

Australian Birth, Death & Marriage Resources

This is a guide to birth, death and marriage records held by Cairns Libraries, City branch.
 Note: Not all date ranges are covered in any one format.

Ancestry Library Edition

Australian Birth Index 1788-1922

Australian Marriage Index 1788-1949

Australian Death Index 1787-1985

(Coverage will vary from state to state – see Table below)

State	Date from	Births to	Deaths to	Marriages to
ACT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
NSW	1788	1910	1945	1945
NT	1870	1910	1913	1913
QLD	1829	1910; 1915-1919	1959	1935
SA	1842	1922	1970	1937
TAS	1803	1910	1919	1919
VIC	1836	1910	1985	1920
WA - Births/Deaths	1841	1905	1980	
WA - Marriages	1906	1950		

Australia Cemetery Index – 1808-2007 (does not include ALL cemeteries, and years covered for each area/cemetery will vary – check Source Information on Ancestry for comprehensive listing)

Online Indexes

The following table shows online indexes which can be searched online on the relevant states BDM registry website, eg. <https://www.bdm.qld.gov.au>. You will need to order copies of certificates from the relevant State/Territory registry.

State	Date from	Births to	Deaths to	Marriages to
ACT (for earlier records go to NSW)	1930	Nil	1983	1938
NSW	1788	1913	1983	1963
QLD	1829	1913	1983	1938
SA - NT included 1870 to 1910 (Births), 1913 (Deaths) and 1913 (Marriages)	1836	1928	1972	1937
TAS *Images 1803-1933 free @ www.familysearch.org	1803	1910	1919	1919
VIC \$\$\$ to view search results Online images available \$\$\$	1837	1912	1988	1942
WA	1841	1932	1971	1936

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 or Contact Us on www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library

Queensland

The indexes to QLD births, deaths and marriages are available for searching from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General website at:

www.justice.qld.gov.au/justice-services/births-deaths-and-marriages/family-history-research

Queensland births index 1915-1919 (FICHE QLD)

Queensland deaths index 1915-1964. (FICHE QLD)

Queensland marriages index 1915-1939. (FICHE QLD)

Transmission of real estate by death.

Vol 1-2. 1878-1899 (GEN 919.43 QUE)

Vol 7-11. 1920-1940 (FICHE QLD)

Queensland Region

Brisbane:

Coorparoo Roman Catholic baptisms 1913-1995; marriages 1938-1995; burials 1952-1995 (FICHE QLD)

East Brisbane Roman Catholic burials 1986-1987 (FICHE QLD)

Holy Name Cathedral Crypt marriage indexes 1959-1976 (FICHE QLD)

Kangaroo Point Roman Catholic baptisms 1915-1994 (FICHE QLD)

St Stephens Cathedral baptisms 1913-1993; marriages 1846-1993 (FICHE QLD)

Wynnum Guardian Angels burials 1939-1970 (FICHE QLD)

Bundaberg:

Obituaries in the Bundaberg newspapers 1907-1947. Vols 1-9 (GEN 919.432 BUN)

Charters Towers:

Northern Miner extracts of public notices, births, marriages, deaths, funerals, thanks, accidents, 1874-1884, 1885-1889. Vols 1-2 (GEN 919.436 CHA)

Gympie:

Gympie Times birth, marriage, death and funeral notices 1868-1909. (GEN 919.432 GYM) (FICHE QLD)

Roman Catholic baptisms 1868-1993 (FICHE QLD)

Ipswich:

Birth, death and marriage extracts 1858-1865 from the North Australian & Ipswich General Advertiser. (GEN 919.43 IPS)

Hayward – Webb bicentennial index extracts from the Queensland Times births, deaths & marriages 1866-1900. Vols 1-3 (GEN 919.43 IPS)

Rosewood:

Roman Catholic baptisms 1915-1987 (FICHE QLD)

Toowoomba:

Deaths in Australia extracted from the Darling Downs Gazette 1860-1873. Vols 1-3 (GEN 919.433 TOO)

New South Wales

The **indexes to NSW births, deaths and marriages** are available for searching from the NSW Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages website at:

www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/bdm_fh.html

NSW pre 1856 registers of births, deaths and marriages. (FILM NSW)

These are the **original church registers** (actual certificates) for baptisms, burials and marriages performed by clergy prior to compulsory civil registration in NSW. A guide to assist finding certificates is available in the "Microfilm Holdings" book located near the Family History PCs.

ACT

The **indexes to ACT births, deaths and marriages** are available for searching from the ACT Office of Regulatory Services website at: <http://www.ors.act.gov.au/>

Maitland Mercury a country index 1843-1845. (GEN 919.44 MAI)

South Australia

The **indexes to SA births, deaths and marriages** are available for searching from the SA Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Office website at: <http://www.ocba.sa.gov.au/>

Deaths from the South Australian Government Gazettes 1841-1941 including the Northern Territory until Dec 1910. (GEN 919.423 SOU)

Register personal notices 1836-1859, 1860-1865, 1866-1870. Vols. 1-3. (GEN919.423 SOU). Contains the full transcription of birth, death and marriage notices from South Australian newspapers.

Tasmania

An **unverified index (volunteer-complied Colonial Tasmanian Family Links Database) to TAS births, deaths and marriages** is available for searching from the TAS Archives Office website at:

<http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=8>

Access BDM certificates free for 1803-1933 @ www.familysearch.org

Tasmania birth, death and marriage register 1803-1899. (FILM TAS)

These are the microfilm copies of the original registers held at the Archives Office of Tasmania (the actual certificates). They include church records up to the start of official government registration in 1838 and the official records/certificates to 1899. A guide to assist finding certificates is available in the "Microfilm Holdings" book located near the Family History PCs.

