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Where to get help – Link-Up services

Link-Up services are geographically based. Contact the Link-Up in the state or territory where you currently live. Even if you or your ancestors lived and were removed from family in another location, your local Link-Up will be able to assist you.

Australian Capital Territory

There is no Link-Up in the ACT. Pre-1988 welfare services in the ACT were delivered by New South Wales.

Link-Up New South Wales Aboriginal Corporation

Link-Up NSW assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the Stolen Generations – those who have been fostered, adopted or raised in institutions under government policies of the time. Link-Up helps members of the Stolen Generations trace their families and be reunited with them (or their gravesites, country or kin).

Lot 4, 2 Central Place, Ropes Crossing NSW 2760

PO Box 185, St Marys NSW 2760

Free call: 1800 624 332 (not available from mobile phones)

Ph: 02 9421 4700

Fax: 02 9673 4740

Email: linkup@nsw.link-up.org.au

Web: www.linkupnsw.org.au

Link-Up Northern Territory

Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (NTSGAC)

NTSGAC helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people separated from their families under the past laws, practices and policies of Australian governments to undertake family tracing and family reunions with counselling support. Link-Up counsellors at NTSGAC give priority to Stolen Generations clients, especially the elderly and those requiring urgent assistance due to health concerns.

Suite A, Ground Floor, Building 3, Cascom Centre, 13–17 Scaturchio Street, Casuarina NT 0811

PO Box 43372, Casuarina NT 0811

Ph: 08 8947 9171 Fax: 08 8947 9173 Web: www.ntsgac.org.au

Central Australia Aboriginal Congress Link-Up Service

The Congress Link-Up Service works with Aboriginal people and families living in Central Australia who were separated from their families through forced removal, fostering, adoption or institutionalisation. They assist with family history research and reunion, family tracing, graveside reunions, return to country, support before, during and after reunions and healing activities.

14 Leichhardt Terrace, Alice Springs

Ph: (08) 8959 4750

Email: congress.linkup@caac.org.au

Web: <https://www.caac.org.au/client-services/social-emotional-wellbeing-service/congress-link-up-service>

Link-Up Queensland

Link-Up Queensland provides services to individuals, families or communities who have been affected by past Australian government removal policies and practices, including separation through adoption, fostering, removal or institutionalisation. It provides family history research assistance to members of the Stolen Generations.

Free call: 1800 200 855

Email: contact@link-upqld.org.au

Web: www.link-upqld.org.au

Brisbane office

3-5 Reid Street, Woolloongabba QLD 4102

PO Box 3229, South Brisbane, QLD 4101

Ph: 07 3638 0411

Cairns office

2/128 Spence Street, Cairns, QLD 4870

PO Box 298, Bungalow QLD 4870

Ph: 07 4041 7403

Link-Up South Australia – Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc.

Nunkuwarrin Yunti's Link-Up SA Program provides family tracing, reunion and counselling services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families who have been separated under the past policies and practices of the Australian Government.

Web: nunku.org.au/our-services/social-emotional/link-up

Adelaide office

182–190 Wakefield Street, Adelaide SA 5000
PO BOX 7202, Hutt Street, Adelaide, SA 5000 Ph: 08 8406 1600
Fax: 08 8232 0949
Email: nunku@nunku.org.au (for general enquiries)

Tasmania

There is no Link-Up service in Tasmania but Link-Ups in other states/territories, particularly Link-Up Victoria, will be able to assist you.

Link-Up Victoria

Link-Up Victoria helps Indigenous people over the age of eighteen who were adopted, placed in foster care, institutionalised or forcibly removed to trace and be reunited with their families. Among its services are tracing family, conducting reunions and delivering counselling for Stolen Generations.

48 Mary Street, Preston, VIC 3072

PO Box 191 Preston Post Office, Preston VIC 3072

Free call: 1800 OUR MOB (1800 687 662)

Ph: 03 7002 3700

Fax: 03 9484 5403

Email: linkup@vacca.org

Web: www.linkupvictoria.org.au

Link-Up Western Australia – Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation

Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation provides Link-Up services to Aboriginal people affected by past government policies relating to the removal of children. Case workers coordinate family research, client reunification, back to country and overall Link-Up activities. The Link-Up team works closely with Social Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) counselling services to provide a holistic support service.

Email: reception@yorgum.org.com

Web: <http://www.yorgum.org.au/services/link-up-program/>

Perth Link-Up

3 Brammal Street, East Perth WA 6722

PO Box 236 Northbridge WA 6865

Ph: (08) 9428 3700

F: (08) 9227 0514

Email: linkup@yorgum.org.au

South Hedland – Link-Up

Suite 4/ 3 Brand Street, South Hedland WA 6722

Ph: 08 9140 4029

Fax: 08 9227 0514

Kalgoorlie – Link-Up

34 Dugan Street, Kalgoorlie WA 6430

Ph: 08 9091 6359

Link-Up Western Australia – Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Service

The Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Service in Broome helps members of the Stolen Generations find information about their family and locate their family members. It also helps reunite family members who have not met before.

28 Barker Street, Broome WA 6725

PO Box 2775, Broome WA 6725

Free call: 1800 830 338

Ph: 08 9193 6502

Fax: 08 9193 5693

Email: admin@kimberleystolengeneration.com.au

Web: <http://www.kimberleystolengeneration.com.au/information/link-up>



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Where to get help – Australian Capital Territory

Organisations in each state and territory can help with your Indigenous family history research. There are also a number of national organisations and non-government websites that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family history.

- **Libraries** hold a range of material that is useful for family history, including books, indexes, original manuscripts and photos. Many larger libraries have special family history librarians who can help you with your research. Most libraries have online research guides to help you understand their collections.
- **Archives** hold original records, created by government agencies, private organisations or individuals. Archives are different from libraries, and you will need help from an archivist to locate and access records.
- **Indigenous family history services** are provided by state and territory governments to assist you in accessing records and personal information about yourself and your ancestors held in government archives.
- **Link-Up organisations** provide services to members of the Stolen Generations and their families. These include researching family and personal records, finding family members, organising reunions and providing holistic support and counselling.
- **Organisations for adoptees and Care Leavers** (and their families) can help you find information about your personal and family history and connect you with family. They also provide counselling and support services.
- **Family history community projects and organisations** offer practical help in researching your family history. Some are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focused. They may have library collections, computers, online resources and provide training courses and workshops.

Before you make contact

Before approaching organisations put together any information you already have about your family. Names, dates and places are good starting points for them to help you with your research.

See Family history sources to find out more.



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GPO Box 553, Canberra ACT 2601

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Web: www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family

ArchivesACT

ArchivesACT provides access to ACT government records, including records about divorce, child welfare, cemeteries, schools and housing. Access to records is by appointment only, so you need to contact the archives first. Records relating to the area that is now the ACT are also held by State Records NSW and by the National Archives of Australia.

GPO Box 158, Canberra ACT 2601

Ph: 02 6207 5726

Fax: 02 6207 5835

Email: archives@act.gov.au

Web: www.archives.act.gov.au

Office of Regulatory Services – Births, Deaths and Marriages

Access Canberra is a central hub for many services including the registration of births, deaths, marriages, changes of name and recording changes of sex in the ACT. There are a number of service centres in different suburbs of Canberra but it is probably best to contact the BDM section of Access Canberra online or by phone first. You can apply for copies of records for family history purposes and ask them to search their index for you. The cost of BDM records varies from state to state but is normally \$30 to \$50 per certificate.

Note: records prior to 1930 were registered in the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

Ph: 13 22 81 Access Canberra

Email: bdm@act.gov.au

Web: https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/2113

ACT Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

The ACT Government undertook an extensive genealogy project with the ACT Aboriginal community during 2010-2012 to compile a comprehensive genealogical database. This project was called the Our Kin, Our Country genealogy project. The database documents more than 5000 individuals and includes a collection of some 2000 primary source records. For information about this database contact the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

Level 3, 11 Moore Street, Canberra ACT 2601

Ph: 02 6207 9784

Email: oatsia@act.gov.au

Web: www.communityservices.act.gov.au/atsia

2012 report about the project:

www.communityservices.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/394385/CSD_GSR_web.pdf

(Our Kin Our Country)

Find & Connect Support Service ACT

Find & Connect assists people who grew up in orphanages, children's homes, institutions and foster homes. Find & Connect can help you obtain your personal records and where possible trace your history and understand why you were placed into care. The service also provides personalised counselling and support.

