

FQPM Policy Document

Queensland Police Heritage Site and Object Management

Background

The purpose of this document is to clarify the role and responsibilities of the Committee for the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum (FQPM) concerning the degree of/level of responsibility for the financial contribution and involvement in the restoration, refurbishment, enhancement, preservation or acquisition of neglected or damaged Queensland Police heritage sites/objects including grave sites pertaining to former members of the Queensland Police.

Definitions

Queensland Police heritage site/objects may include historical buildings, sites or objects that have heritage or historical significance to the Queensland Police. These may include police station buildings, watchhouses, event sites, monuments, plaques or graves of former members of the Queensland Police.

Acquisition includes donations, loans, bequests or gifts or objects/sites obtained by purchase.

Heritage includes valued objects and qualities such as historic buildings and cultural traditions that have been passed down from previous generations.

Historical includes the study of past events, relative to the Queensland Police and the State of Queensland.

Objectives

- To provide funding or support for the acquisition, restoration, refurbishment, enhancement or preservation of Queensland Police heritage sites or objects.
- To develop an information strategy to encourage employees of the Queensland Police Service and members of the general public to supply details of sites/objects that may be of interest to the FQPM Committee.
- To encourage the reporting of information concerning the existence of a Queensland Police heritage site/objects in need of the FQPM Committee's recognition.
- To assess each application or report for historical or heritage import and the capacity to commit funding and/or physical involvement, if any, by the FQPM Committee.

- To seek a collaborative approach with other like-minded groups when providing either funding or physical support to relevant projects that meet FQPM criteria.

FQPM Criteria.

The site/object/event must be:

- Of historical or heritage significance to the Queensland Police.
- Apparently abandoned, neglected or unencumbered with respect to community or family responsibility or interest, as in the case of abandoned police grave sites or discontinued traditions.

Where significant financial or labour costs to acquire or restore a site, object or event are assessed as significant, donors/benefactors to support the project, all or part will be sought.

Projects which are initially assessed and rejected by the FQPM on heritage, historical or financial grounds may be reassessed and reconsidered in the future in the light of new information.

Heritage Site/Object Register

A Heritage Register will record the details of sites, objects or events considered as potential projects by the FQPM. The register will record FQPM assessment decisions, project selection, progress and completion and projects for future consideration.