

Queensland Ambulance Museums - Wynnum

Description of key features of museum- what are its unique features? What is significant in its collection?

Queensland Ambulance Museums – Wynnum is the first of its kind to be established in Australia and is now one of several within Queensland.

The museums demonstrate a tradition of close support between the Ambulance Service and the Community. The exhibits show the progress of ambulance development which has taken us from the simple first aid kits of the nineteenth century to the defibrillators of the twenty-first.

The Museum shows the transition from the primitive but only method of transport at the time, the hand held stretcher, through the hand-wheeled litter, jingles towing litters, to motorised ambulances. The Museum has several historic ambulance vehicles to be viewed, one of which is eighty years old.

The Museum is set up to represent a station in the 1930s with its casualty and communication rooms, the board room with the superintendent's office and the plant room. There are several old, heavy serge uniforms on display and various badges and insignia covering the entire 114 years of Queensland Ambulance History.

A similar museum and display has been established at Charters Towers and a third historical exhibition is under development at the Workers' Cottage at Barcaldine.



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