15 Napier Close, Deakin ACT 2600

Free call: 1800 16 11 09

Ph: 02 6122 7100

Web: www.findandconnect.gov.au

Post Adoption Resource Centre – Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society's Post Adoption Resource Centre provides information, counselling and support to people affected by adoption in New South Wales and the ACT.

Suite 253, Level 5, 7–11 The Avenue, Hurstville NSW 1481

Free Call 1800 236 762.

Ph: 02 9504 6788

Email: parc@bensoc.asn.au

Web: <https://www.benevolent.org.au/services/post-adoption-services>

ACT Heritage Library

The ACT Heritage Library collects, preserves, promotes and provides access to materials that record the lives of the people of Canberra. Their collections include books, journals, newspapers, archival and manuscript records, oral histories, photographs, maps, plans and reports. These resources include materials related to the history of Aboriginal people of the ACT and to general family history.

Level 1, Woden Library, Corner Corinna and Furzer Streets, Phillip ACT 2606

GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

Ph: 02 6207 5163

Email: act.heritage.library@act.gov.au

Web: www.library.act.gov.au/find/history

Canberra and District Historical Society Inc.

The Canberra and District Historical Society encourages the study of the history of Canberra and district. It holds activities such as lectures and excursions, provides research services and maintains a resource centre with books, periodicals, maps, photographs and extensive and unique files of newspaper cuttings.

Curtin Shopping Centre

PO Box 315, Curtin ACT 2605

Ph: 02 6281 2929

Email: admin@canberrahistory.org.au

Web: www.canberrahistory.org.au

National Library of Australia

The National Library collects and makes available material of national significance about Australia and Australians. It holds books, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs and oral histories that could be useful in researching your family. Some of these resources, such as photographs and newspapers, can be viewed online via Trove. Other material, such as some oral histories can be access via the Library website. The library has a family history collection and staff who you can help you to locate material.

Parkes Place, Canberra ACT 2600

Ph: 02 6262 1111

Fax: 02 6257 1703

Ask a Librarian (online contact form): www.nla.gov.au/askalibrarian

Web: www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/family-history

www.nla.gov.au/what-we-collect/indigenous

Australian War Memorial

Indigenous people have served in every military conflict that Australia has been involved in since the Boer War (1899–1902). Military records are a rich source of information about the men and women who served in the armed forces, and they can also provide information about family members..

Treloar Crescent, Campbell ACT 2612

Ph: 02 6243 4211

Fax: (02) 6243 4325

Email: info@awm.gov.au

Web: www.awm.gov.au

Researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence force service:

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/indigenous-service/researching> and

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/indigenous>

Researching a person– learn more about how to research your family member’s military service.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/understanding-the-memorials-collection/researching-a-person>

Research guides for Indigenous family history

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Books published by AIATSIS

- Penny Taylor, *Telling it like it is: A guide to making Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history*, AIATSIS, 1992
- Diane Smith and Boronia Halstead, *Lookin for your mob: A guide to tracing Aboriginal family trees*, Aboriginal Studies Press, 1990.

Online guides

- Our Kin Our Country (ACT Aboriginal Genealogy Project)
www.communityservices.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/394385/CSD_GSR_web.pdf

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – National Archives of Australia:
www.naa.gov.au/collection/a-z/aboriginal-people.aspx

Websites

The Centre for Indigenous Family History Studies (CIFHS) website is a name searchable archive of a selection of mainly government documents relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. The site is updated with new records continuously. Many of the documents contain offensive language. www.cifhs.com.

In order to do a name search in the documents on this website you need to type the following into google - site:www.cifhs.com – followed by the name you are searching for in quotation marks, such as “John Smith”.

General family history resources

Local family history groups, local history societies and local libraries are valuable sources of information and resources. They can often put you in contact with people who have a good knowledge of the local history of a town or area. Many also have local studies collections with books, newspapers, family histories, photographs and manuscripts.

The Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc.

Also known as Family History ACT, the society offers assistance to people who want to trace their family history. Volunteers provide genealogy advice and run regular workshops, seminars and talks. The society has a comprehensive family history library and is a great place to start if you are new to family history research.

Cook Community Hub, 41 Templeton Street, Cook ACT 2614
PO Box 152, Jamison Centre, ACT 2614
Ph: 02 6251 7004

Contact form: https://familyhistoryact.org.au/contact_new/

Web: <https://familyhistoryact.org.au/>

Find local libraries

You can use Australian Libraries Gateway – Find a Library website - www.nla.gov.au/apps/libraries - to locate libraries in your region with family history and local history collections. Under location select your state or territory and under library type select ‘Local/Family history’. You can also browse using the map.

Family history research websites

- CoraWeb: a comprehensive, categorised and cross-referenced list of links and useful advice about tracing your family history (Australia)
<http://www.coraweb.com.au/>
- Ancestry – Help & Advice: general family history advice, as well as information about using Ancestry’s paid services (Australia)
<https://www.ancestry.com.au/> Remember that many libraries have subscriptions which you can use on site for free.
- Cyndi’s List: a comprehensive, categorised and cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online (Australia)
<https://www.cyndislist.com/australia/>
- FamilySearch Learning Center: articles and short online courses put together by the largest genealogical organisation in the world (USA)
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

Find family history and historical societies

- CoraWeb – Genealogy, Family History and Historical Societies
www.coraweb.com.au/categories/family-history-and-historical-societies
- The Federation of Australian Historical Societies - <https://www.history.org.au/>
- Cape Banks Family History Society – Australian Family History Societies
www.capebanks.org.au/australian-family-history-societies/

Society of Australian Genealogists

The Society of Australian Genealogists provide assistance to people who want to trace their family history. Volunteers give genealogy advice, run workshops and deliver talks on different family history related subjects. The society has a family history library and manuscript collection located in Sydney which may have resources related to the ACT.

Research Centre: ‘Richmond Villa’, 120 Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Ph: 02 9247 3953

Email: info@sag.org.au

Web: www.sag.org.au



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Email: familyhistory@aiatsis.gov.au

Web: <https://aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family>

State Library of New South Wales

The State Library of New South Wales has a significant collection of books and manuscript material relating to Aboriginal people, as well as many family history resources. The family history area of the library has staff who can help you get started with your research and show you how to use the library's collections. You can also contact the Indigenous Services librarians.

Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000

General Inquiries: Ph: 02 9273 1414

Indigenous Services Ph: (02) 9273 1577

Fax: 02 9273 1255

Email: info.koori@sl.nsw.gov.au (Indigenous Services)

Web: www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/indigenous (Indigenous Services)

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/family_history (Family History)

State Records NSW

State Records NSW holds NSW state government records. Many records relate to Aboriginal people, in particular those created by the Aborigines Protection Board (later Aborigines Welfare Board) from the 1880s to the 1960s.

If you think there might be state government records about your Aboriginal family, you can contact the Aboriginal Family Records Service (see below) who can search on your behalf.

161 O'Connell Street, Kingswood NSW 2747

PO Box 516, Kingswood NSW 2747

Ph: 02 9673 1788

Email: info@records.nsw.gov.au

Web: <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/aboriginal-people>

Aboriginal Family Records Service – Aboriginal Affairs

The Aboriginal Family Records Service helps people from New South Wales to access state government records about themselves and their ancestors. The records include those created by the former Aborigines Welfare Board (formerly known as the Aborigines Protection Board) and by the Chief Secretary relating to Aboriginal affairs. These records span the period from 1890 to 1969.

Level 3, 35 Bridge Street, Sydney, NSW 2000

GPO Box 33, Sydney NSW 2001

Free call: 1800 019 998

Email: familyhistory@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

Web: <https://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/healing-and-reparations/family-records-service>

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (NSW)

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages has records of birth, death and marriage in New South Wales from 1856, as well as some earlier church records. You can search family history indexes online. The cost of purchasing BDM records varies from state to state per certificate. There is a fee waiver policy that includes Stolen Generations and people affected by Forced Adoptions.

