

Case Study: National Stories

Queensland Historical Atlas project

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Mapping Queensland's Stories Online

Queensland Museum, in partnership with researchers from the University of Queensland, has created a new conception of Queensland's cultural and environmental history: the online *Queensland Historical Atlas*. Funded through a three year Australian Research Council Linkage grant, the *Queensland Historical Atlas* is the first

of its kind produced in any state, drawing on cross-disciplinary approaches in history, environmental studies, archaeology, anthropology and cultural geography, to produce a truly multidimensional record of Queensland.

Arranged thematically, the Atlas draws on a variety of disciplines and cultural sources including historical maps, authoritative text, graphics, literature, poems, songs, oral history and eyewitness accounts. In particular, the Atlas is object-rich as it draws on key collections in museums, archives and libraries.

In the process it captures the stories and lives of the countless communities and individuals woven into Queensland history. Hundreds of maps from Queensland and Australia's history are used to anchor these stories and also to examine the importance of spatial resources in the Queensland landscape.

The Atlas already features the work of over 100 contributors and over 250,000 words, together with hundreds of maps and images. It is a dynamic site for research and publication on Queensland life.

The Queensland Historical Atlas is the most significant collection of work to be published on the Queensland landscape that both looks to the future as well as the past. It is envisioned within a new framework – one that speaks to both a specialist and general reader. See: www.qhatlas.com.au/