you discover the region's rich cultural heritage along the Sunshine Coast Museum Trail.

1 BANKFOOT HOUSE

ADDRESS 1998 Old Gympie Road, Glass House Mountains
OPEN By appointment only
PHONE 07 5493 0197
WEBSITE bankfoothouse.org

Bankfoot House, originally built in 1868, is the oldest surviving residence in Glass House Mountains. A lunch stop and staging post for Cobb and Co coaches on the Brisbane to Gympie goldfields route, the house also provided accommodation for travellers. It is furnished with original domestic items, providing a unique glimpse into early life in the hinterland.

5 PATTEMORE HOUSE

ADDRESS 15 Porters Lane, Maleny
OPEN By appointment only
PHONE 07 5494 4009

Originally named 'Fairview', Pattemore House was built in 1907 from white beech, grown and pit sawn on the property for John Robert and Emily Pattemore by their sons: Bill, Stan, Ernest and Albert Pattemore. John Robert Pattemore operated his Maleny property as a dairy farm on the share farming principle and lived there until he died in 1947 aged 97. Pattemore House still stands on its original site and was listed on the Queensland Heritage Register in 2003.



Pattemore House. Photo courtesy of Susan Carbery.

11 SUNSHINE COAST HERITAGE LIBRARY, NAMBOUR

ADDRESS Corner Currie Street and Bury Street, Nambour
OPEN Mon, Wed and Fri 9.00am–5.30pm
 Tues and Thurs 9.00am–8.00pm
 Sat 9.00am–12.00pm
PHONE 07 5475 8900
WEBSITE library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Sunshine Coast Branch Libraries provide access to collections of materials relating to the history, heritage and development of their local area including books, photographs, magazines, videos, DVDs, and oral histories.

15 MILL PLACE

ADDRESS Maple Street, Cooroy
OPEN Mon to Fri 9.00am–4.00pm,
 Saturday 9.00am–12.00pm
 (Restored Boilerhouse and Kilns)
PHONE 07 5454 9000 (Cooroy Library)
WEBSITE sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Explore the grounds of Mill Place to find reminders of the town's dairy and timber milling heritage at the restored boilerhouse, kiln, and old butter factory. Find a mix of the modern in the contemporarily designed Cooroy Library that features as the region's most environmentally sustainable building and houses a dedicated heritage room.

18 MAJESTIC THEATRE

ADDRESS 3 Factory Street, Pomona
OPEN Tues to Fri 9.30am–2.30pm
 or by appointment
PHONE 07 5485 2330
WEBSITE themajestictheatre.com.au

Built in 1921 the Majestic Theatre has gained recognition as the world's only authentic silent picture house still in full operation. Continuing the tradition of the 1920s, silent films are presented with live accompaniment on an eight-rank Compton pipe organ. Live shows, dances and other events are also held in this historic setting.

2 SPIRIT OF COBB AND CO, AUSTRALIAN TEAMSTERS HALL OF FAME AND GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAINS CAMPING GROUNDS

ADDRESS 2001 Old Gympie Road, Glass House Mountains
OPEN Wed and Fri 9.00am–3.00pm
 Camping grounds 7 days a week
PHONE 07 5496 9588
WEBSITE ghmc.com.au

A tribute to the Cobb and Co tradition, this complex is situated on land once part of the historic Bankfoot House. Owned by Stephen Ralph, the museum features theatre about Cobb and Co, Australian Teamsters and cultural heritage of the Glass House Mountains.



Coach and horses. Photo courtesy of Sunshine Coast Libraries.

8 MAROOCHY ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTRE

ADDRESS Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens, Palm Creek Road, Tanawah
PHONE 07 5475 7272
WEBSITE sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Maroochy Arts and Ecology Centre is located at the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanical Gardens. It is a specialised arts and ecology interpretative centre that provides the community with an inviting place for art and environmental workshops, displays and community and cultural gatherings.

12 YANDINA HISTORIC HOUSE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESS 3 Pioneer Road, Yandina
OPEN Daily 9.30am–4.00pm
PHONE 07 5472 7181
WEBSITE yandinahistoricouse.com.au

A lovely example of a hinterland homestead built in 1899, it was relocated to its current site in 1996. It houses a collection of local historic photographs and some heritage items but mostly functions as an art gallery for local arts and crafts and Devonshire Teas.

16 BUTTER FACTORY ARTS CENTRE

ADDRESS 10 Maple Street, Cooroy
OPEN Tues to Sat 10.00am–4.00pm
PHONE 07 5454 9050
WEBSITE sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

The historic Butter Factory is part of the Cooroy community precinct, Mill Place. The Butter Factory Arts Centre presents a changing program of arts and heritage exhibitions and events and hosts an energetic workshop program with arts activities for all ages and interests.

19 PARKYN HUT INFORMATION, TEWANTIN HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESS 120 Poinciana Avenue, Tewantin
OPEN Daily 9.00am–5.00pm
PHONE 07 5449 7353
WEBSITE visitnoosa.com.au

Parkyn Hut Tourist Information, Tewantin Heritage and Historical Society features general tourist information plus a heritage and historical photograph display of Tewantin and Noosa. Local historian, George Pearce, is on-site Tuesday afternoons from 1.00pm–5.00pm and is available to give history talks by appointment.