35 Regent Street, Chippendale NSW 2008

GPO Box 30, Sydney NSW 2001

Ph: 13 77 88

Email: bdm-familyhistory@justice.nsw.gov.au (for questions about family history searches)

Web: <https://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Pages/family-history-research/family-history-research-nsw.aspx> (Family history) and

www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Documents/PO-02-05-Fee-Waiver-Policy-2014-08.pdf (fee waiver policy)

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Ph: 02 9421 4700

Fax: 02 9673 4740

Email: linkup@nsw.link-up.org.au

Web: www.linkupnsw.org.au

Find & Connect Support Service New South Wales – Wattle Place

Find & Connect supports people who grew up in orphanages, children's homes, institutions and foster homes in New South Wales from the 1920s to the 1990s. Find & Connect can help you obtain your personal records, trace your history and understand why you were placed into care, as well as providing counselling and other services.

67 High Street, Harris Park NSW 2150
Free call: 1800 16 11 09 or 1800 663 844
Fax: (02) 9633 5395

Web: <http://www.relationshipsnsw.org.au/support-services/wattle-place/> (Wattle Place) Online enquiry form also available at this link
www.findandconnect.gov.au (Find & Connect web resource)

Post Adoption Resource Centre – Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society's Post Adoption Resource Centre provides information, counselling and support to people affected by adoption in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Level 2, 7–11 The Avenue, Hurstville NSW 2220
Free Call 1800 236 762.
Ph: 02 9504 6788
Email: parc@bensoc.asn.au
Web: www.benevolent.org.au/services/post-adoption-services

Adoption Information Unit – Family and Community Services

The Adoption Information Unit offers assistance with accessing past adoption information in New South Wales to adoptees, birth parents, adoptive parents and other family members.

Free call: 1300 799 023
Ph: (02) 9716 3005
Email: adoption.information@facs.nsw.gov.au
Web: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/adoption/finding-info>

National Archives of Australia (Sydney)

The National Archives of Australia holds federal government records, including many relating to Indigenous Australians (primarily from Victoria and the Northern Territory). The archives has offices and reading rooms around Australia. Records about New South Wales are mostly held in Sydney and Canberra. The Bringing Them Home name index can help you find information about Indigenous family members in National Archives records. The index isn't available for the public to search, but an archivist will do a search for you.

The National Archives also holds military service records of all people who have served in the armed services since the Boer War (1899–1902). World War I records have been digitised and are available online. These are an excellent source of family history information for the thousands of Indigenous military service personnel.

120 Miller Road, Chester Hill NSW 2162

Locked Bag 4, Chester Hill NSW 2162

Ph: 02 9782 4900

Fax: 02 9782 4999

Email: archives@naa.gov.au

Ask a question about records: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/askquestion/index.aspx>

Web: www.naa.gov.au/collection/a-z/aboriginal-people.aspx (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people)

www.naa.gov.au/collection/family-history (Family history)

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Ask a Librarian (online contact form): www.nla.gov.au/askalibrarian

Web: www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/family-history

www.nla.gov.au/what-we-collect/indigenous

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Fax: (02) 6243 4325

Email: info@awm.gov.au

Web: www.awm.gov.au

Researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence force service:

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/indigenous-service/researching> and

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/indigenous>

Researching a person– learn more about how to research your family member’s military service.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/understanding-the-memorials-collection/researching-a-person>

Noel Butlin Archives Centre

Some pastoral station owners or managers kept records like diaries, wage and ration books, and registers of births, deaths and marriages. The Noel Butlin Archives Centre at the Australian National University in Canberra holds some of these records, mainly for farms and cattle properties in New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

ANU Archives

The Australian National University

Menzies Building

2 Fellows Rd

Acton ACT 2601

Ph: 02 6125 2219

Email: butlin.archives@anu.edu.au

Web: <http://archives.anu.edu.au/collections/noel-butlin-archives-centre>

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Online guides

State Library of NSW - guides.sl.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-australians

Indigenous communities State Records NSW

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/aboriginal-people/guides>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – National Archives of Australia

www.naa.gov.au/collection/a-z/aboriginal-people.aspx

Indigenous family history websites

There are many family history websites, some developed by individuals or communities doing their own family histories, some developed by individuals or organisations to help people with Indigenous family histories. One long-standing and useful site is the Centre for Indigenous Family History Studies [CIFHS]. CIFHS is a name searchable archive of a selection of mainly government documents relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. The site is updated with new records continuously. Many of the documents contain offensive language.

www.cifhs.com.

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General family history organisations

Family history groups, local history societies and local libraries Local family history groups, local history societies and local libraries are valuable sources of information and resources. They can often put you in contact with people with a good knowledge of the local history of a town or area. Many also have local studies collections with books, newspapers, family histories, photographs and manuscripts.

Find local libraries

You can use Australian Libraries Gateway – Find a Library - www.nla.gov.au/apps/libraries - to locate libraries in New South Wales with family history and local history collections. Under location select 'NSW' and under library type select 'Local/Family history'. You can also browse using the map.

Family history research websites

- CoraWeb: a comprehensive, categorised and cross-referenced list of links and useful advice about tracing your family history (Australia)
<http://www.coraweb.com.au/>
- Ancestry – Help & Advice: general family history advice, as well as information about using Ancestry's paid services (Australia)
<https://www.ancestry.com.au/> Remember that many libraries have subscriptions which you can use on site for free.
- Cyndi's List: a comprehensive, categorised and cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online (Australia)
<https://www.cyndislist.com/australia/>
- FamilySearch Learning Center: articles and short online courses put together by the largest genealogical organisation in the world (USA)
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

Find family history and historical societies

- CoraWeb – Genealogy, Family History and Historical Societies
www.coraweb.com.au/categories/family-history-and-historical-societies
- The Federation of Australian Historical Societies - <https://www.history.org.au/>
- Cape Banks Family History Society – Australian Family History Societies
www.capebanks.org.au/australian-family-history-societies/

Society of Australian Genealogists

The Society of Australian Genealogists provide assistance to people who want to trace their family history. Volunteers give genealogy advice, run workshops and deliver talks on different family history related subjects. The society has a family history library and manuscript collection in central Sydney.

Research Centre: 'Richmond Villa', 120 Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Ph: 02 9247 3953

Fax: 02 9241 4872

Email: info@sag.org.au

Web: www.sag.org.au



AIATSIS

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

Family History Unit

Freecall: 1800 352 553

Fax: 02 6261 4287

Email: familyhistory@aiatsis.gov.au

Where to get help – Northern Territory

Organisations in each state and territory can help with your Indigenous family history research. There are also a number of national organisations and non-government websites that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family history.

- **Libraries** hold a range of material that is useful for family history, including books, indexes, original manuscripts and photos. Many larger libraries have special family history librarians who can help you with your research. Most libraries have online research guides to help you understand their collections.
- **Archives** hold original records, created by government agencies, private organisations or individuals. Archives are different from libraries, and you will need help from an archivist to locate and access records.
- **Indigenous family history services** are provided by state and territory governments to assist you in accessing records and personal information about yourself and your ancestors held in government archives.
- **Link-Up organisations** provide services to members of the Stolen Generations and their families. These include researching family and personal records, finding family members, organising reunions and providing holistic support and counselling.
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- **Family history community projects and organisations** offer practical help in researching your family history. Some are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focused. They may have library collections, computers, online resources and provide training courses and workshops.

Before you contact them

Before approaching organisations put together any information you already have about your family. Names, dates and places are good starting points for them to help you with your research.

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GPO Box 553, Canberra ACT 2601

Ph: 02 6246 1111

Freecall: 1800 352 553

Fax: 02 6261 4285

Email: familyhistory@aiatsis.gov.au

Web: www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family

Northern Territory Library

The Northern Territory Library is the Northern Territory's major reference and research library. It collects, preserves and provides access to the territory's documentary heritage. The library can assist with advice and assistance with a wide range of family history resources.

