

MELVILLE DISCOVERY CENTRE MUSEUM

WHAT IS A MUSEUM?

"A museum is a non-profit making, permanent institution in the service of society and of its development, and open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits for purposes of study, education and enjoyment, material evidence of man and his environment."

WHAT DOES THE MELVILLE DISCOVERY CENTRE DO? WHY?

THE Melville Discovery Centre is here to collect, document, conserve and make available to the local and wider community records and artefacts significant to the cultural heritage of the City of Melville and to promote awareness and knowledge of museums and local history services in Melville.

OUR STORIES HERE AT MELVILLE

Our River a Bathing Playground

Playing in the City of Melville

Bathing on the Swan

Ferries – Work on the River

Working in the City of Melville

Living in the City of Melville

Our River Our Home

Pre-European Settlement

Mapping Time

Audiovisual Displays

4 Audio Visual Displays, 3 describing what it is like to live in Melville

Audio columns

**4 Audio Displays of people describing what it was like to live in Melville
(Located at both extremes of the Museum, one near the lounge room, one near the exit door towards the Library)**

Audiovisual - Lounge Display

Silent slide show showing photos from the City of Melville

Display Cases

**Swimming in the City of Melville
Supporting the War Effort
Model of a Barge
Postal Services
The City of Melville Honour Roll
Shortages
Melville Yacht Club Trophy Cabinet
Chickens, Wine & Bookkeeping Ledger**

Other Display cases

**The Dark Case Peek Box (Look n' Push)
5 Little Peek Boxes
The Hat Collection
The Melville and Applecross News Highlights**

DEVELOPING MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

Things to think about:

What stories are you going to tell in the Museum?

What people will want to come and see your exhibition?

Will the exhibitions be permanent? or temporary?

What sort of displays will you have?

Image and text panels?

Objects in display cases?

Tv monitors?

Or a combination of these?

CARING FOR MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Things to think about:

What happens to things over time? Do they stay the same forever?
Or do they change?

If they change are there things that can make them change faster?
(like very hot weather ?)

How to you hold an object, photo, document?

How do you transport a museum object?

How do you store the museum objects?

Where do you store the museum objects?

How do you know what is what? And when to return something to
someone who has lent it to you?