

Farina Restoration Group Museum Policy

This Policy intends to provide simple guidelines for the efficient management of FRG Museum activities.

Our Policy hopes to ensure suitable standards are in place to provide our visitors with a source of information and knowledge relevant to Farina and its activities.

Museum items may be displayed at several locations around Farina with careful consideration given to the relevance of items to the display location chosen. A key consideration must always be the security of such displays, whether indoors or outdoors.

Suitable explanations of display items will be provided to allow our visitors the best understanding we can of the display, ie function, era of operation, donor, relevant general information and history.

Collection

Only members of the Committee can accept items for display in FRG Museum facilities.

1. Items offered to Farina for display in our Museum must be assessed for their suitability and relevance to Farina, this requirement can be met by confirming family /residential association, business association with Farina, rail activities in Farina and general association with Farina.

2. As a general rule FRG will not purchase items for display in our Museum facilities. Committee level consideration needs to be given to acquisitions where financial consideration is required.

3. Items offered to FRG for display must be assessed, considering –

- Relevance
- Condition
- Is it a duplication of an existing display item
- Is supporting documentation provided
- If a high value item, will it need specific care and security, added insurance

4. It is likely that items offered to FRG will be –

- On temporary loan
- On permanent loan
- Donated (no expectation of return)

As we are a remote location only occupied for 8 weeks a year we have a strong preference for permanent loan or donated items.

5. A register will be utilised to document such items and where appropriate we will acknowledge receipt of such items, and specifically higher value items.

6. Items of significant historical or financial value should be accompanied by supporting documentation so we can display accordingly.

7. FRG must assess our display opportunities when accepting items for display as our display and storage areas are currently limited.

8. High value items will be identified and considered to ensure we have appropriate insurance cover for such items.

Display, Security and Storage

Our location dictates that very careful consideration is given to the preservation of all items within our Museum display.

1. All displays must provide an excellent viewing experience for our visitors with relevant details of the item provided.

2. All displays must be properly secured in a manner that does not detract from the display.

3. Where appropriate and possible display items may be displayed within the precinct relevant to its function.

4. Storage and preservation of museum items must consider the environment we are operating in, therefore wherever possible, all items must be protected from all light sources, must be protected against rodent attack and dust ingress. This may require additional storage measures and facilities.

The Farina Master Plan for 2025 identifies the need for additional storage and display opportunities, whereby a suitable building is to be identified and rebuilt to accommodate such displays. This may also provide a suitable storage solution.

As FRG museum activities grow it may be appropriate for a museum sub-committee be formed to provide the full committee with relevant information and recommendations.

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