4 Bennett Street, , Darwin City NT 0800

GPO Box 42, Darwin NT 0801

Free call: 1800 019 155

Ph: 08 8999 7177

Email: ntl.info@nt.gov.au or use the Ask a Librarian link <https://ntl.nt.gov.au/ask-librarian>

Web: <https://ntl.nt.gov.au/>

Northern Territory Archives Service

The Northern Territory Archives Service holds Northern Territory Government archives created since the government's establishment in 1978, as well as inherited records from the periods of administration by the South Australian Government (1863–1910) and the Australian Government (1911–1978). It also preserves community archives such as oral histories, personal papers, photographs and organisation records. The Northern Territory Archives Service is the designated first point of contact for Stolen Generations researchers seeking access to Northern Territory Government records.

Northern Territory Archives Centre, Kelsey Crescent, Millner NT 0810
GPO Box 1347, Nightcliff NT 0814
Phone - general enquiries: (08) 8924 7677
Phone - reference enquiries: (08) 8999 6890

Fax: 08 8924 7660

Email: ntac@nt.gov.au

Web: <https://dtc.nt.gov.au/arts-and-museums/northern-territory-archives-service>

<https://dtc.nt.gov.au/arts-and-museums/northern-territory-archives-service/informaton-for-researchers/aboriginal-family-research> (Protocol for Aboriginal family history research)

<https://dtc.nt.gov.au/arts-and-museums/northern-territory-archives-service/archives-information-leaflets> (Fact sheet on Aboriginal family history research)

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages holds records about the births, deaths and marriages of people in the Northern Territory. The Aboriginal Population Register is also held there – this is a collection of genealogical information about Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory taken primarily from Census information dating back to the 1950s. The register was inherited from the federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs. The cost of BDM records varies from state to state but is normally \$30 to \$50 per certificate.

Email: agd.registrargeneral@nt.gov.au

Web: <https://nt.gov.au/law/bdm/search-births-deaths-and-marriages-records>

Darwin office

Ground Floor, Nichols Place, Cnr Cavenagh and Bennett Streets, Darwin NT 0800
GPO Box 3021, Darwin NT 0801
Ph: 08 8999 6119
Fax: 08 8999 6324

Alice Springs office

Centrepoint Building, Cnr Gregory and Hartley Streets, Alice Springs NT 0870

PO Box 8043, Alice Springs NT 0871

Ph: 08 8951 5339

Fax: 08 89515340

Link-Up Northern Territory – Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (NTSGAC)

NTSGAC helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people separated from their families under the past laws, practices and policies of Australian governments to undertake family tracing and family reunions with counselling support. Link-Up counsellors at NTSGAC give priority to Stolen Generations clients, especially the elderly and those requiring urgent assistance due to health concerns.

Suite A, Ground Floor, Building 3, Cascom Centre, 13–17 Scaturchio Street, Casuarina NT 0811

PO Box 43372, Casuarina NT 0811

Ph: 08 8947 9171

Fax: 08 8947 9173

Web: www.ntsgac.org.au

Central Australia Aboriginal Congress Link-Up Service

The Congress Link-Up Service works with Aboriginal people and families living in Central Australia who were separated from their families through forced removal, fostering, adoption or institutionalisation. They assist with family history research and reunion, family tracing, graveside reunions, return to country, support before, during and after reunions and healing activities.

14 Leichhardt Terrace, Alice Springs

Ph: (08) 8959 4750

Email: congress.linkup@caac.org.au

Web: <https://www.caac.org.au/client-services/social-emotional-wellbeing-service/congress-link-up-service>

Find & Connect Support Services Northern Territory – Relationships Australia NT

Find & Connect supports people who grew up in orphanages, children's homes, institutions and foster homes. Find & Connect can help you obtain your personal records, trace your history and understand why you were placed into care, as well as providing counselling and other services.

Free call: 1800 16 11 09

Web: www.nt.relationships.org.au/services/find-connect

Darwin office

5 Shepherd Street, Darwin, 0800

Ph: 08 8923 4999

Email: rantreception@ra-nt.org.au

Alice Springs office

4/11 Railway Terrace, Alice Springs, 0870

Ph: 08 8950 4100

Email: receptionas@ra-nt.org.au

National Archives of Australia (Darwin)

The National Archives of Australia holds federal Australian Government records, including many about Indigenous people from the Northern Territory. The Australian Government administered the Northern Territory from 1911 until self-government in 1978. Records about people from the Northern Territory are mostly held in Darwin and Canberra. The Bringing Them Home name index can help you find information about Indigenous family members in National Archives records. The NAA has published a guide to Aboriginal births, deaths and marriages in the Northern Territory.

Northern Territory Archives Centre, Kelsey Crescent, Millner NT 0810

PO Box 24, Nightcliff NT 0814

Ph: 08 8999 6890

Fax: 08 8999 6905

Email: archives@naa.gov.au

Ask a question about records: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/askquestion/index.aspx>

Web: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/a-z/aboriginal-people.aspx> (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people)

www.naa.gov.au/collection/family-history (Family history)

guides.naa.gov.au/records-about-northern-territory/part2/chapter8/8.7.aspx (Aboriginal births, deaths and marriages in the Northern Territory)

National Library of Australia

The National Library collects and makes available material of national significance about Australia and Australians. It holds books, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs and oral histories that could be useful in researching your family. Some of these resources, such as photographs and newspapers, can be viewed online via Trove. Other material, such as some oral histories can be access via the Library website. The library has a family history collection and staff you can help you to locate material.

Parkes Place, Canberra ACT 2600

Ph: 02 6262 1111

Fax: 02 6257 1703

Ask a Librarian (online contact form): www.nla.gov.au/askalibrarian

Web: www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/family-history

www.nla.gov.au/what-we-collect/indigenous

Australian War Memorial

Indigenous people have served in every military conflict that Australia has been involved in since the Boer War (1899–1902). Military records are a rich source of information about the men and women who served in the armed forces and they can also provide information about family members..

Treloar Crescent, Campbell ACT 2612

Ph: 02 6243 4211

Fax: (02) 6243 4325

Email: info@awm.gov.au

Web: www.awm.gov.au

Researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence force service:

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/indigenous-service/researching> and

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/indigenous>

Researching a person– learn more about how to research your family member’s military service.

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ANU Archives

The Australian National University

Menzies Building

2 Fellows Rd

Acton ACT 2601

Ph: 02 6125 2219

Email: butlin.archives@anu.edu.au

Web: <http://archives.anu.edu.au/collections/noel-butlin-archives-centre>

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Online guides

- Researching your Aboriginal family history – Northern Territory Archives Service: <https://dtc.nt.gov.au/arts-and-museums/northern-territory-archives-service/archives-information-leaflets>
- Tracking family: A guide to Aboriginal records relating to the Northern Territory – National Archives of Australia: guides.naa.gov.au/tracking-family
- Aboriginal births, deaths and marriages in the Northern Territory – National Archives of Australia: guides.naa.gov.au/records-about-northern-territory/part2/chapter8/8.7.aspx
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Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory

The Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory promotes family history research, collects historical information, provides family history education, and urges the preservation of personal historical records. Its research library holds an extensive range of family history resources including books, journals and indexes.

1st Floor, 25 Cavenagh Street, Darwin NT 0800
PO Box 37212, Winellie NT 0821

Ph: 08 8981 7363

Fax: 08 8981 7363

Email: gsntinc@bigpond.net.au

Web: www.gsnt.org.au

Family history research websites

- CoraWeb: a comprehensive, categorised and cross-referenced list of links and useful advice about tracing your family history (Australia)
<http://www.coraweb.com.au/>
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<https://www.ancestry.com.au/> Remember that many libraries have subscriptions which you can use on site for free.
- Cyndi’s List: a comprehensive, categorised and cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online (Australia)
[https://www.cyndislist.com/australia /](https://www.cyndislist.com/australia/)
- FamilySearch Learning Center: articles and short online courses put together by the largest genealogical organisation in the world (USA)
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

Find family history and historical societies

- CoraWeb – Genealogy, Family History and Historical Societies
www.coraweb.com.au/categories/family-history-and-historical-societies
- The Federation of Australian Historical Societies
- Cape Banks Family History Society – Australian Family History Societies
www.capebanks.org.au/australian-family-history-societies/



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Where to get help – Queensland

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GPO Box 553, Canberra ACT 2601

Ph: 02 6246 1111

Freecall: 1800 352 553

Fax: 02 6261 4285

Email: familyhistory@aiatsis.gov.au

Web: www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family

State Library of Queensland

The State Library of Queensland provides family history services, with lots of online information. You can also contact librarians who can help you access the library's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander materials and family and local history collections.

