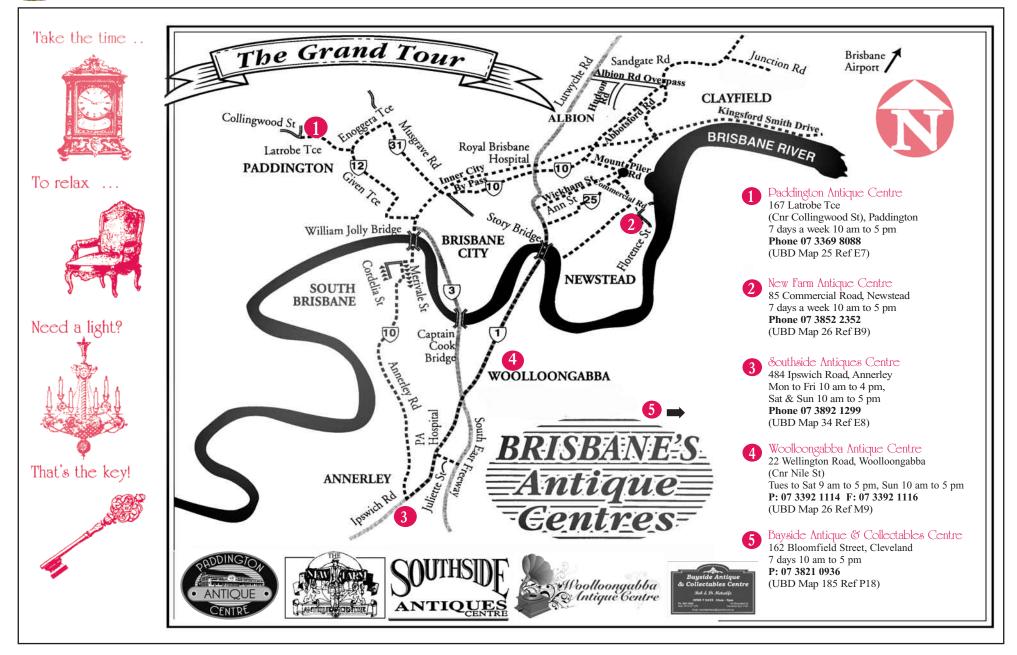
ANTIQUES & ART IN QUEENSLAND



A DAY OUT at the Bayside Antique

# & Collectables Centre

n Cleveland on the south-eastern outskirts of Brisbane and bordered by Moreton Bay, the Bayside Antique & Collectables Centre houses 25 dealers who offer a large and varied range of antiques, collectables and old wares. Visitors are continually surprised by how much larger Bayside is inside than it appears from its outside.

## VINTAGE venue

Bayside's premises have been built in stages over decades, from the street frontage back into the block. It was originally a garage in the 1940s with extensions in the 1960s and 1980s. The original bowser base and car hoist are still on site. The resulting maze of nooks and crannies is probably why visitors are often heard to comment, 'but wait, there's more.'

A great deal of hard work and elbow grease went into the transition from before to after, and Rob and Di take great pleasure in the daily compliments from their customers that Bayside is well laid out and spacious.

'It's a great feeling when visitors constantly make the effort to come and tell us how lovely the Centre is, how much they've enjoyed it and that they'll definitely be back,' says Di. They usually return with friends and family. What better advertising is there than word of mouth?

Another comment Rob and Di often receive, and are keen to maintain, is the friendly and relaxed atmosphere that visitors notice as they wander around. Bayside even provides an area where visitors can sit and relax with a complimentary tea or coffee.

## **NEW** stock

Bayside recently welcomed a new dealer who specialises in crystal and blue and white china, while also stocking a variety of other interesting collectables and small pieces of furniture. 'Overall, our dealers bring together such a diverse range of interesting items and take pride in their shop spaces and presentation,' comments Rob. 'They constantly bring in fresh stock which keeps the spaces interesting, and we are thrilled with the responses from customers.'

Bayside holds a wonderful selection of English and Australian furniture from the late 1800s through to the 1950s-1960s, in timbers such as English oak, silky oak, maple, cedar, mahogany and pine. Ceramics, glass, silver, pottery, linen, arts and retro are all catered for along with 'shabby chic.'

## **SPECIALISATIONS**

Dedicated sections cater for antique and estate jewellery, books, records, sheet music, toys, photographics, militaria, a dedicated tool room and an outdoor area. Rob and Di continue to improve these areas and are particularly pleased with the success of this approach as it is easier for collectors to meet dealers with mutual interests.

The newest section offering coins, banknotes, stamps and ephemera caters for the large number of numismatic and philatelic collectors who specifically visit Bayside for new finds. Of particular interest at present is an Australian star replacement one pound note, along with coins and banknotes from around the world.



A large mezzanine area is dedicated to clothing and accessories with fashions from the 1940s to present day labels, including women's day and evening wear, fur and faux fur coats. There is a small selection of men's and children's wear. You can find hats, shoes, bags, gloves and belts. A number of the Bayside's dealers contribute to the stock and, with recent improvements including dedicated change room and fixed clothing racks, this is a target for fashion fans who go immediately to these racks to check the latest stock.

## EASY TO FIND, easy to love

Bayside Antiques and Collectables Centre is located on the northern outskirts of Brisbane at Cleveland, part of the beautiful Redlands and bordered by Moreton Bay. Find us at 162 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland (UBD Map 285 Ref P18), one block from the Cleveland Bayside Markets. We are open seven days a week from 10 am to 5 pm and very easy to reach:

**Car:** a 30-minute drive from Brisbane, with onsite and street parking

**Accessibility:** designed for easy access for wheelchairs, motorised chairs, prams and walkers. **Bus:** the stop is at the door.

Train: Cleveland railway station is a flat short walk through Raby Bay Harbour.

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**Refreshments:** enjoy Bayside's complimentary tea and coffee

As long term residents of the Redlands, Rob and Di would love everyone to make their visits to Bayside the first part of a day spent by Moreton Bay. There are spectacular views throughout the Redlands, the bay and islands and the inland countryside, with many places to relax in and eat around Cleveland.

## SUPPORTING the community

As a volunteer effort, Bayside Centre is organising dealers to attend the charity Redlands Antique Fayre that will raise funds for seniors in the Redlands area. Held on Saturday 7 August at the AVEO retirement community centre (148 Smith Street Cleveland) from 9 am -3 pm. A gold coin is requested as a donation for admission – and there will be valuations, so bring along a few treasures. Rob and Di welcome dealer inquiries for this charity winter fair.

Rob, Di and staff are only too happy to assist in any way they can, so please feel free to ask, ring or email, or simply visit and have a chat with complimentary coffee or tea •

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