Family History Internet Site

State Library of Queensland

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collections**
  - such as

Search the index in the State Library of Queensland’s [One Search](http://onesearch.slq.qld.gov.au/) catalogue. Select “SLQ Family History Indexes”.

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.**
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community History**
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Contemporary Stories**
- **Indigenous Knowledge Centres**
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Blogs, exhibitions and recordings**
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and stories**
- **Online enquiry form** ([http://askslq.altarama.com/reft100.aspx?key=RefAtt](http://askslq.altarama.com/reft100.aspx?key=RefAtt)) If you have a research enquiry (They will provide an answer within 10 working days).
- **Ancestry** is available on One Search which will link you to the Ancestry Library Edition database.

AIATSIS
I highly recommend that you visit Australian Institution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) [http://aiatsis.gov.au/] as a first point of call. View the online tutorial to better understand the AIASIS systems [http://aiatsis.gov.au/research/guides-and-resources/tutorials].

- **Aboriginal language Map** ([http://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/articles/aiatsis-map-indigenous-australia](http://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/articles/aiatsis-map-indigenous-australia)) site allows you to purchase the map represented in the *Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*. This map was created using the published resources available between 1988 and 1994, the map attempts to represent language, tribal or nation groups of Australia’s Indigenous peoples.

**Centre for Indigenous Family History Studies** ([http://www.cifhs.com/](http://www.cifhs.com/))
This web site has material extracted from publically available archival records mentioned below. A worthy Internet site, but remember that the words used in these extracts are those that appear in the original documents, which could be offensive to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Some of the sources are from:-

1. Births, Deaths and Marriages  
2. Auditor General Reports  
3. Aboriginal Trackers  
4. Colonial Secretary  
5. Education and School Marriages  
6. Employment  
7. Exemptions  
8. Gaols and Prisoners  
9. General  
10. Health and Medical  
11. Police and Courts  
12. Protector of Aborigines Letter books  
13. Queensland Parliamentary Papers  
14. Removals  
15. Settlements and Missions  
16. Torres Strait Islanders

**Link-up** ([http://www.link-upqld.org.au/](http://www.link-upqld.org.au/)). Link-up provides a caring and private service to members of the Stolen Generation. If you are looking for your family of origin, Link-up can help you reunite with your family members if you have been:  
- adopted  
- fostered  
- removed  
- separated  
- institutionalised.
**Queensland Registry of Birth, Death and Marriages**

Department of Justice and Attorney General - Queensland Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages has a history researcher online database (captured February 2017)


They hold records of life events (births, deaths and marriages) that took place in Queensland, from 1829 to present day.

Historical records are available to anyone online, without proof of ID. Historical records are:
- births that took place more than 100 years ago (1829 to 1917).
- marriages that took place more than 75 years ago (1829 to 1942).
- deaths that occurred more than 30 years ago (1829 to 1987).

The Department of Justice and Attorney General also hold historical church records for:
- baptisms and burials between 1829 and 1856
- church marriages between 1839 and 1856
- some marine birth and death records to 1920
- some death records for Service Personnel who enlisted in Queensland for World Wars 1 and 2.

To access more recent records, you need to satisfy the Queensland Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages access policy.


Ancestor charts and records are a great way of keep track of family members. This Internet site provides a variety of genealogy charts and research aids for free download. Note that the files are in Adobe Acrobat™ format, but worth printing off if you are serious about doing your family history.


Findmypast.com.au is a family history and genealogy website, which launched in May 2010. With millions of records covering Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands. The great variety of records satisfies the family history buff as well as the social and local historian alike.

I am not sure if this site will be of value for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but it can’t hurt.

Note that while within State Library of Queensland you have free access to certain records through a partnership with findmypast. Otherwise you will need to register and sign in.

- Cemetery records
- Death records
- Probate, land & court records
- Migration records
- Directories
- Criminal reports
- Electoral rolls
- Almanacs
- Military records
- Government gazettes
Family Search (https://familysearch.org/) which as several sites to assist people with their family history and a world online database where you can capture Australian information https://familysearch.org/search

Queensland government agencies have managed the affairs of Indigenous Australians over a long period of time and the Queensland State Archives is the official repository of agencies

Agencies such as:
- Southern Protectors of Aboriginals
- Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Department, Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Division http://www.archivessearch.qld.gov.au/Search/AgencyDetails.aspx?AgencyId=41

You can check the Queensland State Archives online catalogue at (http://www.archivessearch.qld.gov.au/Search/BasicSearch.aspx)

Brief guide 50 to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/brief-guides-at-qsa/resource/3a08df52-1b0e-4bbd-957a-c948a0712612

Guide to searching the Queensland State Archives catalogue, ArchivesSearch.
https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/7c47a324-e4dc-46ee-b0b9-7f4992331e94/resource/19d71a1f-ed94-4b96-8fe9-bf4d27347689

- Trove http://trove.nla.gov.au/ Most people use Trove to view newspapers and Gazettes. It is more than a search engine or catalogue.
- Bringing Them Home Oral History Project - http://www.nla.gov.au/oral-history/bringing-them-home-oral-history-project over 300 interviews collected between 1998 and 2002 with Indigenous people and others, such as missionaries, police and administrators involved in or affected by the process of child removals. Listen online to a selection of interviews.
- Mura Gadi - https://www.nla.gov.au/mura-gadi-has-moved. An online guide to significant manuscripts, pictures and oral histories in the National Library of Australia relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples prior to 2003. This bibliography is current to 1999.

National Archives of Australia (http://www.naa.gov.au/)


Australian Human Rights Commissions

Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland (adcq)
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family history. (https://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/department-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-partnerships).

This Department has with it the Community and Personal Histories section https://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/people-communities/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-family-history which have councillors to assist you with navigating the Queensland State Archives Records. They have an office in the Public Search Room at Queensland State Archives. The office is staffed most days, however, it is a good idea to phone on 07 3273 3949 before travelling to the Public Search Room at Runcorn. Alternatively, you may call 1800 650 230 for assistance.

FINDING YOUR CLAN NAME ONLINE
When trying to find research information on your group it is advised to use as many varieties of groups as possible.

South Australia Museum. The South Australian Museum have placed online Norman Tindale Collection catalogue of Australian Aboriginal Tribes information duplicated from Aboriginal tribes of Australia: their terrain, environmental controls, distribution, limits, and proper names. Digital copy of map http://hdl.handle.net/10462/deriv/18673 and information of the location of the group, co-ordinates, area size, and more is locatable at http://archives.samuseum.sa.gov.au/tindaletribes/index.html

The South Australia Museum digital copy of the Aboriginal tribes of Australia map http://archives.samuseum.sa.gov.au/tribalmap/ will enlarge until you can view the group name, then links to the catalogue where you can view information.