Cultural Precinct, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane QLD 4101

PO Box 3488, South Brisbane QLD 4101

Ph: 07 3840 7666

Ask a Librarian form: <http://askslq.altarama.com/ref100.aspx?key=RefAtt>

Web: www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/family-history (Family history)

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/family-history/atsi> (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family history)

James Cook University Library and Information Services – Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family History

James Cook University Library has prepared an online guide to assist Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander family historians locate sources available to them at James Cook University in Townsville and Cairns.

Web: libguides.jcu.edu.au/atsifamhistory

Queensland State Archives

Queensland State Archives holds records of the Queensland Government. Many records contain historical information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This information exists because of the control past Queensland governments had over Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's lives. This information can be helpful in researching the family and community links of Indigenous Queenslanders.

The Community and Personal Histories team in the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships can help you with your research (see below).

435 Compton Road, Runcorn QLD 4113
PO Box 1397, Sunnybank Hills QLD 4109
Ph: 07 3037 6777
Fax: 07 3131 7764

Email: info@archives.qld.gov.au

Online form: <https://www.qld.gov.au/dsiti/gsa/request-form>

Web: <https://www.qld.gov.au/dsiti/gsa> and

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/collection/atsi>

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/collection/family> (Family history)

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships – Community and Personal Histories Team

The Community and Personal Histories team can help you use Queensland state government records to research your family and personal history. If you or your family were born in Queensland, they may be able to help you with other information, such as proving your birth date.

Level 9 1 William Street, Brisbane QLD 4000
PO Box 15397, City East QLD 4002
Free call: 1800 650 230
Ph: (07) 30036466

Email: enquiries@datsip.qld.gov.au

Online form: www.qld.gov.au/atsi/cultural-awareness-heritage-arts/family-history-request-form/index.html

Web: <https://www.qld.gov.au/atsi/cultural-awareness-heritage-arts/family-personal-history>

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages has records of birth, death and marriage in Queensland from 1856, as well as some earlier church records. You can search and access historical birth, death and marriage records online. The cost of BDM records varies from state to state but is normally \$30 to \$50 per certificate.

Level 32, 180 Ann Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

PO Box 15188, City East QLD 4002

Free call: 13 74 68

Email: bdm-mail@justice.qld.gov.au

Web: www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research

Link-Up Queensland

Link-Up Queensland provides services to individuals, families or communities who have been affected by past Australian government removal policies and practices, including separation through adoption, fostering, removal or institutionalisation. It provides family history research assistance to members of the Stolen Generations.

Free call: 1800 200 855

Email: contact@link-upqld.org.au

Web: www.link-upqld.org.au

Brisbane office

3-5 Reid Street, Woolloongabba QLD 4102

PO Box 3229, South Brisbane, QLD 4101

Ph: 07 3638 0411

Cairns office

2/128 Spence Street, Cairns, QLD 4870

PO Box 298, Bungalow QLD 4870

Ph: 07 4041 7403

Find & Connect Support Service Queensland – Lotus Place

Find & Connect supports people who grew up in orphanages, children's homes, institutions and foster homes. Find & Connect can help you obtain your personal records, trace your history and assist you to understand why you were placed into care, as well as providing counselling and other services.

Lotus Place – Brisbane

46 Cleveland Street, Stones Corner, QLD 4120

PO Box 3449, South Brisbane, QLD 4101

Free call: 1800 16 11 09

Ph: 07 3347 8500

Fax: (07) 3347 8590

Email: lotus@micahprojects.org.au

Web: www.lotusplace.org.au (Lotus Place)

www.findandconnect.gov.au (Find & Connect)

Lotus Place North Queensland

382 Sturt Street, Townsville QLD 4810

PO Box 2027 Townsville QLD 4810

Free call: 1800 16 11 09

Ph: (07) 4724 4410

Fax: (07) 4772 0011

Email: lotusnq@micahprojects.org.au

Lotus Place Central Queensland

Swan Office Building

159 Denison Street, Rockhampton QLD 4700

PO Box 586, Rockhampton QLD 4700

Free call: 1800 16 11 09

Ph/Fax: (07) 4927 7604 or

Email: lotuscq@micahprojects.org.au

Post Adoption Support Queensland – Benevolent Society

Post Adoption Support Queensland provides specialised post adoption counselling and support for people in Queensland, including help in searching for relatives and mediation for people reuniting with family members.

Office addresses: <https://www.benevolent.org.au/contact-us/office-locations>

Free call: 1800 236 762

Online Enquiry: <https://www.benevolent.org.au/contact-us/general-enquiries>

Web: www.benevolent.org.au/connect/post--adoption--support--home

National Archives Australia (Brisbane)

The National Archives of Australia holds federal government records, including many about Indigenous Australians (mostly people from Victoria and the Northern Territory). The archives has offices around Australia. Records about Queensland are mostly held in Brisbane and Canberra. The Bringing Them Home name index can help you find information about Indigenous family members in National Archives records. The index isn't available for the public to search, but an archivist will do a search for you.

16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

PO Box 552, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

Ph: 07 3249 4200

Fax: 07 3249 4299

Email: archives@naa.gov.au

Ask a question about records: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/askquestion/index.aspx>

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www.nla.gov.au/what-we-collect/indigenous

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Fax: (02) 6243 4325

Email: info@awm.gov.au

Web: www.awm.gov.au

Researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence force service:

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/indigenous-service/researching> and

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/indigenous>

Researching a person– learn more about how to research your family member’s military service.

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ANU Archives

The Australian National University

Menzies Building

2 Fellows Rd

Acton ACT 2601

Ph: 02 6125 2219

Email: butlin.archives@anu.edu.au

Web: <http://archives.anu.edu.au/collections/noel-butlin-archives-centre>

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<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/collection/atsi>
- Records relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (Brief guide 50) Queensland State Archives - <https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/brief-guides-at-qsa/resource/3a08df52-1b0e-4bbd-957a-c948a0712612>
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Genealogical Society of Queensland

The Genealogical Society of Queensland's mission is 'helping to discover your family history'. It has the largest family history library in Queensland and offers courses and talks. As well as its main resource centre at East Brisbane, the society has five branches in the South East Queensland region.

25 Stackpole Street, Wishart, QLD 4122

PO Box 1467, Carindale, QLD 4152

Ph: 07 3349 6072

Email: info@gsq.org.au

Web: www.gsq.org.au

Family history research websites

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State Library of South Australia

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Cnr of North Terrace and Kintore Avenue Adelaide SA 5000
PO Box 419 , Adelaide SA 5001
Free call: 1800 182 013 (Regional South Australia only)
Ph: 08 8207 7250
Fax: 08 8207 7307
Online form: <https://askslsa.altarama.com/ref100.aspx?key=AskUs>
Email: slsainfo@sa.gov.au
Web: www.slsa.sa.gov.au
www.slsa.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=657 (Indigenous collections and services)
http://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/Aboriginal_FH (Aboriginal family history)
http://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/sb.php?subject_id=81789 (Aboriginal Australia Library guides)

State Records of South Australia

As the official custodian of records created by state and local government agencies in South Australia, State Records holds a wealth of material documenting the written history and experience of Aboriginal people in the state. These records can provide you with valuable insights into your family and community history, and can help members of the Stolen Generations identify and reunite with family members from whom they were separated. The Aboriginal Access Team can help you with your research.

