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Reading Room opening hours Christmas/New Year

Merry Xmas & Happy New Year 1923
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From all of us at State Records
our best wishes for a
Merry Christmas.
NSW State Records

The Western Sydney Reading Room will be **closed on 24 December 2015 to 2 January 2016 and re-open Monday 4 January 2016.**

The Government Records Repository (GRR) and Agency Archives Retrieval will be open for business throughout this period excluding weekends and Public Holidays. See more information including copy services and operating hours.

Changes to payment by cheque

The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) has phased out both the receipt of cheques in payment for services and the issuing of cheques by DFSI agencies, including State Records.

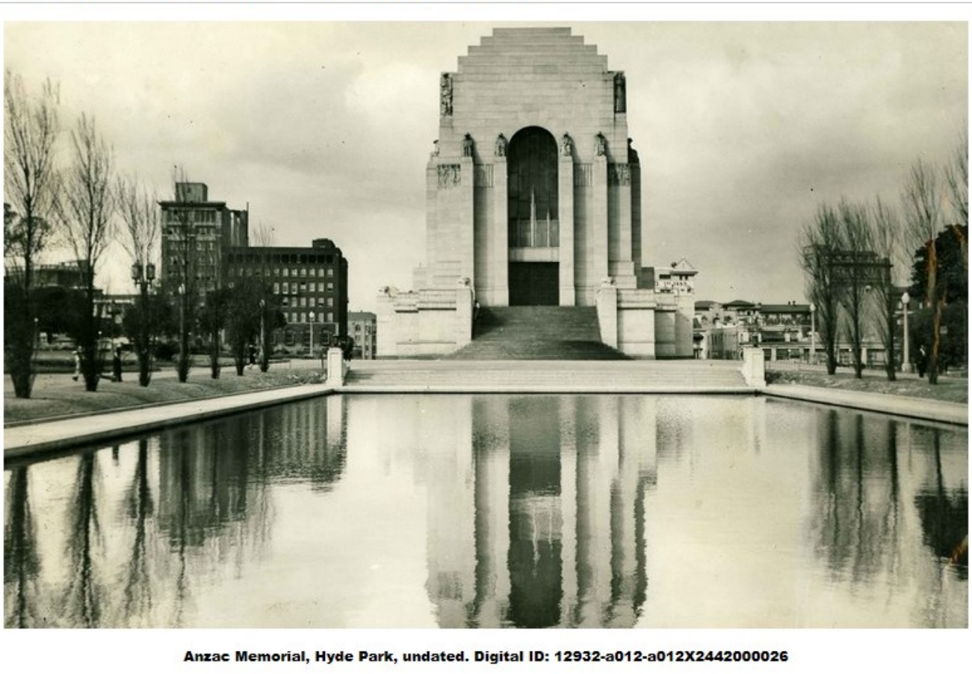
As of 1 December 2015 State Records are no longer accepting payments made by cheque for copy orders and if any refunds are required these will only be issued by Electronic Funds Transfer.

Changes to use of fax machines

As announced in our last issue, the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) has announced that agencies within its cluster, including State Records, will stop using facsimile machines by 1 January 2016.

This will have an impact on those members of the public who send copy order requests to State Records by fax. See more information about this announcement.

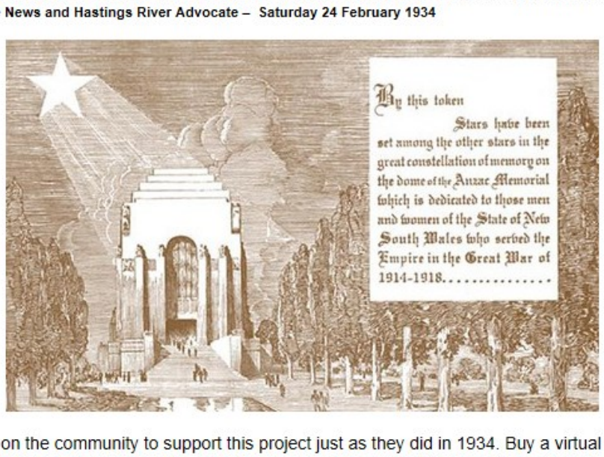
Anzac Memorial Hyde Park - Centenary Project



Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, undated. Digital ID: 12932-a012-a012X2442000026

As we mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War, the Anzac Memorial is undergoing a multi-million dollar upgrade. The Anzac Memorial Centenary Project will ensure the Memorial continues to tell the stories of NSW's involvement in war and honour those who have served.

> **TRUSTEES' APPEAL**
> *Purchase a Star of Memory which will be built into the dome of the edifice. This should give anyone who desires to perpetuate the memory of some loved one an opportunity to express not only their feeling for departed relatives and friends but also to help erect some worthy memorial to them for the benefit and guidance of future generations.* **Port Macquarie News and Hastings River Advocate – Saturday 24 February 1934**



By this token Stars have been set among the other stars in the great constellation of memory on the dome of the Anzac Memorial which is dedicated to those men and women of the State of New South Wales who served the Empire in the Great War of 1914-1918……………

The Memorial Trustees are calling on the community to support this project just as they did in 1934. Buy a virtual star in the Memorial's online constellation and leave a message in memory of a veteran on the Memorial's website.

ANZAC MEMORIAL
HYDE PARK SYDNEY

Visit www.anzacmemorial.nsw.gov.au/buy-star-constellation-honour-and-memory, telephone Veterans Affairs on 02 9228 4710, or email rosie.patrielli@dpc.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Online news

New State Records NSW website coming!

