

Come to the Chinchilla Historical Museum and stand in the place where the fight against the scourge of prickly pear was instigated, read about the development of the experimental station and the first plant killed by the larvae of the cactoblastis moth.

Find the unique, local petrified wood called Chinchilla Red, which can be dated to the Jurassic Period (140 - 180 million years ago) and learn about the local timber industry at the Cyprus Pine Interpretive Centre.

Discover the perils of country policing and see one of the only remaining, fire damaged police cells in Australia. See many examples of historical machinery including a unique Mogul tractor. An extensive collection of family and local history information, photographs and newspaper articles can be found in the Kathleen Emmerson Library, which is located in the museum grounds and can be visited by making an appointment.

Come for a ride on the mini train and get a fabulous view of the entire museum grounds or just bring a picnic and relax in peaceful surroundings.

### Chinchilla Historical Museum

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**Opening hours: Thursday-Monday 9am-4pm**

**Admission cost: Adult \$8, Concession \$5, Family \$12**

**Cath Brandon, Chairperson**

### Did you know?

Did you know that a man's moustache could be kept safe from becoming wet if a moustache cup was used? This is a teacup with a protective semicircular ledge on the inside.

Did you know that the grub that feeds on the prickly pear is the larvae of the cactoblastis moth? It was introduced to Australia in 1925 to control the invasive prickly pear.

Did you know that a 'meat safe cot' was popular in pioneering days because it kept babies safe from snake and insect attack? You can view a 'meat safe cot' at the Museum.

### What the Standards Review Program has meant for our museum

#### Collection Significance and Marketing

Developing more emphasis on local exhibits and making them personal to our local people by including stories in the exhibits. Involving local history.

#### Management Procedure

Improve the procedural practice Involving all the volunteers in best practice in all aspects of record keeping. Commitment to have the catalogue of articles in the museum to a spreadsheet.



**Moustache teacup.**

**Credit: M&G QLD**



**Mini train in the Museum grounds.**

**Credit: Chinchilla Historical Museum**