

Aboriginal Family History

Local and Family History

Pathfinder no. 5



Bega Library:	Mon. – Fri., 9.30am – 5.30pm.	Sat 9.00am – 12 noon.	Zingel Place, Bega.
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Eden Library:	Tues. – Fri., 9.30am – 5.00pm.	Sat 9.00am – 12 noon.	Cnr Imlay & Mitchell, Eden.

Books

The following books will be useful for Aboriginal family history research.

Connecting kin : guide to records, a guide to help people separated from their families search for their records / NSW Dept. of Community Services. **R353.59 CONN LHC**

Looking for Blackfellas' Point : an Australian history of place / McKenna, Mark.
R994.4004 MCK LHC, also lending copy.

The Aboriginal people of the Monaro / compiled by Michael Young with Ellen and Debbie Mundy.
R994.47 ABO LHC, also lending copy.

The mountains call me back : a history of the Aborigines and the forests of the far south coast of New South Wales / Denis Byrne. **R994.4 BYRN LHC**

My heart is breaking : a joint guide to records about Aboriginal people in the Public Record Office of Victoria and the Australian Archives, Victorian Regional Office / Australian Archives and the Public Record Office of Victoria, 1993. **R016 AUST LHC**

Native tribes of south east Australia / A.W. Howitt **R306.089915 HOW LHC**

Miryyal: Budawang Aborigines featured in church records / by Cathy Dunn. Oct. 2000.
R305.89915 DUNN LHC

The calling of the spirits / Eileen Morgan. **R994.47 MOR LHC**

Gulaga : report on the cultural significance of Mt. Dromedary to Aboriginal people / Rose, Deborah Bird. **R301.89915 ROS LHC**

In sad but loving memory : Aboriginal burials and cemeteries of the last 200 years in NSW / NSW National Parks and Wildlife. **R363.75 NSW LHC**

Biamanga and Gulaga : Aboriginal cultural association with the Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks. 2005. **R305.89915 EGLO LHC**

Lookin for your mob : a guide to tracing Aboriginal family trees / Boronia Halstead, Diane Smith.
R929.1 SMIT LHC

Dawn and New Dawn CD-ROM

Dawn and New Dawn were magazines published by the New South Wales Aborigines Welfare Board from 1952 – 1975. These magazines served as a way for people to keep in contact and the magazines are a valuable source of family history information giving details of births, deaths, marriages. Photographs are included. Available on cd-rom at Bega Library and at www.aiatsis.gov.au and click on Family History Unit in the Library tab.

Websites and Databases

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Index (ABI): Go to www.aiatsis.gov.au and click on Family History Unit in the Library tab.

Bringing them home name index : Not currently available to the public but can be searched on your behalf by National Archives staff. More information in fact sheet no. 175 under the 'About us' / 'Publications' link.

INFOKOORI : newspaper index for Koori Mail, Dawn (1952 – 1975), Identity, The Australian Evangel, Our Aim, Today, United Aborigines Messenger. www.sl.nsw.gov.au/infokoori

Tindale Genealogies : genealogical data and photographs collected during 1937 -1938, including information from Wallaga Lake. Held at South Australian Museum, access conditions apply.

Aboriginal Colonial Court cases : 1788 – 1838. Online index at the NSW State Records website. About 250 entries recording cases of persons charged for crimes against named Aboriginal people and Aboriginal people charged with a crime.

Australian Indigenous Servicemen, WWI : Work in progress by National Archives. Please see Local and Family History Librarian for current list.

Organisations

AIATSIS, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.
www.aiatsis.gov.au AIATSIS has a family history unit.

National Archives www.naa.gov.au holds records mostly relating to Victoria and N.T. National Archives holds records covering Commonwealth Government policies regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs since 1967. Prior to 1967, records will be held by state records offices.

State Records www.records.nsw.gov.au holds records of the Aborigines Protection and Welfare Boards. Access is arranged through the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Bega Library has a copy of "A guide to New South Wales State Archives relating to Aboriginal people". R305.89915 GUID LHC

Did you know?

**Aboriginal people have been eligible to vote in NSW since 1901.*

**Since the 1967 Referendum Aboriginal people have been included in the Census.*

Other resources to use:

- ❖ Birth, death and marriage records.
 - ❖ Church records.
 - ❖ Cemetery indexes.
 - ❖ Mission records.
 - ❖ Newspapers.
 - ❖ Electoral Rolls.
 - ❖ Maps.
 - ❖ Family sources.
- ❖ Published resources.