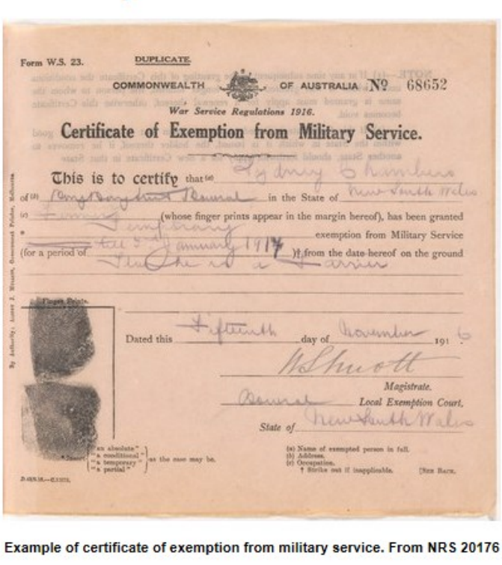
Our new website will be launched early in 2016. The refreshed design layout and content re-structure will make our vast amount of information much easier to find. A new section that gathers together research guides and indexes will be accessible alphabetically by both subject and keyword. An improved and integrated search facility will allow simpler searching with a more relevant return of search results. And a new shopping cart system will streamline the various pre-ordering and copy purchase services into one easy-to-use product.

We will have more information in the next issue of Now&Then.

Planned changes to State Records online catalogue information

State Records is in the process of replacing the collection management system which operates behind its main finding aids, *Archives Investigator* and *Search*. This will mean changes from mid 2016 to how catalogue information about the State archives collection will be displayed online. It is hoped that the changes planned will improve the way information can be found about the State archives collection. Other changes may include management of State archives in the reading room. State Records will keep you informed of progress through Now&Then and welcomes your feedback.

New webpages: NSW Anzac Centenary



Form W.S. 23. DUPLICATE.
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA No 68652
War Service Regulations 1916.
Certificate of Exemption from Military Service.
This is to certify that …… in the State of …… (whose finger prints appear in the margin hereof), has been granted …… exemption from Military Service for a period of …… from the date hereof on the ground ……
Dated this …… day of …… 19……
Magistrate.
Local Exemption Court.
State of ……

Example of certificate of exemption from military service. From NRS 20176

Since our last issue of Now&Then, we have added the following web pages:

- Military exemption courts
- Operating military exemption courts
- Bowral Local Exemption Court
- Certificates of exemption from military service (Bowral Local Exemption Court)
- Everyday life in wartime NSW - holidays, commemorations and celebrations (includes some Christmas items)

These pages include three rare examples of Military Exemption Court records which have survived for the Bowral Local Military Exemption Court. State Records NSW holds the Application letters (NRS 20175), the Register of applications (NRS 20173) and the Certificates of exemption (NRS 20176). All three record series have been digitised in full and are available online via the NSW Anzac Centenary website.

New Land & Property Information record sets available

HLRV

Through its Historical Land Record Viewer (HLRV) accessible from the Spatial Information Exchange website, www.six.nsw.gov.au, Land and Property Information is releasing for viewing access recently digitised record sets in their entirety, along with record sets that are currently being digitised. The external release will initially be through State Records and State Library and then publicly. Following digitisation and conservation the original record sets are transferred to State Records NSW as State archives.

The record sets available as of December 2015 include:

Old System Grant Index and Grant Register (1792 – 1862) NOW AVAILABLE TO SEARCH ONLINE

All land in the colony of NSW was in possession of the Crown until either granted or sold to an individual or organisation. You can use the Grant Index to find a Crown grant reference number. This number is the one you need in order to locate a grant in the Grant Register. Read how to use this index.

Old System Vendors Index (1825 – 1986) NOW AVAILABLE TO SEARCH ONLINE

The Old System Vendors Index is a manual index of persons conveying an estate or interest in land from 1825 to 1986. Read how to use this index.

Old System Purchasers Index (1896 – 1985) NOW AVAILABLE TO SEARCH ONLINE

The Old System Purchasers Index commenced on 1 July 1896 and is a manual index of persons acquiring or purchasing an estate or interest in land. Read how to use this index.

Old System Deeds (1825 – 1992) NOW AVAILABLE TO SEARCH ONLINE

The General Register of Deeds commenced on 16 November 1825 with the introduction of the Registration of Deeds Act 1825. It was established to keep a record of deeds for all registered common law (now known as Old System) land transactions.

Old System Deeds for the period 1921 – 1992 are being digitised and expected to be completed by mid 2016. Digitisation of the Old System Deeds for the period 1825 – 1921 is scheduled to commence in 2016 and expected to take four years to completion. Read about accessing these records.

Torrens Purchasers Index (1863 – 1971) NOW AVAILABLE TO SEARCH - State Records Reading Room or State Library NSW

The Torrens Purchasers Index assists researchers find land ownership details between 1863 and 1971 by searching on a surname. It is a useful tool for obtaining title details for Torrens title land when only the name of a reputed owner (or lessee) and an approximate date of ownership (or lease) is known. Read how to use this index. This index will be available to search online publicly (from outside the above institutions) from 15 December 2015.

Old Form Torrens Register (1863 – 1961) AVAILABLE TO SEARCH ONLINE 15 DECEMBER 2015

Old Form Torrens title folios can currently be viewed free of charge at public terminals located at State Records Reading Room, the State Library and at Land & Property Information (LPI) Queens Square. From 15 December 2015 these records will be viewable online publicly (from outside the aforementioned institutions).

For updates on what historical records sets are being captured and associated progress visit the LPI website, http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au/land_titles/historical_records_online.