State Records Research Centre
115 Cavan Road, Gepps Cross SA 5094
GPO Box 464, Adelaide SA 5001
Ph: 08 8343 6800
Fax: 08 8204 8777
Online form: www.archives.sa.gov.au/content/contact-us-form

Web: www.archives.sa.gov.au/content/aboriginal-services (Aboriginal services)
www.archives.sa.gov.au/content/family-history (Family history)

Births, Deaths & Marriages Registration Office

The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Office is responsible for maintaining registers of births, deaths and marriages. You can apply for certificates online but only if you already know the details. The cost of BDM records varies from state to state but is normally \$30 to \$50 per certificate.

You can access the South Australian BDM indexes on CD-ROM and in printed volumes at the State Library of South Australia and other libraries around Australia.

Genealogy SA has published extracts from the South Australian BDM indexes online at <https://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-databases.html>

91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000
GPO Box 1351, Adelaide SA 5001
Ph: 131 882
Web: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/births,-deaths-and-marriages>

Link-Up South Australia Program – Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc.

Nunkuwarrin Yunti's Link-Up SA program provides family tracing, reunion and counselling services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families who have been separated under the past policies and practices of the Australian Government.

Web: nunku.org.au/our-services/social-emotional/link-up

Adelaide office

182–190 Wakefield Street, Adelaide SA 5000
PO BOX 7202, Hutt Street, Adelaide, SA 5000
Ph: 08 8406 1600
Fax: 08 8232 0949
Email: nunku@nunku.org.au (for general enquiries)

Find & Connect Support Service South Australia – Elm Place

Find & Connect supports people who experienced out-of-home-care as children. This includes people who grew up in orphanages, children's homes, institutions and foster homes. Find & Connect can help with records access, counselling services, reconnecting with family as well as many other kinds of support. "Elm Place recognises that people have different experiences of their time in care and the service is respectful of people's varying needs and issues."

Ground Floor, 191 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Free Call: Telephone: 1800 16 11 09
Ph: 08 8223 4566
Web: www.rasa.org.au/elm-place

Department for Protection

The Department for Child Protection provides information, advice, advocacy and counselling about adoption and past separations of children from their families. It can provide help for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people separated from their families as children under previous government policies and laws.

Department for Child Protection
31 Flinders Street
Adelaide, SA 5000
GPO Box 1072
Adelaide SA 5001
Ph: 8124 4185
Email: DCP.FOI@sa.gov.au

Web: <https://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/adoption/applying-adoption-information>
<https://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/department/freedom-information>

South Australian Museum

The South Australian Museum's collection of Australian ethnographic material is the largest and most representative in the world. Items in the collection come from many different Indigenous communities, language groups and individuals across Australia. The museum acquired most of this material between 1890 and 1940. The museum collection includes Aboriginal genealogies recorded by ethnologist Norman Tindale. Staff in the museum's Aboriginal Family History Unit can help you with locating and accessing material about your family.

Aboriginal Family History Unit

South Australian Museum
North Terrace Adelaide SA 5000
GPO Box 234, Adelaide, SA 5001
Ph: 08 8207 7381
Email: archives@samuseum.sa.gov.au
Web: www.samuseum.sa.gov.au

National Archives of Australia (Adelaide)

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Corner North Terrace and Kintore Avenue, Adelaide SA 5000
PO Box 3563, Rundle Mall, SA 5000
Ph: 08 8204 8787
Email: archives@naa.gov.au
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Ask a Librarian (online contact form): www.nla.gov.au/askalibrarian

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Ph: 02 6243 4211

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Researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence force service:

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South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society (Genealogy SA)

Genealogy SA helps people trace their family history, providing genealogy advice and running workshops and lectures. It has an excellent family history library in Unley and a growing collection of online resources.

201 Unley Road, Unley SA 5061

GPO Box 592, Adelaide SA 5001

Ph: 08 8272 4222

Email: saghs.admin@saghs.org.au

Web: www.genealogysa.org.au

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LINC Tasmania

LINC Tasmania is the name of the organisation which brings together the State Library of Tasmania, Archives Office of Tasmania, Adult Education and Tasmanian Communities Online. It provides library services, research and information services, adult literacy support, community learning, online access, and archive and heritage services. The Hobart Reading Room is the base for LINC Tasmania's reference services. Staff from the Tasmanian Information and Research Service can provide personal help with family history research. LINC Tasmania also operates at 69 locations around the state.

2nd Floor, 91 Murray Street, Hobart TAS 7000

Ph: 03 6165 5538

Online form: <http://sltas.altarama.com/reft100.aspx?key=Research>

Web: www.linc.tas.gov.au

www.linc.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/guides-records/Pages/Aboriginal.aspx (guide to Aboriginal records)

www.linc.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/default.aspx (Family History including Aboriginal ancestry)

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Registration of births, deaths and marriages commenced in 1839 in Tasmania, the first Australian colony to take over the function previously conducted by the churches. The registry holds church records (burials, baptisms and marriages) from 1803 to 1839, and birth, death and marriage registrations from 1839 to the present day.

The Tasmanian Names Index provides access to historical Tasmanian birth, death and marriage records online. The cost of BDM records varies from state to state but is normally \$30 to \$50 per certificate.

Apply in person for birth, death and marriage certificates at Service Tasmania shops around the state.

30 Gordons Hill Road, Rosny Park TAS 7018

Free call: 1300 135 513

Ph: 03 616 53457

Fax: 03 6173 0204

Email: bdm@justice.tas.gov.au

Web: <https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm>

<https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm/indexes> (Family History)

https://libriestas.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/names/ (Tasmanian Name Index)

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre was developed in the early 1970s. TAC “represents the political and community development aspirations of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community”. Its programs include counselling services, including for people separated from their families and communities, aged care and children’s programs and many other health and wellbeing initiatives.

Web: <http://tacinc.com.au/>

Hobart office

198 Elizabeth Street, Hobart TAS 7001

GPO Box 569, Hobart TAS 7001

Free Call 1800 132 260 (All offices)

Ph: 03 6234 0700

Fax: 03 6234 0799

Email: hobart@tacinc.com.au

Launceston office

182 Charles Street, Launceston TAS 7250

PO Box 531, Launceston, TAS 7250

Ph: 03 6332 3800

Fax: 03 6332 3899

Email: launceston@tacinc.com.au

Burnie office

53 Alexander Street, Burnie TAS 7320

PO Box 536, Burnie TAS 7320

Ph: 03 6436 4100

Fax: 03 6436 4151

Email: burnie@tacinc.com.au

Find & Connect Support Services Tasmania

The Find & Connect Support Service in Tasmania provides support to Forgotten Australians, Former Child Migrants and other Care Leavers. They assist clients to apply for records understand the reason they were placed into care, reconnect with family where possible and to access counselling and other supports.

Hobart office

20 Clare Street, New Town TAS 7008

Free call: 1800 16 11 09 or 1300 364 277

Email: enquiries@reltas.com.au

Web: <http://www.tas.relationships.org.au/services/find-and-connect>

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6 Paterson Street, Launceston, TAS 7250

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Fax: 03 6233 7902

Email: archives@naa.gov.au

Ask a question about records: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/askquestion/index.aspx>

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51 Lawson Crescent, Acton ACT 2601

GPO Box 553, Canberra ACT 2601

Ph: 02 6246 1111

Freecall: 1800 352 553

Fax: 02 6261 4285

Email: familyhistory@aiatsis.gov.au

Web: www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family

State Library of Victoria

The State Library of Victoria has a significant collection of books and manuscript material relating to Aboriginal people, as well as many family history resources including genealogy books, indexes, databases, microform collections. Family history librarians are available to help you get started with your research. Many resources and guides are also available online.

328 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Ph: 03 8664 7000

Ask a librarian: <https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/interact-us/ask-librarian>

Web: www.slv.vic.gov.au/explore/family-history-resources (Family history)

guides.slv.vic.gov.au/aboriginalfamilyhistory (Aboriginal family history research guide)

Public Record Office Victoria – Koorie Records Unit

Government records about Victorian Aboriginal people covering the period from the 1830s to the 1970s are held by the Public Record Office Victoria. These records were primarily created by the Aboriginal Protectorate and the Board for the Protection of Aborigines and their successors.

