

What is the BRGHS and what do we do?

The BRGHS is a not-for-profit incorporated association formed by the volunteers of the **Boggo Road Gaol Museum** in 2003.

Among the founding objectives of the BRGHS were:

- To work to preserve, maintain and promote the No.2 Division at Boggo Road.
- To create quality museum exhibits, displays and educational programmes at the site.
- To research prison history and to collect and conserve artefacts relating to all Queensland prisons.

We were responsible for the success of the museum, and without our own work it would not have been open at all. Our members conducted affordable guided tours for seniors groups and tens of thousands of schoolchildren, collected artefacts and historical records, and installed several museum exhibits in the cellblocks. We also maintained the grounds and buildings, doing the mowing, weeding, and minor structural repairs and cleaning.

Although the gaol closed for redevelopment in 2005, the BRGHS has survived and thrived by focussing on historical research and producing many booklets on prison, cemetery and suburban history as part of our 'Inside History' range. Our membership has grown since 2005, and we now hold monthly meetings (first Wednesday of each month) and an AGM every year to elect our management committee.

We continue to lobby the state government to ensure that the right thing is done at the gaol in future, and we fully intend to be a major part of the museum when it reopens circa 2010.

For more detailed information about us and our work, check out our website at www.boggoroadgaol.com.au

Volunteer & make a difference!

The suburban district from West End to Yeronga to Kangaroo Point is undergoing massive urban redevelopment that has already impacted on local heritage values. We believe that educating people about those values will help protect the historical character of the area and make it a more enjoyable and interesting place to live.

If you have been thinking about doing some useful volunteer work, why not give us a call. There is a wide range of creative and enjoyable activities to do:

- ✓ Historical research
- ✓ Community stalls
- ✓ Cemetery maintenance
- ✓ Writing
- ✓ Media production
- ✓ Publishing
- ✓ Tour guiding
- ✓ Website design
- ✓ Artwork
- ✓ Dressmaking
- ✓ Artefact collection
- ✓ Promotion and marketing
- ✓ Fundraising

You can engage your own creative energies and help a worthwhile cause, so if you have any skills or interests that can help in any way, please contact us.

We are Centrelink and Volunteering Queensland approved.

How can you help?

Donate your prison artefacts

The BRGHS is interested in collecting any items relating to Boggo Road or other Queensland prisons:

- photographs
- historical records
- staff and prisoner clothing
- furniture and fittings
- art and craft work

If you have any of these items that you would like to see preserved for future generations, please contact us. We have members who have successfully studied cultural heritage and museology at university level, and others who work as professional librarians. The BRGHS will document your donation and our historians will create a complete record of the item before storing it safely in a secure location.

We will not be displaying any artefacts while the gaol museum is closed, but we will be making the collection available for approved exhibitions at the museum in the future.

Note: The BRGHS is a non-profit group, and your donations will **not** be used for personal profit. Some artefact collectors represent private businesses and may seek to use your donations for business purposes.

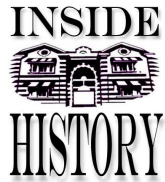
Tell us your Boggo Road stories!

One of the most important parts of our work is recording the stories and memories of those people with a personal experience of Boggo Road, and we understand how much it means to have your say on a place like Boggo Road.

Don't wait until it is too late. By sharing your stories with us, your memories, thoughts and opinions will be available to future generations who visit the historical site, and your side of the story will always be remembered.

You can either email or post your story to us, or we can arrange for a historian to sit down with you and record your stories. We will safely store these records and, if you wish, confidentiality is guaranteed.

Inside History



What is Inside History?

Inside History is a publishing initiative of the BRGHS. We aim to produce a wide range of well-researched, well-produced and affordable local history books and booklets about Brisbane and Queensland.

As a not-for-profit project, our primary aim is to support and promote the local heritage that surrounds us. We want to engender a wider appreciation of this often-unseen history and so encourage people to protect it.

We also want to encourage local history researchers and writers to join our team and add to our rapidly-growing range of publications, which are available in libraries and bookstores. The Inside History volunteer team is actively engaged in researching, writing, layout and editing, printing and distribution.

Although our early books focused on prison history, we have expanded into suburban heritage themes and currently have an exciting range of new titles and local history initiatives in development. If you have skills that would assist us in this work and are interested in joining our team, please contact us. We would love to hear from you.

Further information on our publications can be found at www.boggoroadgaol.com.au.

Become a BRGHS member!

Why not become a BRGHS member? Not only would your membership help us continue with our work, but you get these great benefits:

- ❖ Free ***A Time and a Place*** CD-ROM, produced by the National Trust about the original Boggo Road women's prison, 1903-21.
- ❖ Generous **discount prices** on the '**Inside History**' range
- ❖ Regular ***Boggo Road Bugle*** member's **newsletter**, keeping you up-to-date with happenings in the BRGHS and at the Boggo Road site
- ❖ Regular **email updates**
- ❖ Interested members can join our **research team** in **libraries and archives** across Brisbane
- ❖ An invitation to attend our **monthly BRGHS meetings** at the National Trust House, Brisbane (members have full voting rights and are eligible for election to the management committee)
- ❖ Automatic membership of the '**Friends of South Brisbane Cemetery**' (FOSBC)

Memberships are available for one year (\$12/\$10 conc.) or three years (\$30/\$25 conc.). Join us and help ensure a better future for one of Queensland's most unique and important heritage sites.



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