LPI is reviewing the HLRV application and welcomes your feedback for the development of a new document image viewer via a survey available on the front page of HLRV.

40th anniversary of State Records NSW at Kingswood

Saturday, 28 November 2015 marked the fortieth anniversary of the opening of the first stage of facilities at 143 O'Connell Street, Kingswood which are still used today by State Records NSW. The following is a brief outline of the turn of events which preceded this historic occasion in 1975.

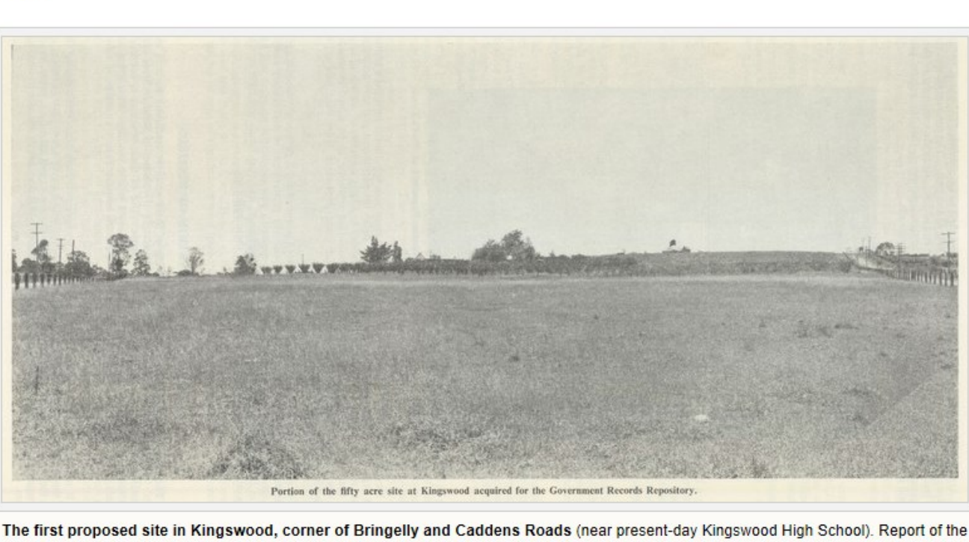
When the Archives Act came into effect in 1961, the most significant State records were stored in the Archives Office in the south-east wing of the State Library of NSW.[1] A large quantity of 'less significant' records which nonetheless were "of considerable value to departments and for historical research,"[2] were stored at the Government Records Repository – a disused, former woolstore wooden building at Shea's Creek, Alexandria. The facilities were a huge fire risk as they exposed the records to dust and changes in humidity and temperature,[3] and by 1964 they were also full.[4] Additionally, the basement of 'an old building' (a former tramway substation)[5] in Margaret Lane, Sydney was used from 1965 to 1972 to store 3,500 feet of semi-current records.[6] [7] [8]

Government Records Repository, Shea's Creek (undated)

Part of the interior of the Government Records Repository at Shea's Creek, Alexandria.

Interior of Shea's Creek, c.1964. Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1964, p. 3

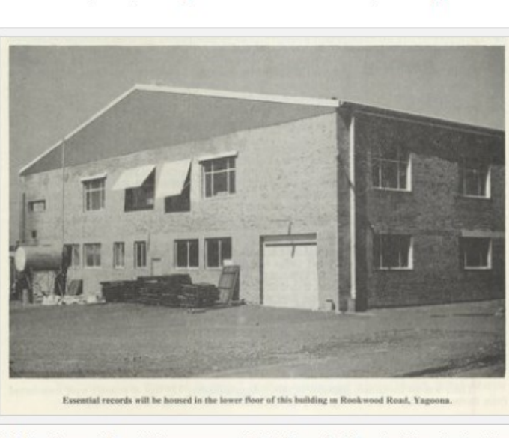
As early as 1961, the Archives Authority of New South Wales had identified the need for more appropriate accommodation for the records.[9] In 1963 a site of 50 acres at Kingswood (corner of Bringelly and Caddens roads) was recommended for a "permanent repository for State archives and semi-current public records which [could not] be accommodated in the Public Library building,"[10] which was acquired in 1964.[11] A preliminary design was prepared by the Government Architect in 1965, comprising of "a large storage building of substantial but economical construction, fireproof and fully air conditioned, to house in the first instance semi-current public records of a large number of public offices and, later, increasing quantities of State archives, together with a small administrative block to provide offices, receiving, sorting and repair space, and a search room."[12]



Portion of the fifty acre site at Kingswood acquired for the Government Records Repository.

The first proposed site in Kingswood, corner of Bringelly and Caddens Roads (near present-day Kingswood High School). Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1964, p. 4

By 1971 two sheds at Shea's Creek were full to capacity, and an additional and more suitable brick and concrete storage facility was being utilised at 127 Rookwood Road, Yagoona from July 1970.[13] Despite the land being secured at Kingswood in 1964 and an initial design being prepared, funding for construction was not confirmed until 1972.[14] This was achieved through adjusting plans to follow a staged construction over successive financial years, and by June 1972 the Authority had approved final sketch plans of the site.[15]