The Koorie Records Unit at the Public Record Office Victoria promotes awareness about Aboriginal records created by governments in Victoria and improves access to records for the Aboriginal community. The unit helps researchers to access records about Aboriginal people in Public Record Office Victoria's collection as well as in the collection of the National Archives of Australia's Melbourne office.

Victorian Archives Centre, 99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne VIC 3051

PO Box 2100, North Melbourne VIC 3051

Free call: 1800 657 452

Ph: 03 03 9348 5600

Fax: 03 9348 5656

Email: koorie.records@prov.vic.gov.au

Online form: prov.altarama.com/ref100.aspx

Web: <https://prov.vic.gov.au/index.php/koorie-services>

Aboriginal Victorians Family History guide - www.prov.vic.gov.au/explore-collection/explore-topic/aboriginal-victorians-1830s-1970s/aboriginal-victorians-family

Births, Deaths and Marriages Victoria

Births, Deaths and Marriages Victoria has records of birth, death and marriage in Victoria from 1853, as well as some earlier church records. You can search and access historical birth, death and marriage records online. The cost of BDM records varies from state to state but is normally \$30 to \$50 per certificate.

The Koori Access Team at Births, Deaths and Marriages Victoria can help you apply and pay for Victorian birth, death and marriage certificates if you are a Koori, Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and you hold a pension concession card or health care card.

Ground floor, 595 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3001

GPO Box 4332, Melbourne VIC 3001

Free call: 1300 369 367 (General and family history inquiries)

Ph: 03 9613 5103 (Koori Access Team)

Contact BDM: <https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/contact-us>

Web: <https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/research-and-family-history/search-your-family-history>
(Family history)

<https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/koori-services> (Koori services)
BDMIndigenousAccess@justice.vic.gov.au (Koori Access Team)

Link-Up Victoria

Link-Up Victoria supports and assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were separated from their families, communities, culture and land under past government legislation and who were adopted, placed in foster care or in an institution. Link-Up conducts research, assists with accessing records and traces family. They also organise reunions and provide counselling for Stolen Generations.

PO Box 191 Preston Post Office, Preston VIC 3072
Free call: 1800 OUR MOB (1800 687 662)
Ph: 03 7002 3700
Fax: 03 9484 5403
Email: linkup@vacca.org
Web: www.linkupvictoria.org.au

Koorie Heritage Trust Family History Service

The Koorie Heritage Trust's Family History Service provides confidential client-based genealogy research to members of the Stolen Generations, Koories in custody and members of the Koorie community. The service has built an extensive confidential database of Koorie family trees and genealogy information to assist Koorie clients searching for family, cultural and historical knowledge.

Levels 1 and 3, The Yarra Building, Federation Square, Cnr Flinders & Swanston Streets,
Melbourne VIC 3000
Ph: 03 8662 6300
Email: familyhistory@korieheritagetrust.com
Web: <http://korieheritagetrust.com.au/korie-family-history-service/>

Find & Connect Support Services Victoria – Open Place

The Find & Connect support service in Victoria is called Open Place. It supports people who grew up in orphanages, children's homes, institutions and foster homes. It can help you obtain your personal records and trace your history as well as providing counselling and other services.

Suite 1/8 Bromham Place, Richmond VIC 3121
Free call: 1800 16 11 09 or 1800 779 379
Ph: 03 9421 6162
Email: info@openplace.org.au

Web: www.openplace.org.au (Open Place)
www.findandconnect.gov.au (Find & Connect)

Department of Health and Human Services – Family Information Networks and Discovery

Family Information Networks and Discovery (FIND) provides access to information about past adoptions that are connected to Victoria. FIND also helps family members to make contact with each other. They also support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by adoption, wardship or other family separation

50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

PO Box 588 Collins Street West Melbourne VIC 3000

Free call: 1800 130 225

Email: findduty@dhs.vic.gov.au

Web: <https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-family-records>

VANISH – Victorian Adoption Network for Information and Self Help

VANISH helps people with their search for relatives from whom they have been separated from by adoption, state wardship and donor conception. They provide support and guidance throughout the search and contact process.

1st Floor, 50 Howard Street, North Melbourne VIC 3051

PO Box 112, Carlton South VIC 3053

Free call: 1300 VANISH (1300 826 474)

Ph: 03 9328 8611

Fax: 03 9329 6527

Email: info@vanish.org.au

Web: vanish.org.au

National Archives of Australia (Melbourne)

The National Archives of Australia holds many government records about Indigenous Australians from Victoria, dating from the 1860s to the 1970s. The Bringing Them Home name index can help you find information about Indigenous family members in National Archives records. The index is not available for the public to search, but an archivist will do a search for you. Specialised help with accessing records in the National Archives' Melbourne office is available from the Koorie Records Unit at the Public Record Office Victoria (see above).

Victorian Archives Centre, 99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne VIC 3051

PO Box 8005, Burwood Heights VIC 3151

Ph: 03 9348 5600

Fax: 03 9348 5628

Email: archives@naa.gov.au

Ask a question about records: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/askquestion/index.aspx>

Web: www.naa.gov.au/collection/a-z/aboriginal-people.aspx (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people)

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Parkes Place, Canberra ACT 2600

Ph: 02 6262 1111

Fax: 02 6257 1703

Ask a Librarian (online contact form): www.nla.gov.au/askalibrarian

Web: www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/family-history

www.nla.gov.au/what-we-collect/indigenous

Australian War Memorial

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Treloar Crescent, Campbell ACT 2612

Ph: 02 6243 4211

Fax: (02) 6243 4325

Email: info@awm.gov.au

Web: www.awm.gov.au

Researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence force service:

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/indigenous-service/researching> and

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/indigenous>

Researching a person– learn more about how to research your family member’s military service.

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- Diane Smith and Boronia Halstead, *Lookin for your mob: A guide to tracing Aboriginal family trees*, Aboriginal Studies Press, 1990.

Online guides

- Aboriginal people and family history – State Library of Victoria: guides.slv.vic.gov.au/aboriginalfamilyhistory
- walata tyamateetj: A guide to government records about Aboriginal people in Victoria: <https://prov.vic.gov.au/walata-tyamateetj-research-guide>

- Finding your mob: Researching Aboriginal family history at the Victorian Archives Centre
<https://prov.vic.gov.au/finding-your-mob>
- Finding your story: Resource manual to the records of the Stolen Generations in Victoria: <https://www.prov.vic.gov.au/koorie-services/finding-your-story>
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – National Archives of Australia: www.naa.gov.au/collection/a-z/aboriginal-people.aspx

Websites

The Centre for Indigenous Family History Studies CIFHS website is a name searchable archive of a selection of mainly government documents relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. The site is updated with new records continuously. Many of the documents contain offensive language. www.cifhs.com.

In order to do a name search in documents on this website you need to type the following into google - [site:www.cifhs.com](http://www.cifhs.com) – followed by the name you are searching for in quotation marks, such as “John Smith”.

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Find local libraries

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Genealogical Society of Victoria

The Genealogical Society of Victoria provides family history advice and expertise. It has a reference library in central Melbourne providing access to family history records for Victoria, Australia, New Zealand, Britain and other countries.

Level 6/85 Queen Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Ph: 03 9662 4455

Email: gsv@gsv.gov.au

Web: www.gsv.org.au

Family history research websites

- CoraWeb: a comprehensive, categorised and cross-referenced list of links and useful advice about tracing your family history (Australia)
<http://www.coraweb.com.au/>
- Ancestry – Help & Advice: general family history advice, as well as information about using Ancestry's paid services (Australia)
<https://www.ancestry.com.au/> Remember that many libraries have subscriptions which you can use on site for free.
- Cyndi's List: a comprehensive, categorised and cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online (Australia)
<https://www.cyndislist.com/australia/>
- FamilySearch Learning Center: articles and short online courses put together by the largest genealogical organisation in the world (USA)
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

Find family history and historical societies

- CoraWeb – Genealogy, Family History and Historical Societies
www.coraweb.com.au/categories/family-history-and-historical-societies
- The Federation of Australian Historical Societies - <https://www.history.org.au/>
- Cape Banks Family History Society – Australian Family History Societies
www.capebanks.org.au/australian-family-history-societies/



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AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

Family History Unit

Freecall: 1800 352 553

Fax: 02 6261 4287

Email: familyhistory@aiatsis.gov.au

Where to get help – Western Australia

Organisations in each state and territory can help with your Indigenous family history research. There are also a number of national organisations and non-government websites that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family history.

