

## Research Organisations – Search Agents

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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](mailto:mail@phavic.org.au) (Att: Employment Officer)  
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#### **Ballarat & District Genealogical Society**

PO Box 1809,  
Ballarat Mail Centre, VIC 3354  
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Web: [www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au](http://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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Genealogical, architectural and all aspects of required research.  
Collections regularly searched: all worldwide agencies.

## 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.

**\*Robin Bailey**, 2 Baroona Court, Brighton VIC 3186

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Master of Engineering (Computing)

Genealogical and historical research; special interests: family history; shipping and immigration; land and survey records, wills and probate, inquests, goldfields histories, house histories, military records, local histories.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, SLV, NAA, MU Archives and Library, RGO, GSV, LDS, RHSV, Titles.

**Peter Andrew Barrett**, Suite 708, 31 Spring Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

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MA Architectural History; special interests: architecture, history

Collections regularly searched: PROV, NAA, SLV

**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 Bruce L Garner**, PO Box 2001, 25 Katherine Court, Mornington VIC 3931

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Web: [www.genealogyPro.com/garners-genealogy.html](http://www.genealogyPro.com/garners-genealogy.html)

Genealogical and historical research; special interests: Australian family history, particularly Western Victoria; trustee/legal; tracing descendants; certificates of occupancy; direct and co-ordinate overseas research.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, SLV, NAA, GSV, Australia wide BDM Registries, Australian Electoral Commission.

**\*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

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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.

**Mrs Betty Horskins**, 8 Sandgate Avenue, Glen Waverley VIC 3150

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Genealogical research; special interests: schools, inquests, wills, immigrants, shipping especially newspapers and ship reports.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, SLV, NAA, GSV, AIGS and school records.

**Lynn Humphreys**, 38 Goulburn Street, Yarraville VIC 3013

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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

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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.

**Anna Jeffries**, PO Box 2112, St Kilda West, VIC 3182

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Bachelor of Film & Television production.

Navy, media, personal, business and social history research. Copyright clearance also performed.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, NAA, NFSA, SLV, stock footage libraries.

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

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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 I Pearce**, RMB 1003, Picola 3639

Tel: (03) 5869 1235

Email: [pearcie@bordnet.com.au](mailto:pearcie@bordnet.com.au)

Dip FHS, Fellow GSV.

Genealogical and historical research; special interests: local history of Northern Victoria esp. Echuca & Nathalia.

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

**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 E Pullman**, 30 Silver Street, Cheltenham VIC 3192

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Dip FHS.

Genealogical and historical research; all areas except military.

Special interests: arrivals and Gippsland.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, SLV, NAA, GSV, AIGS, RHSV, Baillieu and Monash University libraries.

**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.

**Mrs Y Saunders**, 3/41 Robinson Rd, Hawthorn VIC 3122

Tel: (03) 9819 4801

Fellow GSV.

Genealogical research; All Victorian records except land.

Collections regularly searched: PROV, SLV, NAA, GSV, Probate Office and Kew Library.

**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