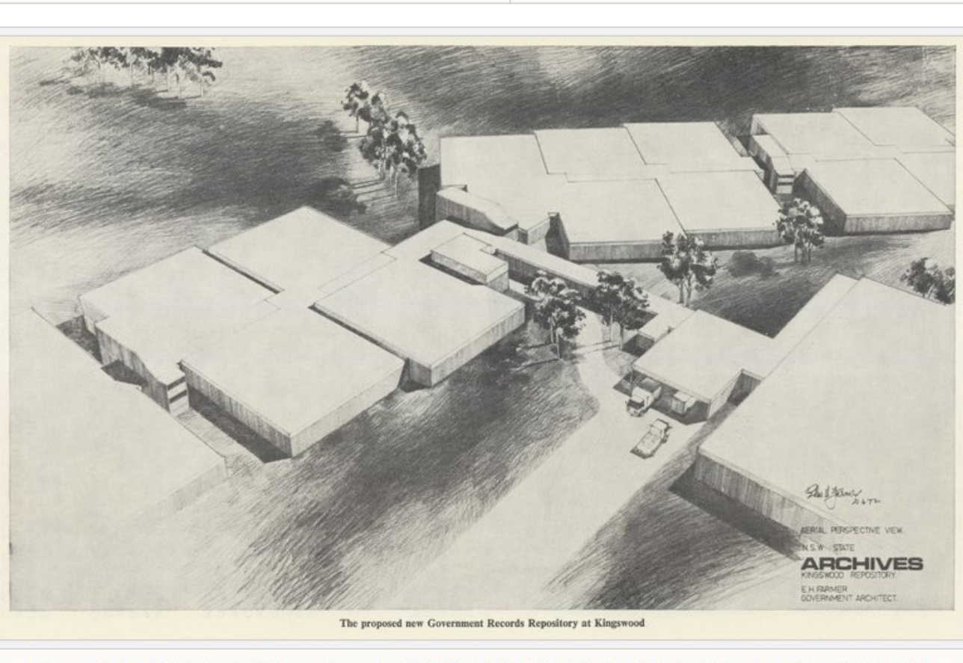


Essential records will be housed in the lower floor of this building at Rookwood Road, Yagoona.

127 Rookwood Road, Yagoona, c.1970. Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1970, p. 6

During the year a notice board was erected on the site of the proposed repository at Kingswood.

Sign placed on first proposed Kingswood site, c.1971. Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1971, p. 7



The proposed new Government Records Repository at Kingswood

Plan of proposed building on first proposed site, 21/6/1972. Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1972, p. 7

In early 1973 the Authority agreed to exchange the proposed site for another in Kingswood, this time fronting O'Connell Street.[16] Work was commenced in July 1973,[17] and facilities consisting of twelve cells was 'virtually completed' by November 1974.[18] It was calculated that three new cells would be required each year to accommodate new accessions,[19] and by the close of 1975, fifteen cells were available to house approximately 27.5km of records with a further three cells committed-to for 1976.[20] The State Archives and Government Records Repository at Kingswood was officially opened by then Minister for Culture, Sport and Recreation, the Hon. L F J Barraclough, on 28 November 1975.[21]

Construction at O'Connell Street site, Kingswood, c.1973-74

Construction at O'Connell Street site, Kingswood, c.1973-74

The official opening of the State Archives and Government Records Repository, Kingswood, 28/11/1975. L-R: Dr R E Klugman, MHR; Mr R J Mulock, MLA; Mr J W Davies, Chairman of the Archives Authority; the Hon L J F Barraclough, MLA, Minister for Culture, Sport and Recreation; Mrs E Cammack, Mayor of Penrith; and Mr R F Doust, Acting Principal Archivist. Report of the New South Wales Archives Authority for 1975, p. 3

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[1] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for the Period 1st June, 1961, to 31st December, 1961, p. 2
[2] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1962, p. 5
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[6] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1965, p. 5
[7] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1967, p. 5
[8] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1972, p. 8
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[10] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1963, p. 3
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[13] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1970, p. 7
[14] Tyler, Peter. State Records NSW 1788-2011, Desert Pea Press, 2011, p. 66
[15] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1972, p. 8
[16] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1973, p. 9
[17] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1973, p. 9
[18] Report of the Archives Authority of New South Wales for 1974, p. 10
[19] Tyler, Peter. State Records NSW 1788-2011, Desert Pea Press, 2011, p. 67
[20] Report of the New South Wales Archives Authority for 1975, p. 9
[21] Report of the New South Wales Archives Authority for 1975, p. 2

Christmas Competition

As is now a Christmas tradition for Now&Then, we are running a Christmas Competition for our Now&Then readers. Winners will receive ONE of the following:

- a FREE copy of a file (probate packet, deceased estate file, divorce case paper, or primary application packet) of your choice.

All you need to do for a chance to win is to answer 10 questions. The competition closes on Wednesday 23rd December 2015, and the first 10 correct entries will win a prize. The names of the winners will be published in the February 2016 Issue of Now&Then.

» COMPETITION NOW CLOSED «

New **library additions**

State Records NSW holds a large collection of information resources in its library, including a wide range of formats such as books, journals, CD-ROMs and videos. This material is available to the public to view in our reading room, searchable via the **OPAC** (Online Public Access Catalogue) link on the **public access computers** (also in the reading room).

