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Useful addresses for historical research in Australia and New Zealand

Australia		
Australian Capital Territory (ACT)	<p>National Archives of Australia PO Box 7425 Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610 T +61 2 6212 3900 F +61 2 6212 3999 E copyright@naa.gov.au www.naa.gov.au</p>	Records of non-government assisted passages post 1901.
	<p>Noel Butlin Archives Centre Noel Butlin Archives Centre Australian National University 12 Balmain Crescent Acton ACT 0200 T +61 2 6125 2219 E butlin.archives@anu.edu.au www.archives.anu.edu.au</p>	Incorporating the Archives of Business and Labour Archival repository for Maritime Records. <i>Lloyd's Register of Ships 1897-1986</i> (incomplete).
	<p>Australian War Memorial Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT 2612 T +61 (02) 6243 4211 F +61 (02) 6243 4325 E info@awm.gov.au www.awm.gov.au/</p>	
	<p>Screensound Australia McCoy Circuit Acton ACT 2601 T +61 (02) 6248-2000 F +61 (02) 6248-2078 E access@screensound.gov.au www.screensound.gov.au</p>	Formerly National Screen and Sound Archive.
	<p>National Library of Australia Parkes Place Canberra ACT 2600 T + 61 (0)2 6262 1111 F +61 (0)2 6257 1703 www.nla.gov.au</p>	

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	<p>National Museum of Australia Lawson Crescent Acton ACT 2612 T +61 2 6208 5000 F +61 2 6208 5099 E information@nma.gov.au www.nma.gov.au</p>	
	<p>Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Lawson Crescent Acton ACT 2601 T +61 2 6246 1111 F +61 2 6261 4285 E library@aiatis.gov.au www.aiatis.gov.au/</p>	
New South Wales	<p>State Records New South Wales PO Box 516, Kingswood, NSW 2747 T +61 (02) 9673 1788 F +61 (02) 9833 4518 E info@records.nsw.gov.au www.records.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>Reading rooms: Sydney Records Centre, Globe Street, The Rocks, Sydney Western Sydney Records Centre, 143 O'Connell Street, Kingswood, NSW 2747</p> <p>Incorporating the records of the Maritime Services Board. See website for an online guide to resources, including records of shipping arrivals and departures, passengers and crew.</p> <p>Records of shipping arrivals and departures, passenger and crew liners.</p>
	<p>National Archives of Australia Sydney Office 120 Millor Road Chester Hill NSW 2162 T +61 (02) 9645 0110 www.naa.gov.au/</p>	
New South Wales	<p>State Library of New South Wales Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000 T +61 (02) 9273 1414 F +61 (02) 9273 1255 E library@sl.nsw.gov.au www.sl.nsw.gov.au/</p>	<p>Contains a general reference library including newspaper section, and the Nixon and Mitchell Libraries which hold the Australian and Pacific Collections.</p>

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<p>Society of Australian Genealogists Richmond Villa 120 Kent Street Sydney NSW 2000 T +61 (02) 9247 3953 F +61 (02) 9241 4872 info@sag.org.au www.sag.org.au/</p>	
<p>The Australian National Maritime Museum GPO Box 5131 Darling Harbour Sydney NSW 2001 T +61 (02) 9298 3777 F +61 (02) 9298 3780 E info@anmm.gov.au www.anmm.gov.au</p>	<p>Photographic Collection. Many vessels, such as steam launch <i>Lady Hopetown</i>, tug <i>Waratah</i>, pilot steamer <i>John Oxley</i>, barque <i>James Craig</i>. Displayed and preserved vessels, exhibits etc., including <i>Daring</i> class destroyer HMAS <i>Vampire</i>. <i>Lloyds List</i> hard copy and microfilm (1741-1900), index on microfilm (up to 1900).</p>
<p>The Hydrographer PO Box 1332 North Sydney NSW 2060</p>	<p>Records of shipwrecks, mainly post 1939, but some earlier records.</p>
<p>NSW Department of Transport 59 Golburn Street Sydney NSW 2000 www.transport.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>Shipwreck information</p>
<p>Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum Inc. PO Box 506 Ballina NSW 2478 T +61 02 66811002 F +61 02 66811002</p>	<p>Collection of memorabilia and information on the Royal Australian Navy, Merchant Navy and other navies of the world. Also information on local shipping history and a maritime library.</p>
<p>Newcastle Region Maritime Museum Fort Scratchley off Nobbys Road Newcastle www.amol.org.au nrmm@hunterlink.net.au +61 02 4929 2588</p>	<p>Fine examples of small boats, model ships and maritime artefacts are on display together with exhibits relating to Newcastle's port development over the past 2 centuries.</p>

