



The dining room where QWHA lectures are held and featuring an 1837 convict made sideboard

Credit: QWHA



Perry main bedroom features original wall colour, ladies travelling case and hand embroidered quilt

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Scullery - where all wet and dirty work was undertaken

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Miegunyah

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'Did You Know' – intriguing facts about the Museum

- The house is on its original block and has been restored mostly to its original appearance. Iron lacework is unique. It has original windows and pelmets. The pelmets are expanding. It has cedar joinery and original floorboards. The stable is original. It has honeycomb brickwork underneath the house.
- The house is furnished as a house of the 1880s would have been furnished. These artifacts include furniture, art works, ornaments, soft furnishings, silverware and kitchen and laundry equipment. Other artifacts including costume, textiles, toys, memorabilia and handicrafts are in storage but are shown in special exhibitions.
- The QWHA's own archives, dating from its foundation in the 1950s form an important part of the collection and include lectures delivered to the association over the years and the monthly newsletter Historical Happenings.
- Other holdings include books on Queensland History; records relating to early governors, notably the Bowen Family; records relating to women and women's organizations; subject and family files; ephemera and photographs.
- Miegunyah is the only urban wooden "Queenslander" style house of the 1880s that is open to the public. Three generations of the Perry family lived there or were born there.
- We are unique in Queensland in that our collection focuses on Women's history.

Our Profile

Built in the 1880s when local tradition was at its most opulent, Miegunyah is one of Brisbane's most accessible Heritage Homes. Richly decorated with ironlace balustrades, filigree columns and friezes, and furnished in the style of the late 19th century, Miegunyah is a living example of Victorian elegance and charm. Step through the wide cedar doorway into the House Museum, be fascinated by exotic collectables from travels afar, learn about the people who lived at Miegunyah and ghosts that never left. Even glimpse the labours of 19th century housekeeping! Miegunyah is open to the public for tours and morning / afternoon teas.

Miegunyah is also available for group visits, special interest groups, corporate and private functions. The Queensland Women's Historical Association (QWHA) monthly talks are held in the formal dining room. The QWHA archives and research facilities are held at the House Museum in a secure climate controlled environment. Access to these is available to researchers by appointment. The QWHA also produces a range of books and other publications.

Miegunyah House Museum, the archives, research and publishing activities are maintained by The Queensland Women's Historical Association as a Memorial to the Pioneer Women of Queensland.

What the Standards Program has meant for our Museum

Improved Communication

The Standards Program led us to examine our purpose and our mission statement. We have developed subcommittees to improve communication pathways between volunteers and the management committee.

Managing the Collection

We have planned an audit and data base of our collection. We have implemented a de-accessioning policy and procedure. We have reduced our insurance running costs. We have planned and scheduled a training day for volunteers.