Our library is always expanding as new material is acquired through selection and through generous donations. The latest books/manuscripts acquired include:

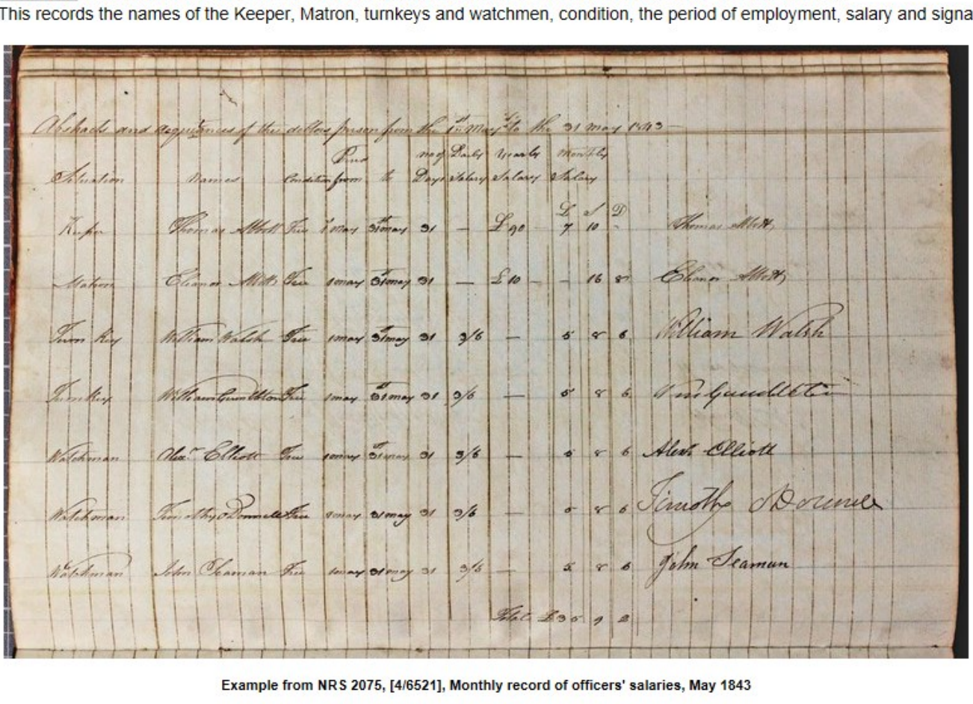
Title / Author / Publisher	Donations
Sculpture victorious : art in an age of invention, 1837-1901 / edited by Martina Droth, Jason Edwards, Michael Hatt. New Haven, Conn., USA : Yale University, 2014 (book)	Donation
New insights from recent studies in historical astronomy: following in the footsteps of F Richard Stephenson : a meeting to honor F Richard Stephenson on his 70th birthday / Wayne Orchison, David A Green, Richard Strom (eds). Cham, Switzerland : Springer International, 2015 (book)	Donation
Transportation lists : County Westmeath, Ireland / researched and compiled by Micheál Ó Conláin (manuscript)	Donation

Spotlight on: **Debtors' prison records**

When we hear the words 'Debtors' Prison', many of us would immediately think of Dickensian England and Little Dorrit whose father was imprisoned in the Marshalsea Debtors' prison for many years. Yet, New South Wales had its own Debtors' Prison at Carters Barracks from 1835-43. Carters Barracks, which had formerly been used to house boy convicts, was converted for the purpose.

State Records holds the following specific series of records relating to:

- **NRS 2074**, **Copies of letters sent** [Carters Barracks - Debtors' Prison], 7 December 1835-7 March 1839 [4/6521 part].
  This volume contains copies of letters sent by the Gaoler to the High Sheriff, Police Magistrates, Superintendent of Hyde Park Barracks, Colonial Architect and other public officers concerning prisoners, staff and the state of the gaol
- **NRS 2075**, **Monthly record of officers' salaries** [Carters Barracks - Debtors' Prison], 1836-43 [4/6521 part].
  This records the names of the Keeper, Matron, turnkeys and watchmen, condition, the period of employment, salary and signature.

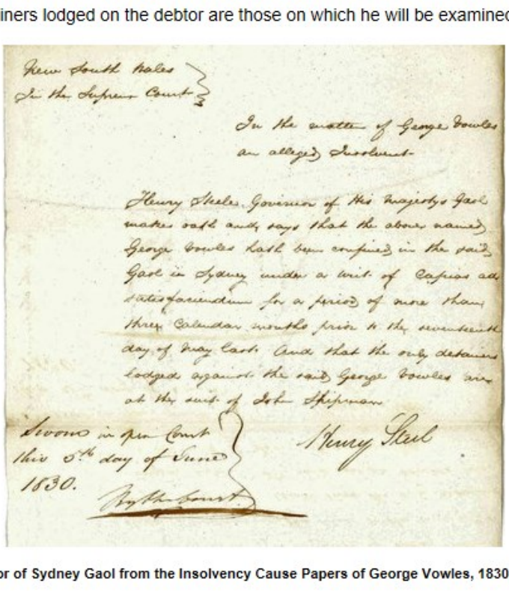


Example from NRS 2075, [4/6521], Monthly record of officers' salaries, May 1843

From NRS 2074 we can gain an insight into life in the Debtors' Prison. Complaints were made by debtors occupying the ground floor of the prison of their health being affected by the damp conditions. Complaints were also received concerning visitors being only admitted between 9am and 4pm, whereas in England it was said to be from sunrise to sunset (although in NSW professional men were allowed visit from sunrise to sunset). Debtors were allowed to wear their own clothing and to have food and provisions brought in. There are reports of drunkenness amongst both prisoners and staff and dismissal of staff for bringing liquor into the prison. Gambling was rife throughout the prison and visiting prostitutes pretended to be debtors' wives in order to gain access.

