

Once Upon a Time: Stories of Our South Australian Childhoods

This exhibition offers a glimpse into the lives of children living in this State over successive generations, in both the happy and more challenging times. We hope it will motivate groups to tell their own unique stories of what it was like growing up in their particular town or region.

This exhibition was produced by the History Trust of South Australia, and South Australian Community History. It includes 10 text panels on pull-up banners, is easy to set up and can be easily supplemented with objects from your own community. There are no fees involved in hosting this display.

Displays also include QR codes, adding an extra element of potential digital interaction for visitors to see more content.

The exhibition discusses motherhood, childbirth, children's health, games and toys, child labour, children's service organisations such as Scouts and Guides as well as the development of formal schooling. It includes photographs of items in the History Trust collection, covering both metropolitan and rural groups. It can easily be aligned with Australian Curriculum HASS Standards, particularly for Foundation – Year 3.

Once Upon A Time encourages audiences to reminisce, and reflect on how the concept of childhood has changed over time. It focuses on the stories of ordinary people, and allows visitors to find themselves in the past.



