

Top ten things to do at Ayers House Museum

- 1) Grind coffee
- 2) Visit the cellar
- 3) Write a letter at Sir Henry's desk
- 4) Dress-up in a top hat and tails
- 5) Play knuckle bones
- 6) Look at the painted ceiling
- 7) Make a card
- 8) Try some sewing
- 9) Look up the chimney
- 10) Try the stereoscopes

All Families are different

Some families have children of different ages.

Some families have children who like doing different things.

Some families have plans that can change at the drop of a hat.

Some families have children with special needs.

Some families like spending time with other families.

Some families are boisterous.

Some families are shy.

Some families don't speak English.

Some families are visiting Adelaide.

Some families live locally.

Some families include Children's University passport holders.

Some families don't have the time and space to get crafty.

Some families love old things.

Some families love to dress-up.

How we cater for families at Ayers House Museum

At Ayers House Museum we welcome all families. Families love our hands-on kitchen, nursery and crafty school room. Sometimes families dress-up and they nearly always go downstairs to see Sir Henry Ayers' desk. Some children write letters and others play dominoes. People make cards here and sometimes they even make a bit of a mess!



The famous Ayers House Museum Craft Room

Our craft room is available to visit and use during museum opening hours. During term time school groups occasionally use the room but the room has guaranteed access on weekends and school holidays. Please note that the museum is closed if it is over 40 degrees.

With materials laid out people can do the suggested activity or follow their own creative instincts. Families work together under their own steam with no museum staff present. There is no need to book and people can stay as long as they like. The craft room is for people of all ages and is not exclusively a family zone. People can take their craft home with them.

Because not everyone feels like doing art and craft all the time we have cards, chess dominoes and assorted Victorian era games on hand that can be enjoyed by those seeking an alternative to craft.

Summer 2020

Summer holidays and term one

Posh puppets

Use our fabulous art materials to make your very own posh puppets. The puppets can be as simple or elaborate as you want.

Take your puppets home and put on a puppet show for your family and friends.

Autumn 2020

Autumn holidays and term two

Circus Shenanigans

Use our templates or your own ingenuity to design and make a tightrope walker, acrobat, or pony rider or two.

This activity will appeal to people who like making toys that move.

Winter 2020

Winter holidays and term three

Scented Sachets

Dried lavender, rosemary and lemon verbena smell great. Use our needles and thread, ribbons and printed cotton to make your own herb bags.

Stash them in your undies drawer for sweeter smelling socks!

Spring 2020

Spring holidays and term four

Blooming Botanics

Take a peek at the flowers painted on the ceilings and walls of Ayers House, then use our lovely water colour pencils to paint some flowers of your own.

Take your picture home with you and add some Springtime cheer to your home.