

# Adelaide Museum of South Australia's History



The History Trust of South Australia has committed to collect and creatively tell stories of South Australia's past to keep our history relevant for present and future generations, so together we can better understand and celebrate our place in the world.



## Proposition

Shaped by South Australians, AMoSAH is the place that everyone will visit to orientate themselves in cultural time and place; as a springboard to exploring the rest of the state. A space that engages visitors from the start and entices them to linger as they explore the history of South Australia.

AMoSAH highlights our defining moments and clearly identifies South Australia's place, connections with, and impact on the rest of the world. While it shines a light on our significant objects, it is also a dynamic (physical and online) space with exhibits and programs that engage with the past and celebrate the state's unique peoples, achievements and culture.

It is our place, embraced by South Australians who take deep pride in it as a museum of us.

## Major Presenting Themes

Throughout the galleries, stories that focus on the histories of South Australia's people including its many and varied First Nations Groups, its distinct regions, and its exceptional innovations will remind visitors of the many forces that have shaped South Australia.

### Connections

Since the Dreamtime, Australia's First Nation peoples, through trade and culture, have been sharing stories, songlines and tradition. Since colonial times, evolving ways of connecting across the continent have been enablers of change: sailing ships, postal services, horse and carriage, camel-trek, rail and telegraph. From the twentieth century - by automobile, flight - and in the last 50 years, by satellite and the internet. South Australians have long connected with, traded with - and communicated with the world. We can be proud about how we influence change!

### People

Who are we? What makes our people distinctive - and how have we changed over time? From First Nation peoples, to pre-colonial exploration, colonisation - and the continuous waves of migration and family formation since, there are unique stories to tell.

### Journeys

From First Nations and British colonial exploration encounters, and first migrations - to journeys of sea, land and space, the South Australian landscape has a long human history of discovery, innovation and connection with the global world. From Indigenous knowledge systems to John McDouall Stuart and Charles Sturt, from Douglas Mawson and Hubert Wilkins, from the Smith Brothers to Andy Thomas and our emerging space industry - ingenuity, tenacity and cutting-edge research have influenced the world, through innovation in science and industry.

### The zeitgeist of the times

Our ever-changing cultural and social progress expresses our creativity, connection, identity and innovation. Visitors will discover defining moments, sporting greats, pop culture, memes, memories - and surprising turns.

### Collective endeavour

People come together to make community and to make change. Stories to be shared are diverse: from Aboriginal rights and women's suffrage firsts - to the Dunstan Decade and beyond. From South Australians' service in times of war to others who have made a difference in the world. AMoSAH will invite visitors to connect the past and the present - and always to contemplate the future.

### Made in South Australia

From the internationally adopted Torrens Title land tenure system and Holden cars, to the stump-jump plough and the Hills Hoist. And from mechanised hand shears to Balfour's Frog Cakes, the imagination, audacity, and inventiveness of South Australians have enabled us to stand proud in an ever-changing world.

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*AMoSAH will engage curious visitors by*

*Connecting ideas, experiences, people, places*

*Sharing our stories in fresh ways*

*Innovative and participatory programming*

*Presenting interactive, multisensory exhibits and displays*

*Using technology to inform, engage and allow deeper exploration*

*Making South Australia's past relevant to our future*

*Connections with other museums and galleries*

*AMoSAH content will complement, connect with and strengthen the rich tapestry of South Australian cultural collections accessible to the public.*

*AMoSAH will tempt locals and visitors to explore beyond the confines of the museum - connecting them through themes and objects to other places and collections in South Australia.*

