

Wolston House, Wacol



Just 25 minutes from the centre of Brisbane at Wacol is an idyllic pocket of riverside land where “Wolston House” stands, an early Queensland brick, timber and sandstone farmhouse still surrounded by open fields, cattle and wild kangaroos.

Dr Stephen Simpson one of Queensland’s early settlers built the original brick and timber structure over one hundred and fifty years ago in 1852, and the building was subsequently extended by the Goggs family who owned it from 1860, the Grindle and Hurley families also left their own stamp on this historically important Queensland farmhouse.

Saved from demolition in the 1960s by a small band of Brisbane residents, Wolston House was then given by the Queensland Government to the newly created National Trust of Queensland.

Today, Wolston House offers many relaxing and delightful activities for local and interstate visitors alike. You can enjoy an old fashioned morning or afternoon tea served beneath the welcoming boughs of the 150 year old fig tree that adorns the front garden.

There is also plenty of scope for reminiscing as you wander through parts of the house furnished with early Australian furniture, then step back in time to the 1920/30s in the Grindle Sitting room, a time when Wolston was a social hub for the local community.

*Identify,
Preserve,
Promote*

Wolston House,
Grindle Road
Wacol

Turn into Grindle Rd from Wacol Station Rd and follow Grindle Rd all the way to the end. On the right is a gate; follow dirt road about 500 metres and angle park on the grass verge



	Opening Hours	Fees
General public	2nd & 4th Sunday (Easter/Christmas closed) 11.00am-4.00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolston house open for viewing • Devonshire teas available • High teas available on Sunday: 8 March, 14 June, 12 July, 13 September, 11 Oct. , 8 Nov. Bookings essential 	Free - National Trust members \$6.00 - Adults \$3.00 - Children \$3.50 - Conc. Card Holders \$15.00 - Family Prices for Devonshire Tea & High Teas—see attached prices
Groups (10 people+)	Mon-Sun - By appointment Wolston house open for viewing Lunch & Devonshire teas available	\$4.50 - Adults \$3.00 - Children \$3.50 - Conc. Card holders
School Groups (max 60 students- with 10 Children to 1 Adult ratio)	Mon-Fri - By appointment SEE NEXT PAGE FOR FULL DETAILS	Free - Adult teacher/ supervisor (Free Tea & Coffee) \$3.00 - Children
Weddings	Mon-Sun - By appointment	Fees apply
Other Functions/ Commercial use (ie. Christenings; reunions; launches; group social gatherings; publicity shoots; commercials; advertising backdrops etc)	Mon-Sun - By appointment	Negotiated on an individual basis

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SCHOOL GROUPS

School visits tie in with school syllabus "Time Continuity Change", the group does all three activities split into small groups on rotation.

The three activities include:

- **Education Centre** – themed around clothing and fashion and how it has changed. Our guides explore with the children the "Museum in a trunk" an old free standing ship's trunk with drawers full of things we no longer use or wear (hat pins, neckties, gloves).
- **Wash day at the water pump** – a hands on activity. Children enjoy pumping water into a tin bucket from the old water pump, scrubbing old clothes on a washboard in the tin tub, using bluo, and hanging the washing out to dry on the line strung up between the trees.
- **Tour through the house with our guides** - this tour changes to suit the age and interests of the group. The history of the house, its previous owners and its contents are usually discussed as the group progresses through.

It is recommended that the children wear a hat and bring water bottles with them.

FACILITIES

- Large grassed lawn area with rural views and abundant wildlife
- Tables and seating for 50
- Outside toilets
- Generous parking
- Small non-commercial kitchen available

DEVONSHIRE TEAS

Tea/Coffee	\$2.50
Tea/Coffee with Biscuits	\$3.00
Tea/Coffee with Lamington	\$3.50
Tea/Coffee with Scones/ Jam/Cream	\$6.50
Tea/Coffee with 'the lot'	\$10.00
Softdrink/Bottled Water	\$1.50

HIGH TEAS

*A selection of cakes, biscuits and sandwiches
bottomless coffee or tea.
Also includes a tour of the house commencing at 1pm,
with high tea served at 2pm.*

National Trust Members	Per person \$23.00
Non-Members	Per person \$29.00

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