3 LANDSBOROUGH MUSEUM

ADDRESS 4 Maleny Street, Landsborough
OPEN Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sun
 9.00am–3.00pm
PHONE 07 5494 1755
WEBSITE landsboroughmuseum.org.au

A local history museum displaying the heritage of the area once known as Landsborough Shire and Caloundra City. The museum features a research area, book shop and meeting room. Group tours available by appointment.



Photo courtesy of Landsborough Museum.

6 QUEENSLAND AIR MUSEUM

ADDRESS 7 Pathfinder Drive, Caloundra
OPEN Daily 10.00am–4.00pm
PHONE 07 5492 5930
WEBSITE qam.com.au

Queensland Air Museum's collection contains over fifty historic aircraft plus several full size representations and replicas, more than twenty large scale models and over ninety aircraft engines. The collection includes airfield equipment and displays honouring people, aircraft, organisations and activities that helped shape Queensland as we know it today.

9 BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND PIONEER COTTAGE

ADDRESS 5 Ballinger Crescent, Buderim
OPEN Mon to Sat 11.00am–3.00pm
PHONE 07 5450 1966
WEBSITE buderim.com/pioneer

The Pioneer Cottage is an original historical house built around 1880. Now a museum, it remains a living piece of the local history. Filled with historical furniture, homewares, period decor, photographs, clothing and fascinating curios from our past.

13 DISCOVER EUMUNDI HERITAGE AND VISITOR CENTRE

ADDRESS 73 Memorial Drive, Eumundi
OPEN Mon to Fri 10.00am–4.00pm
 Sat 9.00am–3.00pm
 Sun 10.00am–2.00pm
PHONE 07 5442 8762
WEBSITE discovereumundi.com.au

Eumundi's Heritage and Visitor Centre features displays on early Eumundi settlers and industries and contemporary history including the famous Eumundi Markets. It includes natural history and a collection of Indigenous artefacts from the region. Historic walks of the town are available to groups by appointment.



Eumundi Heritage and Visitor Centre. Photo courtesy of Wendy Birrell.

20 NOOSA REGIONAL GALLERY

ADDRESS Pelican Street, Tewantin
OPEN Wed to Sun 10.00am–4.00pm
PHONE 07 5449 5340
WEBSITE noosaregionalgallery.org

Noosa Regional Gallery is a creative centre for the Sunshine Coast. The gallery is renowned for its innovative exhibitions, programs and events involving local and international contemporary artists. The gallery is located on the edge of the beautiful Noosa River, next to the Council Chambers in Tewantin.

4 MALENY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND PIONEER VILLAGE

ADDRESS 7 Bryce Lane, Maleny
OPEN Tues 10.00am–2.00pm
 Fourth Saturday of every month
 or by appointment
PHONE 07 5499 9030

Pioneer Village includes Priscilla Cottage, the original home of the Bryce Family of Maleny. It houses local heritage collections from the Bryce Family and other items that reflect Maleny life and industry. It also includes an outdoor cookhouse and shed stacked with old tools and curios.

7 CALOUNDRA REGIONAL GALLERY

ADDRESS 22 Omrah Avenue, Caloundra
OPEN Wed to Sun 10.00am–4.00pm
PHONE 07 5420 8299
WEBSITE caloundraregionalgallery.org.au

Caloundra Regional Gallery features a changing program of exhibitions and events that feature leading local, national and international artists. The gallery's education program is highly regarded and offers visitors a range of activities that are fun and informative.

10 NAMBOUR AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESS 18 Mitchell Street, Nambour
OPEN Wed and Sat 1.00pm–4.00pm
PHONE 07 5441 2119
WEBSITE nambourmuseum.org.au

The historical museum has a large collection of items including locomotives from the closed Moreton Sugar Mill. Part of the museum is the original Nambour School Headmaster's residence built in 1908. Displays include Scouting, schools, hospital tools, telecommunications, wartime, home life and fashion.

14 KENILWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS Alexandra Street, Kenilworth
OPEN Sun 10.00am–2.00pm
PHONE 07 5472 3090
WEBSITE kenilworthmuseum.org.au

The museum provides examples of 'living history' with an operational plug and cord telephone switchboard, working antique machines and fine examples of the lifestyles of the early settlers of the district. Collections include historical photographs, antique farming, industrial and household equipment.

17 NOOSA MUSEUM

ADDRESS 29 Factory Street, Pomona
OPEN Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat and Sun
 10.00am–4.00pm
PHONE 07 5485 1080
WEBSITE noosamuseum.spiderweb.com.au

Queensland Winner ABC Radio National Regional Museums Award 2010, the Noosa Museum displays community cultural heritage collections including pioneering, early settlement, local industries, armed forces, post WWII contemporary literature, an extensive collection of photographs, and is a Keeping Place for Gubbi Gubbi Indigenous cultural heritage.



Noosa Museum, Pomona. Photo courtesy of Olivia Robinson.

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