

STARTING YOUR COLLECTION

at Bayside Antique & Collectables Centre

Collectors and collections all have a beginning somewhere. Ask a collector how they got started and some will say they stumbled into it with no specific recall of their initial introduction to collecting, while others will have a vivid memory of how and where it all started and why their collection was born. The *Oxford Dictionary* describes a collection as 'a group of accumulated items of a particular kind', 'a group of objects or works to be seen, studied or kept together' and a collector as 'a person who collects things of a specified type, professionally or as a hobby'.

Collections come in all types, shapes and sizes and can be quite specific or more eclectic in nature, but one thing collectors have in common is they know their subject and are always on the hunt for a new addition. It's fair to say they become quite passionate about their collections which is rewarded with endless hours of fun and interest.

Finding that item to collect can be as simple as a childhood memory, such as toys, dolls or books; something that caught your eye while holidaying or travelling, for instance, postcards, coasters, matchbooks; something

associated with your working life, for example, old tools, medical equipment; or simply something that takes your fancy for no apparent reason. While it's obvious that some collections can make for an expensive hobby, there are certainly many others which are either relatively inexpensive or even free.

TRADITIONAL & NEWER COLLECTABLES

Today's collectors have so much to choose from. Not simply the more traditional china, glass, silver and the like – which always maintain their popularity – but also a huge range of items such as books, coins, banknotes, medals, militaria, toys and teddies, cameras, jewellery, art, vintage; the list is endless.

Then there are the newer collectables to consider. Increasing in popularity is the early electronic era, for example old computers such as the Commodore 64, old computer games, play stations like Sega and Nintendo and their cartridge games, as well as the entertainment era of record players, vinyl records, cassette tapes, eight track tapes.

'If you can name it, someone collects it.' How true! And perhaps an understatement based on some of the weird and wonderful items that are the inspiration for amazing collections, many of which are displayed in museums and virtual museums around the world. So, if you want to join the ranks of the avid collector and haven't found your niche yet, perhaps your interest could be spiked by one of these – celebrity hair, navel fluff, burnt toast art, burnt food, toilets and toilet seat art, handcuffs, back scratchers, odd socks, chocolate wrappers, sugar packets, scratch it tickets, banana memorabilia, airsick bags, toilet paper, unusual x-rays, McDonald's burgers, soap bars or asphalt. No doubt, there are many more such unusual items being collected out there.

You may not discover anything quite as eccentric at Bayside but the centre's dealers certainly offer a wonderful and interesting variety of collectable items that could become the next addition to an existing collection or the one discovery that puts you on the road to becoming a collector. Pop in and say hi, we love meeting other collectors. Remember, most dealers started with their own love of collecting and we are always happy to assist with any enquiries you have.

BAYSIDE - ONE VISIT AND YOU'LL BE HOOKED!

Combining many years of experience, our staff aims to assist wherever possible as well as provide a relaxing and friendly atmosphere for customers. With over 30 shop spaces, our dealers bring together a wonderful array of antiques, collectables and old wares and, with

stock constantly changing, there is always a great selection and something new to collect. The centre's spacious layout ensures access for wheelchairs, motorised scooters, walkers and prams. Relax and enjoy a complimentary cuppa. Well-behaved pets are also welcome to visit with their owners.

GETTING THERE

Located in scenic Redlands at 162 Bloomfield Street Cleveland, Bayside is just a 30-minute drive from Brisbane City or a short flat walk from Cleveland Railway Station and the bus stops at the door. There is ample parking, both onsite and on the street. We are open every day, 10 am to 5 pm.

NEWS AT BAYSIDE

Bayside is a stockist for the very popular Howard Products for wood care and furniture maintenance, such as Restor-A-Finish, Feed'N'Wax, Orange Oil, Wax sticks, and #0000 steel wool.

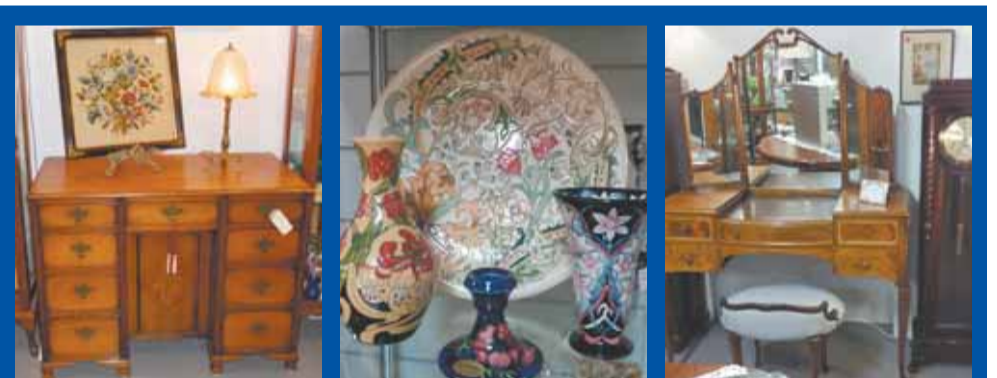
Check out our website for a glimpse of what the centre has to offer. Remember to Like Us on Facebook to keep up to date with fresh stock and news.

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Over 30 shop spaces catering for a wide range of antiques, collectables and old wares, including furniture, ceramics, glass, silver, decorative arts, jewellery, books, coins, medals, ephemera, art, toys, photographic, militaria, tools and much more. Includes a mezzanine floor dedicated to vintage, retro, pre-loved and labels fashions and accessories.



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• Complimentary tea and coffee • Easy access for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams
• Dealer enquiries welcome re spaces and cabinets