Some of our readers have been surprised to find mention in the insolvency records of an ancestor in gaol. Some of our readers may not be aware of the series **NRS 13521**, **Insolvency cause papers** (incomplete) [Supreme Court], 1828-1888. After 1845 papers are of a miscellaneous nature, however, up to 1842 the Insolvency Cause Papers may contain:

- The insolvent's petition, showing the date of commencement of confinement in debtors' prison, declaring that his schedule contains "a full account and discovery of all his estate and effects", requesting appointment of a date for the hearing of his schedule, and begging a Court order for his release. In terms of the Debtors' Estates Distribution Act of 1830 (11 Geo. IV No.7), an insolvent could apply for a hearing upon being imprisoned for a period of not less than three months upon filing a correct schedule.
- The 1830 case papers may also include an affidavit of the Gaol Governor that the debtor has been imprisoned for not less than three months, and that the only detainers lodged on the debtor are those on which he will be examined, should his petition be successful.[1]



New South Wales
In the Supreme Court
In the matter of George Vowles an alleged Insolvent
Henry Steele, Governor of His Majesty's Gaol, maketh oath and says that the above named George Vowles hath been confined in the said Gaol in Sydney under a writ of Capias ad satisfaciendum for a period of more than three Calendar months prior to the seventeenth day of May last And that the only detainers lodged against the said George Vowles are at the suit of John Shipman
Sworn in open Court this 5th day of June 1830.
Henry Steel

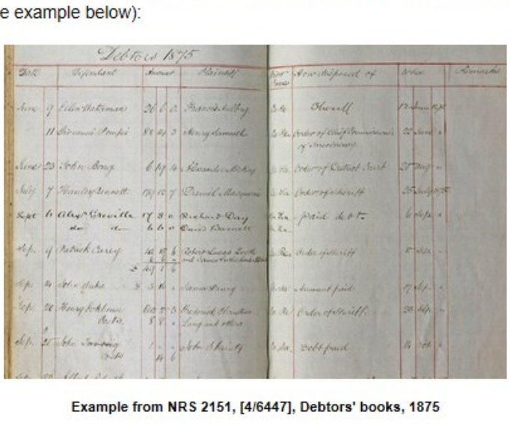
The affidavit of the Governor of Sydney Gaol from the Insolvency Cause Papers of George Vowles, 1830. From: NRS 13521 [5/4638]

An index to NRS 13521 is available in our reading room in the Insolvency folder. For other records relating to debtors see **Court of Requests**, 1823-1859 (Agency 1071). For records see under the particular court of requests held at Bathurst, Berrima, County of Cumberland, Gosford, Liverpool, Newcastle, Parramatta, Queanbeyan, Sydney and Windsor.

By 1842, financial distress "had become so common in the colony due to widespread drought and economic downturn that it became necessary to suspend imprisonment for debt to prevent overcrowding and in the following year imprisonment for debt was legally abolished" by the Insolvency Act of 1843 (7 Vic. No.19).[2]

However, people could still be imprisoned for non-compliance with orders for payment of penalties or fines of the civil courts. The poet Henry Lawson was imprisoned for non-payment of maintenance for his children.[3]

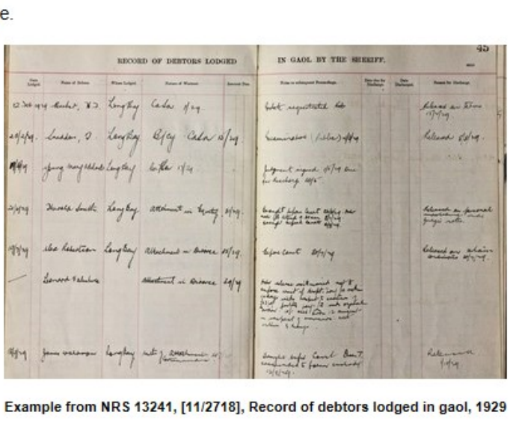
NRS 2151, **Debtors' books** [Sydney and Darlinghurst Gaols] 1829-1900. These volumes list persons detained under civil process in Sydney and Darlinghurst Gaols. Details shown are: date received in gaol, defendant's name, amount, plaintiff, writ or process, discharged, when and by whom, remarks [4/6446-47]. While arranged alphabetically by the first letter of the surname and then in chronological order the years 1829-c.1838, they may be very faint and difficult to read (see example below):



Example from NRS 2151, [4/6447], Debtors' books, 1875

NRS 13223, **Miscellaneous notes relating to gaols**, 1876-92 [6/5502] includes regulations for the imprisonment of debtors at Darlinghurst Gaol, 1890. It shows that little had changed from the Carters Barracks –Debtors' Prison days, the regulations in part include the following: Visiting hours between 10am and 4pm, one hour's interview and not to exceed two hours daily. Debtors to make up their own beds and to keep their ward clean. A reasonable supply of clothing, food and other necessary articles was allowed to be brought in for the debtors' use but no spirituous liquors or the like. No gaming. The debtor was to keep clean and if unable to obtain the necessary changes of clothing could be compelled to wear prison clothing. For the purpose of cleanliness, hair could be compulsorily cut.

NRS 13241, **Record of debtors lodged in gaol** (by the Sheriff), 24 October 1909-21 November 1953 [11/2718] (see example below).
The volume records date lodged, name of debtor, gaol lodged in, the nature of the warrant, monies due and information concerning subsequent proceedings including details of discharge.



Example from NRS 13241, [11/2718], Record of debtors lodged in gaol, 1929

See also records of the Sheriff, Agency 5 in Archives Investigator, for the various writs and processes under which a person may have been incarcerated due to non-compliance.

Related records

- Governor's Court Records 1815-24
- An under-utilised source for family, social and local historians are the small debts registers listed in *Archives Investigator* under particular courts of petty sessions such as **NRS 2870**, **Small Debts Registers** [Burwood Court of Petty Sessions], 1899-1966.

