

Application for membership

I wish to be considered for Associate Membership in the *Friends of Newstead Inc.*

Surname: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr _____

First name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email: _____

Telephone: Home: _____

Work: _____

Mobile: _____

It is my intention to seek to become an

ACTIVE MEMBER Please tick relevant box

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Applicants wishing to become Active Members will be given a copy of *Newstead House...The History, a Collection Item Description Booklet* with CD which shows each room and its acquisitions. They will be taken on a tour of the House and given appropriate guidance on the day-to-day running of the House. New Active Members are expected to attend an Orientation Programme and an invitation will be extended to participate in the first Orientation Programme to be held after joining.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Application proposed by: _____

Application seconded by: _____

Date application received: / /

Date application accepted: / /

Newstead House

A Potted History

The Newstead Park of today was once part of a parcel of land purchased in 1845 by Patrick Leslie, a pastoralist from the Darling Downs. Newstead Cottage was built the following year. The Leslie family lived here for a short time before selling Newstead and returning to the Darling Downs.

Capt. J C Wickham, Police Magistrate and later the Government Resident for the Moreton Bay Settlement was the new owner. Supported by his wife Anna, Newstead House became the focus for early Brisbane's social life.

When the Colony of Queensland was created in 1859, Wickham was retired and, in time, George Harris – merchant, politician and ship owner – purchased Newstead, making major extensions to accommodate a growing family.

Harris petitioned for voluntary liquidation in 1876 and the House was sold to the Toowoomba-based pastoralist, investor and politician James Taylor. The Harris family remained as tenants at Newstead House into the 1880's. Today, the House is furnished in the style of this late colonial Victorian period.

The *Friends of Newstead Inc.*, a not-for-profit organisation, consists of a group of volunteers who assist the Newstead House Trust with the ongoing conservation of this significant part of our National Estate and who work to present Brisbane's best loved historic home. A special welcome is extended to new members wishing to become actively involved in the preservation of Brisbane's oldest domestic dwelling.

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*Historic Newstead House
Circa 1846*

**Your Invitation to share in the joy
of assisting in the preservation of
a special part of Brisbane's History.**

Welcome!

