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Organisations

***Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents Incorporated**

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Professional Historians Association Vic (Inc)

PO Box 1223, Carlton VIC 3053
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Email: mail@phavic.org.au (Att: Employment Officer)
Web: www.phavic.org.au

Ballarat & District Genealogical Society

PO Box 1809,
Ballarat Mail Centre, VIC 3354
Email: researchballarat@hotmail.com
Web: www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au
Family and local history in the Ballarat area. Collections regularly searched: Ballarat Archives Centre (PROV), Ballarat Library, including the Australiana room (CHRLC), and the Ballarat Mechanics Institute Library.

Architectural Research Group

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B.A.S., U.C.T. (1988); B.Arch., RMIT (1998); Royal Australian Institute of Architects, Vic. Archicentre Accredited Architect.
All aspects of architectural research undertaken. Historical searches on private houses, commercial and industrial properties, architects, architectural development.
Special Interests: architectural history (especially twentieth century). Other interests include architectural detailing, building methods and techniques, sourcing of materials, establishment of land use and other Council requirements. Familiar with most architectural collections.

Sticks Research Agency

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Web: www.sra-uk.com

Family, local and house history researched, free research quote provided on receipt of an email enquiry. We use local researchers throughout Australia, but connect to a worldwide network for overseas research requirements (for example collections relating to passenger lists, trial and transportation records and biographical resources at The National Archives, UK and local record offices, as well as collections in Ireland).

Individuals

Ms L Andel, 33 Minerva Avenue, North Balwyn VIC 3104

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BA (Hons.) History

Genealogical and historical research; special interests: Victoria and Tasmania, particularly Tasmania 19th century; Victoria 1850s-1880s.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, NAA, SLV, RHSV, AIGS, Registrar General, La Trobe University Library.

Peter Andrew Barrett, Suite 1303, 31 Spring Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Tel: (03) 9639 2646; Mob: 0429 429 064

Email: petersanfran@yahoo.com

Qualification: MA Architectural History (University of Melbourne)

Special interests: Genealogical and historical research including wills and probate, inquests, history of houses and other buildings, shipping and immigration lists, rate books.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, NAA, SLV, RHSV, Melbourne University Archives.

Dr Helen Doyle, 178 Poath Road, Hughesdale, VIC 3166

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PhD, MA Public History;

Member of Professional Historians Association, National Trust Gardens Committee, RHSV

Family and local history, special interests: Western District of Victoria, Irish settlers, land records, public buildings, inquests, wills and probates.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, NAA, SLV, RHSV, Melbourne University Archives.

***Mr Peter T Gill**, 2 Mernda Avenue, Ashburton, VIC 3147

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BA, BEd.

Genealogical and historical research; special interests: family and local history, Australian Births, Deaths & Marriage indexes and biographies, passenger lists, shipping and immigration records, wills and probates, inquests, cemetery records and memorials, educational, schools, land records, electoral rolls, public buildings, sporting history.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, SLV, NAA, plus other major repositories.

Ms Helen D Harris, OAM, 40 William Street, Box Hill, VIC 3128

Tel: (03) 9890 9288; Fax: (03) 9890 3340

Email: hdh1@ozemail.com.au

Web: www.helendoxfordharris.com.au

Master of Arts (History). Member Professional Historians Association; Hon Life Member AIGS.

Genealogical and historical research; special interests: police, criminals, courts, goldfields.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, SLV, and Police Historical Unit.

Lynn Humphreys, 38 Goulburn Street, Yarraville VIC 3013

Tel: (03) 9332 4755

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Genealogical and historical research; special interests: Port Phillip District (prior 1851), mining, patent, probate and immigration records.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, GSV, SLV, RHSV.

Ms E Jefferson, 20 Dunbarton Drive, Wantirna, VIC 3152

Tel/Fax: (03) 9729 7268

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Family History Research.

Collections regularly searched: All Melbourne repositories including PROV, SLV (newspapers, land records), GSV & AIGS. Electoral Rolls, shipping records etc.

Mr Don Jewell, 37 Glenalva Parade, Cannons Creek, VIC 3977

Tel: (03) 5998 7734 (answering service); Fax: (03) 5998 7734

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Genealogical research; special interests: general genealogical research Australia (particularly West Gippsland Victoria); and British Isles (particularly Cornwall).

Collections regularly searched: PROV, SLV, local specialist collections, GSV records.

***Mrs F Johnson**, 9 Murrumbeena Crescent, Murrumbeena VIC 3163

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Cert. In Prof. Writing & Editing.

Genealogical and historical research; special interests: North Eastern Victoria, Ovens & Indigo Goldfields and Devon (England).

Collections regularly searched: PROV, SLV, GSV, AIGS, RHSV, Probate Office, Registrar General (Old Law Memorials).

***Ms Sue McBeth**, PO Box 136, Hampton, VIC 3188

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BSc. Member Association of Professional Genealogists.

Genealogical research; Probate genealogy; special interests: tracing beneficiaries of estates worldwide.

Collections regularly searched: major collections Australia and New Zealand and worldwide.

Mrs Helen Pfann, PO Box 306, Somers VIC 3927

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T.S.T.C. Dip FHS

Family and Local History Research.

Collections regularly consulted: PROV, SLV, GSV, AIGS, LDS and land records at Registrar-General Dept.

Mrs Elizabeth Roberts, PO Box 75, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

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Genealogical and historical research; special interests: family and local history, school records.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, SLV, NAA, GSV, AIGS.

Ms K Twigg, 9 Myrtle Street, East Brunswick, VIC 3057

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MA (Public History). Member Professional Historians Association; National Trust Expert Buildings Committee.

Historical research: particularly business/organisational, church, child welfare and local histories.

Heritage issues also researched.

* AAGRA Accredited Searchers or Organisations

Abbreviations

AAGRA: Australasian Association of Genealogists & Record Agents

AIGS: Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies

CHRLC: Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation

GSV: Genealogical Society of Victoria

Dip FHS: Diploma in Family Historical Studies

SAG: Society of Australian Genealogists

SLV: State Library of Victoria

PROV: Public Record Office Victoria

NAA: National Archives of Australia

MU: Melbourne University

LDS: Latter Day Saints