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### Lifestyle choices — finding fulfilment under the Queensland sun

What are the ingredients of a meaningful life? A skipping rope, an artist's paint box, forty winks under a Jacaranda tree, helping your neighbours in a tropical cyclone, or even, a bowl of prunes.

State Library of Queensland's (SLQ) ***Lifestyle: a sunshine state of mind*** exhibition explores the unique ways Queenslanders have pursued meaningful and rewarding lives since the late 1800s.

Opening **3 March**, *Lifestyle* delves into the quirks of the Queensland sensibility through the themes of: wellbeing, home, expression, play, community and hope.

A mesmerising collection of curios and heritage items from SLQ's rare and restricted collections include:

- original artworks from Queensland's early expressionist painters
- quirky tourism posters from the 1950s
- love notes written on apricot leaves in the Boer War (lovebirds Lionel and Winifred)
- a collection of home movies from the 1950s (retro bikinis and vintage cars)

The exhibition has a range of *lifestyle ambassadors* from the wellness industry to human rights activists who will speak about what the themes mean to them.

#### Quotes from State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald:

"The Queensland lifestyle is unique and is imbued with the richness of our diverse geography and population."

"State Library is custodian of Queensland's collective memory and we are able to tell the story of our state through our extraordinary collection items. The exhibition is an immersive experience that will guide visitors through a curated view of Queensland's history and lifestyle using precious paintings, original photographs, unique objects, film, and sound."

#### Lifestyle: a sunshine state of mind

3 March – 21 October 2018

Open daily | Free entry

SLQ Gallery, level 2

State Library of Queensland, Cultural Precinct

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