All Saints Church of England Hobart (GEN 919.46 HOB)

Baptism register index 1855-1908

Burial register index 1893-1936

Marriage register index 1856-1925

Advocate personal announcements 1921-1999 (Devonport) 13 vols. (GEN 919.46 DEV)

Burials of first fleeters in Van Diemens Land 1807-1860 (GEN 919.46 TAS)

Campbell Town Methodist circuit (GEN 919.46 CAM)

Baptism register index 1837-1909

Burial register index 1849-1956

Marriage register index 1841-1930

Circular Head Chronicle births, deaths & marriages 1906-1998 (GEN 919.46 BUR)

Cornwall Chronicle, directory of births, deaths & marriages 1835-1850 (Launceston) (GEN 919.46 LAU)

Deaths at General Hospital Hobart 1864-1884 (GEN 919.46.HOB)

Early coastal newspapers 1877-1912 births, deaths & marriages index (GEN 919.46 TAS)

Forth & Leven Parish Church of England Ulverstone district baptism register index 1867-1909 (GEN 919.46 ULV)

Holy Trinity Church of England Launceston marriage register index 1900-1925 (GEN 919.46 LAU)

Indexes to births, deaths & marriages from the Examiner newspaper (Launceston) 1900-1960. Vols 1-14. (GEN 919.46 LAU)

Launceston Examiner Index 1842-1899 12 vols. (GEN 919.46 LAU)

Launceston Examiner index obituaries & funerals 1841-1960. 2 vols (GEN 919.46 LAU)

North west post (Devonport) indexes 1887-1916 (6 vols) (GEN 919.46 DEV)

St Andrews Presbyterian Church Swansea (GEN 919.46 SWA)

Baptism register index 1850-1906

Burial register index 1852-1904

Marriage register index 1846-1928

Father John Murphy's saddlebag records, Catholic baptisms Huon district 1855-1864 (GEN 919.46 TAS)

Zeehan & Dundas Herald births, deaths and marriage index 1890-1922 (GEN 919.46 BUR)

Van Diemen's Land early marriages 1803-1830,1831-1840. Vols.1-2 (GEN 919.46 TAS)

Victoria

The **indexes to VIC births, deaths and marriages** are available for searching for a fee from the VIC Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Office website at: www.bdm.vic.gov.au

Drownings in Geelong & district 1836-1900 (GEN 919.45 GEE)

Inquest held for Geelong & district 1851-1859, 1860-1869 Vols 2-3 (GEN 919.45 GEE)

Western Australia

Early Church Record c1829-1856. (FILM WA)

These are the microfilm copies of the original church registers (the actual certificates). A list of registers included in the microfilm is available in the "Microfilm Holdings" book located near the Family History PC.

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New Zealand

NZ Historical BDM Online Index - <https://www.bdmonline.dia.govt.nz/>

Allows the search of births at least 100 years ago, deaths at least 50 years ago, and marriages at least 80 years ago.

Other Resources

Newspapers

Search Australian Newspapers on TROVE. for birth, death, marriage and funeral notices up until 1954 - www.trove.nla.gov.au. See Trove LibGuide.

See Recommended Sites on Cairns Libraries Family History webpage

<http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library/heritage/family-history>

The **Ryerson Index** is an index to death notices appearing in current Australian newspapers. It also includes some funeral notices, probate notices and obituaries. Compiled by volunteers, the Ryerson Index includes death notices up until the present year - <http://www.ryersonindex.org/>

The contents of certificates vary from state to state and differ over time within each state. See what you might expect to see on an historical AUS BDM certificate for a description.

<http://www.jaunay.com/bdm.html>

Cemetery Records

The Library holds a large book collection of cemetery indexes and transcriptions for Queensland and the other Australian states. Cemetery records vary in the detail they provide but they may give death and burial date, birth date and family relationships.

Funeral Records

The Library holds funeral records for Queensland and Tasmania.

Pioneer Registers

Usually published for a geographic location. Pioneer registers provide details of births, deaths and marriages and often other family relationships.

Trace your family history using Cairns Libraries latest FREE databases.

Ancestry.com Library Edition

This is the largest family history database available containing over 3 billion names in over 10,000 databases. Ancestry includes a number of Australian immigration indexes and some original images for NSW. Use this database from any public access PC at all Cairns Libraries.

Findmypast

Access to the entire Australia & New Zealand, United Kingdom, Irish and United States Findmypast collections. Use this database from any public access PC at all Cairns Libraries.

The British Newspaper Archive

Contains over 200 newspaper titles from the 18th to 20th century - with 4.7 million digitised pages, and millions more to come. Use this database from any public access PC at all Cairns Libraries.

Trove

A discovery service developed by the National Library of Australia, which gives users a single point of access to more than 45 million items, including library, archive and museum collections and Australian digitised newspapers (up until 1956) and images - www.trove.nla.gov.au. See Trove LibGuide.

PapersPast

Contains more than one million pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers and periodicals 1839-1932 - <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>.

London Digital Archive 1785-1985

Complete digital edition in full text of "The Times (London)", searchable by keyword. Search this databases at home from the State Library of Queensland, signing up with your Cairns Libraries membership card. Go to www.cairnslibrary.com.au, and click on Online, then eResources.

19th Century British Newspapers, 1800-1900

Full text digital newspaper collection for England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Search this database at home from the State Library of Queensland, signing up with your Cairns Libraries membership card. Go to www.cairnslibrary.com.au, and click on Online, then eResources.