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Rosenlund Contractors honoured with Queensland business history award

A Brisbane deconstruction and civil engineering company won the 2018 Queensland Business History Award at tonight's Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame induction dinner.

The award, presented annually by State Library of Queensland, recognises a Queensland company that demonstrates leadership in collecting, protecting, preserving and sharing its business history.

Rosenlund Contractors won the award for its collection of more than 100,000 digitised images, which documents Brisbane's architectural history and changing city scape.

The original photographs, kept sealed and filed, have been made available on the Rosenlund Contractors' website in a searchable digital gallery, ensuring this important record of Brisbane's development is discoverable for all.

Images in the collection showcase Rosenlund Contractors' projects over the years, from the company's involvement in the 1981 Post Office Square redevelopment in Brisbane's CBD, to the demolition of the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Founded in 2009 by State Library of Queensland, Queensland Library Foundation and QUT Business School, the Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame recognises the significant contributions by leading businesses and individuals to Queensland's economic and social development.

Past winners of the Queensland Business History Award include City Printing Works, the Brisbane Racing Club and the Birdsville Hotel. For more information on the award and the Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame, visit leaders.slq.qld.gov.au.

Quotes from Minister for the Arts Leeanne Enoch:

"Business records and photographs help us to shape a fuller story of Queensland's history and leave a visual memory for future generations."

"The Queensland Business History Award elevates the importance of safeguarding irreplaceable historical material."

"I thank Rosenlund Contractors and the State Library for taking the lead to ensure these important records are shared with the community."

Quotes from State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald

"State Library of Queensland recognises the importance of digital access to unique collections that tell the story of the state's development."

“As the custodian of Queensland’s stories, State Library of Queensland values the significant contribution Rosenlund Contractors has made to the preservation of more than 100,000 digitised photographs that help tell our business history.”

“This impressive collection demonstrates Rosenlund Contractors’ commitment to record keeping that helps track major civil engineering and earthworks projects in Queensland.”

“State Library is committed to preserving Queensland’s memory and ensuring it is accessible now and for generations to come, and Rosenlund Contractors have successfully added to Queensland’s collective story.”