

Volunteer touch trolley at Immigration Museum

Post WWII Shipboard Experiences



What is a touch trolley?

Touch trolleys contain a range of touchable items that complement the content and themes of museum exhibitions. In a setting where people are usually asked not to touch the objects, touch trolley items allow our visitors to engage in a unique hands-on experience within the museum setting.

What is the Post WWII Shipboard Experiences touch trolley?

This touch trolley includes objects and stories related to the everyday experiences of migrants on the Australia-bound ocean liners of the 1950s and 1960s. The touchable objects include souvenirs, decorative menus, crossing the equator certificates, port of call leaflets and photographs. The objects are props and replicas that are representative of similar items from the State Collection.

What does a touch trolley volunteer do?

Touch trolley volunteers engage in casual conversations with our visitors about the items on the touch trolley. They explain the significance of the objects and how they connect to the overall theme of the trolley and our exhibitions. They also allow our visitors to share their personal stories and memories, sparked by their interaction with the trolley.

The touch trolley volunteer is also available to assist visitors with directions and general queries.

How often are the volunteer shifts?

Post WWII Shipboard Experiences touch trolley shifts are offered 7 days a week, 11.00am – 1.00pm and 1.00pm – 3.00pm, and are subject to availability.

Where is the Post WWII Shipboard Experiences touch trolley activated?

The touch trolley is activated in the level 1 foyer of Immigration Museum.

Is training provided?

Training for the Post WWII Shipboard Experiences touch trolley will be provided on the Volunteer Program induction day.



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