

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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| > Ancestry.com | > MyHeritage |
| > Biographical Database of Australia | > RootsIreland |
| > FindMyPast | > TheGenealogist |



Over \$2,200 is paid each year in subscriptions to research organisations, as well as **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 in the Redland City Council's Cleveland Library, to use these resources **any time the Cleveland Library is open**. You are not limited to Tuesday and Thursday mornings or Saturday afternoons when our Genealogy Research Assistants (GRAs) are in attendance to assist the visiting Public and our Members.

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

- **From your home** you have free access to Magazines and Newsletters from Australian and Overseas family history organisations and can gain free access to MyHeritage.
- There are links to many Australian and Overseas family history organisations to assist with research.
- 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 – handy when travelling on holidays!

At most monthly General Meetings, **Guest Speakers** present on a wide range of topics. These addresses are followed by questions-and-answers and prove very informative. At other monthly meetings, Members lead discussion sessions, addressing topics such as getting the most out of research websites, tackling research dead ends (the dreaded “brick walls”) and family tree genealogy programs, to name a few.

Facilities are available to stay in contact with fellow members between monthly meetings:

- A private “Members’ Chat Group” is available on the RGS Facebook page.
- Training-based evening sessions are held monthly via Zoom.

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

Special Interest Groups:

- The “DNA Interest Group” meets monthly to assist with understanding results and putting them to use.
- The “Writing Interest Group” meets every second month, focussing on writing family history.

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

If you are interested in participating in a **Zoom Session**, 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 for accessing it. For information on **Special Interest Groups** email redlandgs@gmail.com.

We have a “Magazine Interest Group” **whose members share** Australian and Overseas family history societies' magazines to which they have privately subscribed. Only RGS members can become a part of this Group.