



Benefits of Membership of the Redland Genealogical Society Inc.

Family Research! - Can you do it on your own? Is it best to join a group?

RGS Members have free access to -

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| > FindMyPast | > Biographical Database of |
| > RootsIreland | Australia |
| > The Genealogist | > Ancestry.com |

Over \$2,200 is paid each year in subscriptions to research websites, as well as for **Overseas and Australian** commercial and genealogical society journals. (Ancestry.com is provided free by Redland City Council).

A \$35 annual membership fee (\$50 Family) gives you **free access to these websites** from computers in our **Genealogy Room**, and to a wide range of **local & overseas research** publications, indexes (many of which are not available on the internet), CDs and microfiche. Means are provided to print results of your research.

As a Financial Member, **you can obtain the key to our Genealogy Room**, located the Redland City Council's Cleveland Library, to use these resources **any time** that the Cleveland Library is open. You are not limited to Tuesday and Thursday mornings or Saturday afternoons when our Genealogy Research Assistants (GRAs) are available to assist Members and the visiting public.

Your membership gives you **access to the password-protected Members' Section** of the RGS Website -

- In here you have free access **from your home** to Magazines and Newsletters from Australian and Overseas family history organisations.
- There are details of, and links to Australian and Overseas family history societies.
- There are details of Australian family history societies with which we have arranged **Reciprocal Visiting Rights**. RGS members visiting these Societies have access to their resources on the same basis that these Societies' own members have.

At most monthly General Meetings, **Guest Speakers** present on a wide range of topics. These addresses are followed by a question-and-answer period and prove very informative. At others, Members' discussion sessions address topics such as tackling research "dead ends", Family Tree software programs, getting the best out of research websites.

Facilities are available **to stay in contact with fellow members between the monthly meetings** -

- A private Members' Chat Group is available on the RGS Facebook page.
- Evening chat meetings are held monthly via Zoom sessions.

This is particularly helpful for those who are not always able to get to the General Meetings.

Special Interest Groups -

- The DNA Interest Group meets monthly.
- The Writing Interest Group meets bi-monthly.

Non-members may participate, as guests, in two of each of the Zoom sessions and the Special Interest Group meetings. They then must become Members if they wish to continue to participate.

If you are interested in participating in a Zoom session, please contact our Zoom Coordinator on zoomgenie6@gmail.com and you will be advised of the next session date and times, together with instructions on the process of accessing it. For information on Special Interest Groups, contact redlandgs@gmail.com.

We have a Magazine Interest Group whose members **share Australian and Overseas family history societies' magazines** that are subscribed to privately by other MIG members. Only RGS members can become a part of this Group.