- **Libraries** hold a range of material that is useful for family history, including books, indexes, original manuscripts and photos. Many larger libraries have special family history librarians who can help you with your research. Most libraries have online research guides to help you understand their collections.
- **Archives** hold original records, created by government agencies, private organisations or individuals. Archives are different from libraries, and you will need help from an archivist to locate and access records.
- **Indigenous family history services** are provided by state and territory governments to assist you in accessing records and personal information about yourself and your ancestors held in government archives.
- **Link-Up organisations** provide services to members of the Stolen Generations and their families. These include researching family and personal records, finding family members, organising reunions and providing holistic support and counselling.
- **Organisations for adoptees and Care Leavers** (and their families) can help you find information about your personal and family history and connect you with family. They also provide counselling and support services.
- **Family history community projects and organisations** offer practical help in researching your family history. Some are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focused. They may have library collections, computers, access to online resources and provide training courses and workshops.

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Web: www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family

State Library of Western Australia

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Perth Cultural Centre, 25 Francis Street, Perth WA 6000

Free call: 1800 198 107 (Western Australian country callers only)

Ph: 08 9427 3111

Fax: 08 9427 3256

Online form: http://yourenquiryservice.slwa.wa.gov.au/reft100.aspx?key=YES_ClientWeb
www.slwa.wa.gov.au

<http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/indigenous-wa> and

<https://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/indigenous-wa/family-history>

(Indigenous family history)

<https://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/family-history> (Family history)

Storylines Project

A State Library of Western Australia project designed “to explore, identify and return Aboriginal heritage material” from Library collections. Storylines works with community to identify people, places and stories in the images and other records.

<http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/indigenous-wa/storylines>

State Records Office of Western Australia

State government agencies controlled the lives of Aboriginal people in Western Australia from 1905 until citizenship rights were granted in the late 1960s. The official records that document this control are of vital significance, particularly for those people who were removed from their families and resettled elsewhere in the state. Many of these records are now held by the State Records Office. Archives staff can help you with locating records of relevance to your family history.

The Aboriginal History Research Unit in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs can also help you access state archives (see below).

Alexander Library Building, Perth Cultural Centre, James Street West Entrance, Perth WA 6000

Ph: 08 9427 3600

Fax: 08 9427 3668

Email: sro@sro.wa.gov.au

Web: www.sro.wa.gov.au

www.sro.wa.gov.au/archive-collection/collection/aboriginal-records (Aboriginal records)

Aboriginal History Research Unit – Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

The Aboriginal History Research Unit manages access to Western Australian state archives and some privately owned records. You can apply as a personal or family history applicant for your own records or those of your ancestors. You can apply for any records relating to you held by the department, or those relating to a specific purpose such as evidence of genealogy, dates and place of birth or a specific ancestor.

140 William Street, 2nd floor Reception, Perth 6000

PO Box 3153, East Perth WA 6892

Free call: 1300 651 077

Fax: 08 6551 8088

Email: ahru@daa.wa.gov.au

Web: <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/achwa/Pages/AHRU.aspx>

Family History Application form -

https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/achwa/Documents/Family_History_Application-Consent_Form.pdf

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages has records of births, deaths and marriages in Western Australian from 1841. You can search historical indexes online for free.

http://www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/F/family_history.aspx?uid=5846-4309-4806-6596.

The cost of BDM records varies from state to state but is normally \$30 to \$50 per certificate.

Westralia Square, Level 10, 141 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000

PO Box 7720, Cloisters Square, Perth WA 6850

Free call: 1300 305 021

Fax: 08 9264 1599

Web: www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au

Link-Up Western Australia – Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation

Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation provides Link-Up services to Aboriginal people affected by past government policies relating to the removal of children. Case workers coordinate family research, client reunification, back to country and overall Link-Up activities. The Link-Up Up team works closely with Social Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) counselling services to provide a holistic support service.

Email: reception@yorgum.org.com

Web: <http://www.yorgum.org.au/services/link-up-program/>

Perth Link-Up

3 Brammal Street, East Perth WA 6722

PO Box 236 Northbridge WA 6865

Ph: (08) 9428 3700

F: (08) 9227 0514

Email: linkup@yorgum.org.au

South Hedland – Link-Up

Suite 4/ 3 Brand Street, South Hedland WA 6722

Ph: 08 9140 4029

Fax: 08 9227 0514

Kalgoorlie – Link-Up

34 Dugan Street, Kalgoorlie WA 6430

Ph: 08 9091 6359

Link-Up Western Australia – Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Service

The Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Service in Broome helps members of the Stolen Generations find information about their family and locate their family members. It also helps reunite family members who have not met before.

28 Barker Street, Broome WA 6725

PO Box 2775, Broome WA 6725

Free call: 1800 830 338

Ph: 08 9193 6502

Fax: 08 9193 5693

Email: admin@kimberleystolengeneration.com.au

Web: <http://www.kimberleystolengeneration.com.au/information/link-up>

Department of Communities, Child Protection and Family Support

The Department for Communities, Child Protection and Family Support is responsible for records that include historical family and personal information about Aboriginal people and former state wards. The department's Freedom of Information team can provide more information on accessing your own or your ancestor's records.

189 Royal Street, East Perth WA 6004
PO Box 6334, East Perth WA 6892
Free call: 1800 000 277 (Western Australian country callers only)

Email: foi@cpfs.wa.gov.au

Web:

www.dcp.wa.gov.au/SupportingIndividualsAndFamilies/Pages/Searchingforyourfamilyhistory.aspx

Find & Connect Support Services Western Australia – Lanterns House

Lanterns House provides support and assistance to people who want to obtain records of your time in 'care' and to trace their family. Staff provide individual counselling and group support, and can connect you with other services and support organisations that may be able to help.

165 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont, WA 6104
Free call: 1800 16 11 09
Ph: 08 6164 0240
Email: lanterns@relationshipswa.org.au
Web: www.relationshipswa.org.au/en/services/find-and-connect

Tuart Place

Tuart Place is a resource service for people who experienced out of home care in Western Australia. Tuart Place can assist with finding records, tracing family, counselling and social activities.

24 High Street, Fremantle WA 6160
Freecall 1800 619 795
Ph: 08 6140 2380 or
Email: admin@tuartplace.org
Website: <http://www.tuartplace.org>

National Archives of Australia (Perth)

The National Archives of Australia holds federal government records, including many about Indigenous Australians (mostly people from Victoria and the Northern Territory). The archives has offices around Australia. Records about Western Australia are mostly held in Perth and Canberra. The Bringing Them Home name index can help you find information about Indigenous family members in National Archives records. The index is not available for the public to search, but an archivist will do a search for you.

384 Berwick Street, East Victoria Park WA 6101

PO Box 1144, East Victoria Park WA 6981

Ph: 08 9470 7500

Fax: 08 9470 7555

Email: archives@naa.gov.au

Ask a question about records: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/askquestion/index.aspx>

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Online guides

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- Looking west: A guide to Aboriginal records in Western Australia – Department for Child Protection: www.dcp.wa.gov.au/SupportingIndividualsAndFamilies/Documents/LookingWest.pdf (pdf, 385kb)

- Signposts: A guide for children and young people in care in WA from 1920 – Department for Child Protection: signposts.cpfs.wa.gov.au
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – National Archives of Australia: www.naa.gov.au/collection/a-z/aboriginal-people.aspx

Websites

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6/48 May Street, Bayswater WA 6053

Ph: 08 9271 4311

Email: genealogy@wags.org.au

Web: wags.org.au

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<https://www.ancestry.com.au/> Remember that many libraries have subscriptions which you can use on site for free.
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<https://www.cyndislist.com/australia/>
- [FamilySearch Learning Center](#): articles and short online courses put together by the largest genealogical organisation in the world (USA)