

Queensland Slide Search

Who remembers colour slides?

Can you remember 35mm colour slides? Colour slide photography was very popular from the 1950s to the 1980s, but today many people have collections of slides they don't know what to do with. A website is being created by the University of Queensland (UQ) which will feature colour slides of Queensland places. The slides will be linked to an online database of about 1000 places across Queensland including every city, town, suburb, island, shire or ghost town that has ever had – *at any time in its history* – over 500 residents.

The text for the website has been written, and now's the time to look for interesting colour slides that are probably stored in a box somewhere. The slides will be digitally scanned at 4000dpi and handed back to the owners.

What are suitable slides?

UQ is looking for colour slides of Queensland:

- *places and landscapes*
- *events* such as the opening of a bridge or sporting events
- any forms of *transport*, especially if people are shown as well
- *buildings* that are historical and interesting
- *housing styles, a new building or the demolition of an old one*
- *monuments and memorials* of any kind
- something *typical or unusual* about the place
- groups of *people* assembled for a purpose

Captions for slides

All slides will need captions. It will help that contributors have 'done their homework' and established the 'what' and 'when' of each slide.

Who owns the copyright?

The University of Queensland is asking that contributors grant us a licence to use their slides. Contributors will retain both the original slide and the copyright. The contributor will be acknowledged as the owner of the slides in any use made of the material.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Content

The University of Queensland will ensure that the appropriate protocols are followed when displaying material featuring Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders.

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UQ is scanning slides at very high resolution for archival purposes.

Once the website is 'live', the University of Queensland will contact all participants to inform them of the web address.

Afterthoughts – after receiving hundreds of slides.

- 1) Providing that the image was taken within Queensland, it will be considered. UQ is not asking that Barcaldine people provide only Barcaldine images etc. Far from it! Some lovely slides of Thursday Island were taken by a person living far west.
- 2) This is not a 'people' website, so we are uninterested in close-ups of relatives and friends of the time, no matter how good the image is. However, relatives were often placed near to significant buildings etc and this gives wonderful scale. So while people will not be named, they are very welcome in the images, at a reasonable scale.
- 3) Interiors can be places too! Occasionally an interior strikes a chord. It may be the inside of a Church Hall, at an event, or a Scout Hall, hotel, or church at a wedding perhaps. The furniture, the fashions that will never be worn again (we hope!) and so on just seem to come together to produce a sense of place as strong as any war memorial, school, sugar mill or hotel. A few interiors amongst the outdoor images would be welcomed.