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2. Archives Investigator Agency 5052, Carter's Barracks - Debtor's Prison
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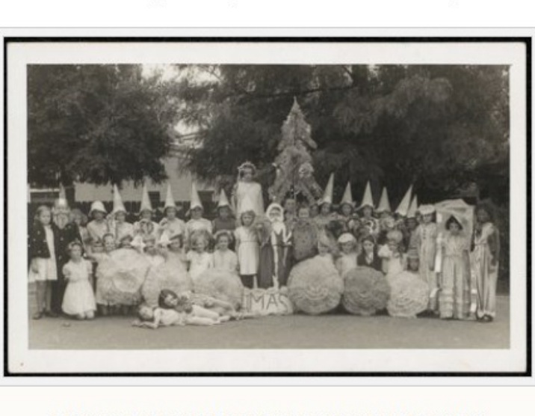
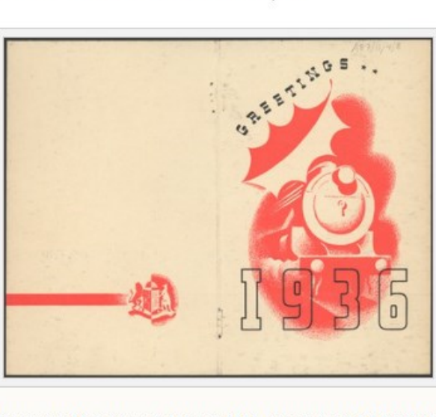
(Christmas) treasures found in the records

Every now and then rare examples of items are found in our collection which may be described as 'treasures'.

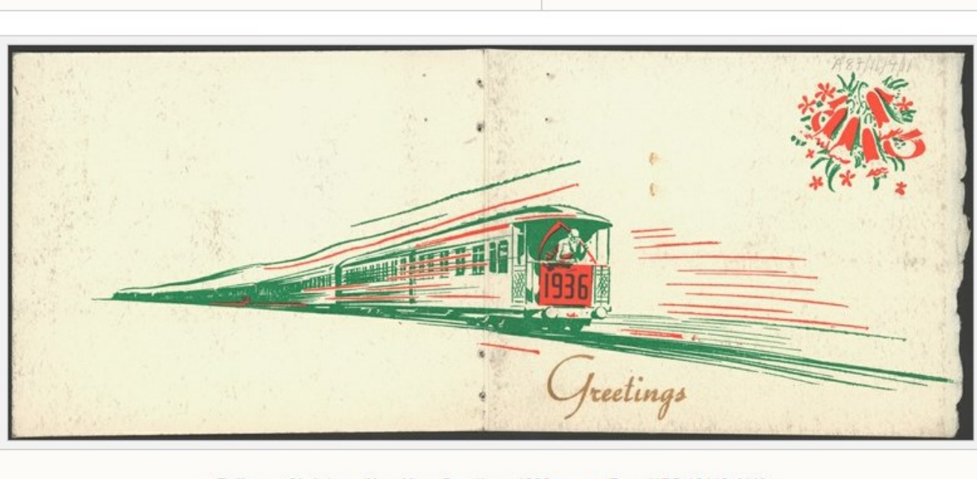
Some Christmas-related records have been identified over the years, including those featured in our Christmas card set from NRS 4505 and NRS 16410. There are others though, which provide windows into the ways Christmas has been celebrated in NSW in the past:



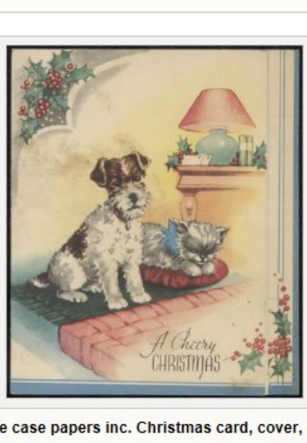
Adamstown Public School Christmas play, 1940. Digital ID: 15051_a047_000023



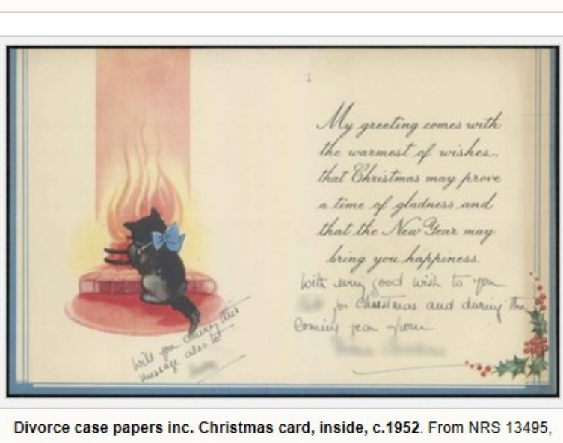
Railways Christmas Greetings 1936, cover. From NRS 16410, [4A]



Railways Christmas/New Year Greetings 1936, cover. From NRS 16410, [4A]

