

First year of fun at the Bayside Antique & Collectables Centre



t Cleveland in the beautiful Redlands on Moreton Bay's doorstep you find Bayside Antique & Collectables
Centre, just a 30-minute drive from Brisbane's CBD. Rob and Di Metcalfe opened Bayside's doors on 2 November 2008 and are incredulous that a year has passed so happily and successfully, with many repeat customers in just twelve months. As they say, time flies when you are having fun.

The pleasure Rob and Di gain from running Bayside, together with staff, contributes to the friendly and relaxed atmosphere customers enjoy on their visits. Laughter is definitely one of the collectables offered, with no price tag attached.

Rob and Di first became interested in antiques and collectables in the early 1990s and as with many collectors, their passion was born and grew from there. After attending a few collectables fairs, they opened a shop in what was then Scotts Antique Centre, now known as the New Farm Antique Centre. They traded at the centre from 1994 as Bokarra Photographics and Collectables, closing just prior to opening Bayside.

Bayside's location on the outer edge of Brisbane City brings antiques and collectables to residents and visitors who were not previously catered for. Bayside is easily accessible by car and offers plenty of parking, on-site and on surrounding streets. It easily reached by both bus and train, with a bus stop virtually at the door. The Cleveland railway station is within a short and flat walking distance.

Even more spaces to visit
Bayside has over 25 dealers on two levels,

offering a wide selection of antiques,

collectables and old wares. Stock ranges from English and Oriental furniture, china, glass, linen, antique and estate jewellery, militaria, ephemera, coins, books, photographics, toys, dolls, teddies, tools, silver, fine and decorative arts through to shabby chic.

In addition, a huge mezzanine floor is dedicated to vintage, retro, label and pre-loved clothing and accessories.

'In only one year, we have shown how Bayside is continually changing and improving. An exciting new area will be a dedicated Tool Room. An outdoor furniture and architectural feature area is being developed, just in time for summer entertaining and updating your outdoor décor. Rob and Di consider Bayside a 'work in progress' and are thrilled with the wonderful response in the very first year with many more initiatives in the future.

Customers have their say

After customers have spent a couple of hours browsing through all the shops, leaving with treasures, they make comments such as 'lovely place, we'll definitely be back,' 'very impressed,' 'bringing my friends/family back' and 'such a friendly atmosphere.'

We now know that Bayside's reputation for quality and value extends beyond the local Redlands and the surrounding outer areas, because our customers have arrived from all around Queensland and every state of Australia. Overseas visitors stop at the Bayside Antique &

Collectables Centre to add to their international collections,' comments Di and Rob.

Visitor friendly

Since the first day Bayside opened, customers have continually affirmed that it was about time that there was an antique and collectable centre in this area. Rob and Di receive compliments on Bayside's layout and spaciousness. Many customers commend them for their purposeful allowance for wheelchairs and motorised chairs to be manoeuvred easily through virtually all areas of Bayside, for which visitors are extremely grateful and it signifies our way of looking after every visitor equally.

Bayside plus

Bayside Antique & Collectables Centre is one block away from the very popular Cleveland Bayside Markets on Sundays, open for many years. Cleveland and the Redlands offer visitors many sites and activities, so many Bayside customers incorporate their regular visits to browse and buy with a day spent by the Bay.

Rob and Di have incorporated a small area to sit and relax with complimentary tea or coffee. With time to spare in Cleveland, there are numerous wonderful shops and eateries in Cleveland and down by Raby Bay Harbour – ask Rob, Di and staff who will be happy to head you in the right direction based on local knowledge.

The Centre is open seven days a week from 10 am to 5 pm. Rob, Di and the staff are only too happy to assist in any way they can and they hope to meet you soon

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