

WORKSHOP B1

PLANNING YOUR MUSEUM DISPLAY BUILDING

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All museums realise how important it is to have an area set aside for display of photographs, archival material, etc. and also for the sale of souvenirs. This building should not be part of the car running shed but should be a separate building. This has several advantages in respect to containment of fire also it provides opportunity for better security. Where several groups share the same site it is recommended that each group should have its own individual building.

It cannot be stressed strongly enough the need for very detailed planning before construction of your Display Building. You must know exactly what items you intend to display, for example, do you ever envisage that a tram will be on display, if so, provision of track etc. will need to be considered. Other factors which will have to be considered are the provision of climate control, if necessary. As the building will probably be a multi-purpose structure, the provision of public toilets is very important, as is the location of meeting rooms, store rooms and A.V. Theatre.

When designing a display the ease of public flow is paramount; as is security, if possible most areas of the display room should be easily visible. Although the provision of a display building is undoubtedly an expensive proposition, if a great deal of thought goes into it it can be one of the focal points of your museum.