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About

the History Trust of South Australia

The History Trust of South Australia operates three museums – the Migration Museum, the National Motor Museum and the South Australian Maritime Museum. Complementing those established museums is The Centre of Democracy.

In support of South Australia's history network of committed volunteer associations and local history specialists, we manage a Community Museums Program and offer annual grants for research and writing to promote the value of history and our place in the world. Every year we present South Australia's History Festival – a state-wide celebration of community history, collections and heritage. We present great community events such as the Bay to Birdwood historic vehicle run, public programs and other events, festivals and celebrations on South Australia's cultural calendar.

Acknowledgement

of Traditional Owners

The History Trust of South Australia respects the primary place of First Nations peoples in our history. We acknowledge that this story commenced long before Governor Hindmarsh proclaimed the establishment of government in the province of South Australia on 28 December 1836. First Nations peoples have a history that extends millennia into the past. We acknowledge that First Nations lands and sovereignty were not recognised, and that building a shared understanding of history is critical to reconciliation. And we affirm our role in reconciliation as an essential part of First Nations and non-First Nations South Australians co-creating a positive future.

The History Trust is a history organisation, and recognises the legacy of the past in the present; that the impacts of the colonisation of South Australia are ongoing. We commit to the process of truth-telling called for in the Uluru Statement from the Heart, working with First Nations Peoples to shine a light on our difficult, shared histories in order to create a better future.

VALUES

↘ **WE RECOGNISE**
that history is a complex
tapestry woven of
many stories, some
incomplete, that capture
people and their times
and place – including
what is happening now.

↘ **WE ENGAGE**
and serve local and
global audiences using
a digital-first approach.

↘ **WE CELEBRATE**
diversity in all its many
aspects.

↘ **WE RESEARCH**
collect, preserve, and
share material culture
and document our non-
material culture to better
understand the past and
the present.

↘ **WE RESPECT**
the dignity of every person,
alive or deceased. We
treat colleagues and
the public with respect,
demonstrating this through
the highest standards of
service, professionalism,
honesty, and integrity.

OUR VISION

GIVING THE PAST A FUTURE NOW!

We are a renewed and contemporary History Trust of South Australia. Our agenda is inclusive and adventurous. We remain as proudly expert and professional as we are accessible and open. We are an active partner in creating a positive future informed by our unique identity.

Our museums are welcoming and adaptable – social places where visitors of all ages, backgrounds, purposes and abilities know their community is included and their stories valued. They are places where visitors don't have to whisper, and can be confident that their experience has integrity.

We will celebrate the ordinary as well as the extraordinary, relying on our excellent and extensive research.

We will take the collection out of the store, creating and presenting events and exhibitions that inspire curiosity for locals and for visitors alike. These will ignite spontaneous conversations between strangers and provide excitement for school-age children. We will explain how the connectedness between South Australians and the world has been shaped by our history.

South Australia's unique history should be an essential part of what all South Australians and our visitors can experience. It explains our society and the way it works, and how this feeds into the giant story of human endeavour across our world.

We are dedicated to giving our special past a future.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Roles and responsibilities will change day-by-day and depend on who students are working with.
- Students are expected to uphold the standards of the History Trust, including our:
 - values
 - goals
 - policies and procedures
 - safety standards
 - presentation
 - and interactions with the public.
- Students are expected to show a positive attitude to learning and openness to new experiences. Students will be supported by members of the education team but are also expected to show a level of independence and resilience.

Applications

Open Week 1, Term 2

Close End of Week 2, Term 1

Application Process

- Applications are made via the Work Experience placement application form.
- Include a brief statement of no more than 200 words on why you wish to complete your work experience at the History Trust of South Australia.
- Provide a copy of your school's placement forms.
- All students will need a valid working with children check & police check before starting their placement.
- Have your parent or guardian complete our media permission form.

Selection Process

Selection for placement will be decided by a panel and based on the student's response to the application process. Successful applicants will be notified Week 3 of Term 2. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified via email.

Contact

All further enquiries should be addressed to learn@history.sa.gov.au



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