



Merry-go-round made by Eric Bryce c. 1954

Credit: Rob McQueen



Building on the Sheep's Back Exhibition 2012

Credit: Helen Collins



1958 World Championships Rodeo Mural

Credit: Rob McQueen

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Our Profile

A visit to the Qantilda Museum is the essential Winton experience.

Operating since 1972, Qantilda is now part of the Waltzing Matilda Centre complex, showcasing an extensive and diverse collection drawn almost exclusively from the Winton region.

Visitors experience The Qantilda Room where you:

- Follow Winton's timeline from 60,000 years ago to the present day
- Discover the rich pastoral history of the region and why Winton is where it is
- Learn about Winton's role in the birth of Qantas
- Be moved by the rich WWI and WWII history
- Meet some amazing women of the outback.

The Qantilda Room also has a popular Reading Room and family history section that offers a copying service for a small fee.

From the Qantilda Room, visitors can continue to explore:

- The Banjo Paterson Room showing temporary and touring exhibitions
- The treasure trove of history within Christina Macpherson Cottage
- Tools for working the land in the Machinery Shed and Vehicle Shed
- How Winton rode 'the sheep's back' in the Shearing Shed
- A BB 18 ¼ Class Steam Locomotive resting at the original Chorregon Station.

Visitors can finish their journey with a stop at the Coolibah Café and the Station Store.

Did you know?

Winton's artesian water flows to the surface at a temperature of approximately 80°C and must be cooled before entering the water mains. The town's first heat exchanger was made by Swedish company, Alfa Laval, and is an example of the first attempt in Australia to cool water in this manner. Earlier attempts to cool the water were both costly and only partly successful. You can view that very first heat exchanger at the Museum.

Horse racing was the Winton district's main social activity in the early days. The Never Never Jockey Club held the first recorded race meeting in October 1878 and the Museum has in its collection the "Corinthian Cup of the Never Never Jockey Club" won at the second meeting of that club. The Museum also has a collection of over two hundred race books dating back to 1897.

Qantilda Museum has a collection of over one hundred wool bale stencils used for branding wool bales to ensure security of ownership during marketing. These tell a story of the changing ownership of properties in the district over the years, and also the importance of the wool industry to the development of Winton district.

What the Standards Program has meant for our museum

Significance and Relevance: We now have a much better idea of the significance of our collection, both in terms of overall collection and individual items.

Caring for our Collection: As a group we received many practical tips and procedures for better conserving and preserving our collection as well as displaying our more fragile objects.