



Benefits of Membership of Redland Genealogical Society Inc.

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

Members can access the following websites, **Group A** - free in our Genealogy Room:

> Ancestry > Biographical Database of Australia > FindMyPast > RootsIreland
> TheGenealogist

Members can access the following websites, **Group B** - free from their home computers:

> Irish Ancestors > MyHeritage > RootsIreland > TheGenealogist



The Society pays over \$2,500 annually in subscriptions to **Overseas & Australian** research organisations and commercial & genealogical society journals. (“Ancestry” is provided free by Redland City Council).

Membership gives you **free access to the websites listed above**, and to a wide range of resources in our Genealogy Room in the Redland City Council’s Cleveland Library. These include local & overseas research publications, indexes (many of which are not available on the internet), CDs and microfiche.

As a Financial Member, **you can obtain the key to our Genealogy Room**, to use these resources **at any time that the Cleveland Library is open**. You are not limited to when our volunteer Genealogy Research Assistants (GRAs) are in attendance on Tuesday & Thursday mornings and Saturday afternoons. The GRAs are in attendance to provide assistance and advice to our Members and to Visitors.

Your membership gives access to the password-protected Members’ Section of our Website!

- **From your home you have free access to the Group B websites**, as well as to Magazines and Newsletters from Australian and Overseas family history organisations. There are links to many Australian and Overseas family history organisations to assist your research. There are details of Australian family history societies, some local, with which we have **Reciprocal Rights**. Members visiting these Societies have access to their resources on the same basis as these Societies’ own members – 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 some 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 software, 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.

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

Special Interest Groups:

- The “Writing Interest Group” meets every second month, focussing on writing family history.
- The “DNA Interest Group” holds meetings twice yearly with speakers focussing on assisting with understanding results and putting them to use. Throughout the year, the Convenor informs members of new resources about utilising DNA and is available to answer questions raised by members.

Details of Special Interest Group meetings are announced at the monthly General Meetings. Contact information for Convenors is published in members’ copies of our newsletter, *Redland Researcher*.

Non-members may participate as guests in two of the Writing Interest Group meetings. Then they must become Members to continue to participate. Email redlandgs@gmail.com for meeting details.

We have a “Magazine Interest Group” **whose members share within the group** Australian and Overseas family history societies’ magazines to which they have privately subscribed.