

# STATE RECORDS OUT & ABOUT

> AGENDA

**Total Family History Fair**

Visit our display and hear our speaker advise on family history records held by State Records.

**Total College, Paterson**

Sun 6 April 10.00 am – 3.00 pm  
enquiries: Total College 1800 025520

**Australian Institute of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies**

**Indigenous Family History Fair**

Visit our display, get to know our staff and the records that can help you trace your family.

**Wodonga Civic Convention Centre**

Fri 4 – Sun 6 April  
enquiries: Family History Unit 1800 730129 or family@aiatsis.gov.au

**Canberra Family History Fair**

Speakers and displays on family history records from the National Archives, State Records NSW, the National Library, the Australian War Memorial and local history and genealogy groups.

**The National Archives, Canberra**

Sun 6 April 10.00 am – 4.00 pm  
enquiries: (02) 6212 3956

**Society of Australian Genealogists**

**Ancestors & their Acres seminar**

Hear about the wide range of land records available for research and how to wend your way through them. Speakers include Dr John Ferry of the University of New England and Peter Chadwick from Land and Property Information Services.

**Society of Australian Genealogists**

Sat 12 April 10.00 am – 3.30 pm  
enquiries: (02) 9247 3953 or info@sag.org.au  
bookings essential

**Society of Australian Genealogists**

**Hatching, Matching & Despatching seminar**

Learn how the State archives can help you find that elusive birth, death or marriage at this seminar featuring the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages and transcription agent Joy Murrin.

**Society of Australian Genealogists**

Sat 26 April 10.00 am – 3.30 pm  
enquiries: (02) 9247 3953 or info@sag.org.au  
bookings essential

## Vale IAN MACLEAN

The archives world lost one of its inspirational figures with the death on 25 February 2003 of Ian Maclean at the age of eighty-three. Regarded as Australia's first professional archivist, Maclean was appointed as the Commonwealth Government's first Archives Officer in 1944. Over the next quarter century he lead the development of what eventually became the National Archives of Australia and of its system of archives

management. In a career of high achievement, he held senior posts in several of Australia's major archives, including as Principal Archivist of New South Wales from 1976 to 1980. Maclean was responsible for many intellectual and practical innovations that are now fundamental parts of Australian archives and records management practice. Managers and users of archives alike owe him a great debt of gratitude.

# Online Additions

The latest addition to our online indexes is the Index to Surveyors' Letters, 1822-55 <<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/land/letters/introduction.htm>>. With the assistance of these 'portals to the past' it is possible to retrace the steps of an early government surveyor, such as Robert Hoddle. Using his Field Books with their cryptic jottings; daily reports with touching notations like 'Christmas Day rested'; and a beautiful map featuring the road from 'Mitchell's new line of road', his 1829-30 journey comes vividly to life.

*State Records NSW: Surveyor General; CGS 13859, Maps and Plans, 1792-1880; Plan of the road from Mitchell's new line of road south of Berrima in two places and Paddy's River to Wingecarribee Swamp joining road to Kiama, Hoddle, 1831, R.1.853, [Map 5102]*

*State Records NSW: Surveyor General; CGS 13736, Letters received from surveyors, 1822-55; Letters received from Robert Hoddle, 1831 [2/1544], Reel 3070*

If you'd like to learn more about the State archives collection and how to use it, why not come along to one of our seminars. If you can't make it to one of our own events, we're also busy out and about in the community at a wide range of fairs, seminars and conferences.

## COMING EVENTS @ STATE RECORDS

### Heritage Festival 2003

Monday 7 – Friday 11 April 2003

A series of talks at various venues along the Mid-North Coast, NSW, in conjunction with the National Archives of Australia.

#### Taree

Mon 7 April 7.00 pm

#### Port Macquarie

Tues 8 April 1.30 pm

#### Uralla

Wed 9 April 4.00 pm

#### Armidale

Wed 9 April 7.30 pm

#### Tamworth

Thurs 10 April 7.30 pm

### All Aboard!

Come along and learn how to access NSW railway records in the State archives in this Heritage Festival activity.

Sydney Records Centre

Sat 12 April 10.30 am –1.00 pm

### Indigenous Issues: Records Relating to Aboriginal Workers on the Railways

Sydney Records Centre

Sat 24 May 10.30 am – 3.30 pm

### Our Reel Past

You are invited to a screening of a selection of those quaint 'informative' government films from the 20th century.

Sydney Records Centre

Tues 17 June 10.30 am –12.30 pm

Western Sydney Records Centre

Thurs 19 June 10.30 am –12.30 pm

State Records will also be participating in NAIDOC Week, 6-12 April, and History Week, 12-23 September. Details to be announced soon.

**All activities held at State Records are FREE bookings essential**

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