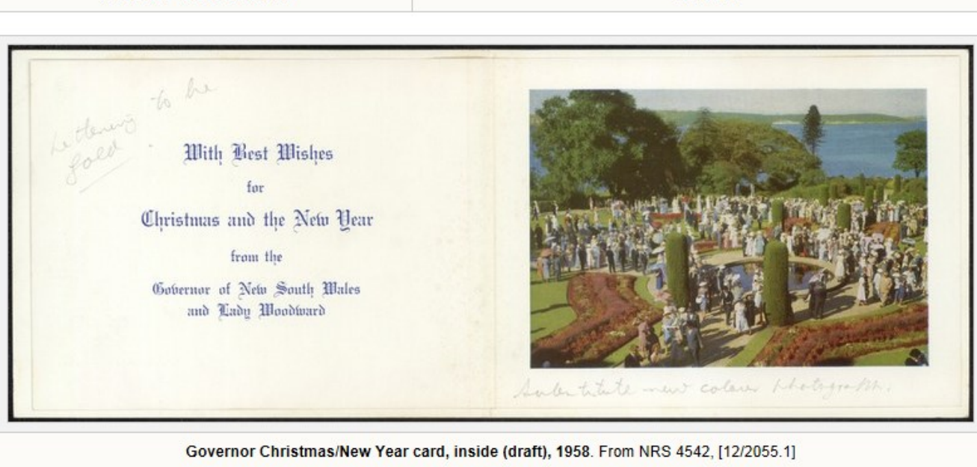


Divorce case papers inc. Christmas card, cover, c.1952. From NRS 13495, 893/1953



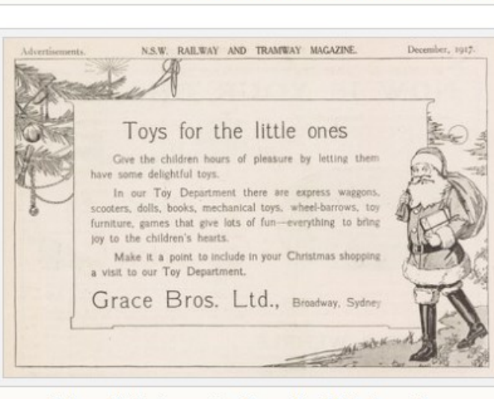
My greeting comes with the warmest of wishes, that Christmas may prove a time of gladness and that the New Year may bring you happiness

Divorce case papers inc. Christmas card, inside, c.1952. From NRS 13495, 893/1953



With Best Wishes
for
Christmas and the New Year
from the
Governor of New South Wales
and Lady Woodward

Governor Christmas/New Year card, inside (draft), 1958. From NRS 4542, [12/2055.1]



Advertisements. N.S.W. RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY MAGAZINE. December, 1917.

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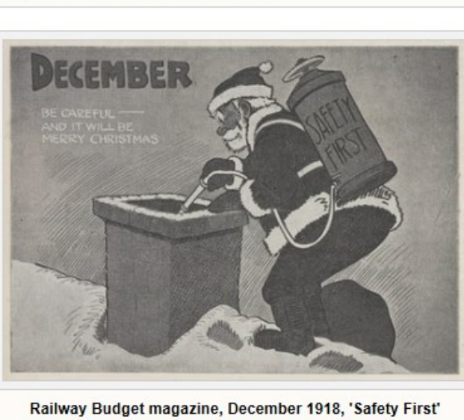
Make it a point to include in your Christmas shopping a visit to our Toy Department.

Grace Bros. Ltd., Broadway, Sydney

Railway Budget magazine, December 1917, Grace Bros. advertisement, opposite p. 5. From NRS 15298, [26]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SAFETY FIRST

Railway Budget magazine, December 1918, 'Safety First' illustration, p. 22. From NRS 15298, [27]

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View from McMahon's Point

Sydney Harbour Bridge (from McMahon's Point), 1929

Timor Rock near Coonabarabran (NSW)

Timor Rock near Coonabarabran, n.d

Photograph album of Eveleigh Workshops during the 1917 railway strike - Barbers in Paint shop

Eveleigh Workshops during the 1917 railway strike - Barbers in Paint shop

Hurlstone Agricultural High School - Blacksmith's shop

Hurlstone Agricultural High School, 1920

George Street Flickr Album

As George Street closed for road works at the end of October 2015 to be re-vamped for tram lines we look back at George Street over the years via our Flickr album

If you don't have a Flickr account you can still browse these photos on Flickr and most are also available on Photo Investigator.

Upcoming talks and tours

See more upcoming events on our State Records Events page.

Records relating to children in care in the 19th and early 20th centuries

Gail Davis will be presenting this session focusing on children in care to the Campbelltown Family History Society. Gail will also be presenting a session on land records held at State Records as part of the program.

6 February 2016
1:30pm to 3:30pm
Campbelltown City Library Meeting Room 1, 1 Hurley Street Campbelltown
Denise Baxter
More information

An introduction to land records

Gail Davis will be presenting this session which focuses on land records held at State Records NSW. As part of the same program Gail will also be presenting a talk titled Records relating to children in care in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

6 February 2016
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Denise Baxter
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Locating 'missing' children in the nineteenth and early 20th centuries

John Cann will be presenting this talk at the Tuggerah Library, covering methods for finding children placed in State care in the nineteenth and early 20th century.

17 February 2016
10:30am to 12:30pm
Tuggerah Library, Westfield Tuggerah, 50 Wyong Road, Tuggerah
Contact: Michelle Goldsmith
(02) 4350 1560

Pandora' Box: lifting the lid on the weird and wonderful in the State's archives

Gail Davis is presenting this session at the Family, Local and Social History Expo at Kiama. Hear about some of the curiosities in the collection including the model for the 19th century Torpedo Antidote and Wave Breaker, the 1887 key to Rookwood Asylum and a 1918 silver mesh evening bag . Other objects include watercolour paintings on silkscreens showing artist's impressions of the designs for Leeton and Griffith, beautiful illuminated addresses, travel brochures, motion pictures, furniture and photographs, lantern slides and fabric samples. Gail will also be hosting an exhibitors table at the Expo.

16 April 2016
9:30am to 4pm
Kiama Pavilion 2 Bong Bong Street Kiama
Sue Lark

The art of deciphering hand written documents from the late 18th and 19 centuries

Gail Davis will be presenting this session at Tuggerah Library.

11May 2016
10:30am to 12:30pm
Tuggerah Library, Westfield Tuggerah, 50 Wyong Road, Tuggerah
Michelle Goldsmith
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