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Queensland	<p>Queensland State Archives 162 Annesley Road Dutton Park Queensland 4102 T +61 7 3131 7777 F +61 7 3131 7764 info@archives.qld.gov.au www.archives.qld.gov.au</p>	Records on immigration before 1901.
	<p>Department of Transport Corner of Ballow & Wickenham Streets Brisbane Queensland</p>	Shipwreck information
South Australia	<p>State Library of South Australia GPO Box 419 North Terrace 5001 Adelaide T +61 8 8207 7250 F +61 8 8207 7247 E info@slsa.sa.gov.au www.slsa.sa.gov.au</p>	
	<p>Port Adelaide Nautical Museum St Vincent Street Port Adelaide SA 5015</p>	Maritime pictures, models and photographs etc.
South Australia	<p>Mannum Dock Museum of River History 6 Randell Street Mannum, SA 5238 T +61 (08) 8569 2733 E mdock@lm.net.au www.psmarion.com</p>	Information centre, especially regarding the paddle steamer <i>Marion</i> .
	<p>South Australian Maritime Museum 119 Lipson Street Port Adelaide South Australia 5015 T +61 08 8207 6255 F +61 08 8207 6266 E maritime@history.sa.gov.au www.history.sa.gov.au/maritime</p>	

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	<p>Department of Transport 68 Grenfell Street Adelaide SA</p>	
Tasmania	<p>Department of Transport 40 Macquarie Street Hobart Tasmania</p>	Shipwreck information
	<p>Archives Office of Tasmania 77 Murray Street Hobart TAS 7000 T +61 03 6233 7488 F +61 03 6233 7471 www.archives.tas.gov.au taho@education.tas.gov.au</p>	
Northern	<p>Northern Territory Archives Service 25 Cavenagh Street Darwin NT 0800 T +61 (08) 8999 5511 E: nt.archives@nt.gov.au www.nt.gov.au/nreta/ntas</p>	
Victoria	<p>Public Record Office 318 Little Bourke Street Melbourne Victoria 3000 T +61 3 9348 5600 F +61 3 9348 5656 ask.prov@prov.vic.gov.au www.prov.vic.gov.au/</p>	
	<p>Laverton Repository 57 Cherry Lane Laverton Victoria 3028</p>	
	<p>Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies PO Box 89, Hampton Victoria 3188 T +61 3 9877 3789 E info@aigs.org.au www.aigs.org.au/</p>	Research undertaken for members only, but advice given on sources of genealogical material in Australia and the UK.

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	<p>Swan Hill Folk Museum Box 524 Swan Hill Victoria 3585</p>	Records of inland paddle steamers
	<p>Shiplovers' Society of Australia GPO Box 1169K Melbourne Victoria 3001</p>	
	<p>Port of Melbourne Authority 29 Market Street Melbourne Victoria 3000</p>	Records of small Australian craft.
	<p>Department of Transport 589 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria 3000</p>	
	<p>Museum of Victoria PO Box 666E Melbourne, Victoria 3001 T +61 (03) 13 11 02 http://museumvictoria.com.au</p>	Hold some volumes of <i>Lloyd's Register of Ships</i> including 1864, 1939/40, 1947/48, 1998/99.
Western Australia	<p>The Library and Information Service of Western Australia Alexander Library Building Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000 T +61 8 9427 3111 F +61 8 9427 3256 info@slwa.wa.gov.au www.liswa.wa.gov.au</p>	
	<p>State Library of West Australia 102 Beaufort Street Perth WA 6000 T +61 8 9427 3111 F +61 8 9427 3256 info@slwa.wa.gov.au www.liswa.wa.gov.au</p>	

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<p>JS Battye Library of Western Australian History State Library Building James St, Perth WA 6000 T +61 8 9427 3111 F +61 8 9427 3256 info@slwa.wa.gov.au www.liswa.wa.gov.au</p>	
<p>Western Australian Maritime Museum Cliff Street Fremantle WA 6160 T +61 8 9431 8444 F +61 8 9431 8490 E freorcpt@museum.wa.gov.au www.museum.wa.gov.au/maritime</p>	<p>Extensive Dutch and other shipwreck material including <i>Batavia</i>, also many small craft.</p>

The Directory of Archives in Australia provides information on the location and holdings of over 450 archival repositories around Australia:
www.asap.unimelb.edu.au/directory.

New Zealand	
Auckland	<p>Auckland City Libraries Lorne Street Box 4138 Auckland T +64 (09) 377 0209 F +64 (09) 307 7741 www.aucklandlibrary.co.nz</p>
	<p>New Zealand National Maritime Museum Corner Quay & Hobson Streets Viaduct Basin PO Box 3141 Auckland T +64 (0)9 373 0800 F +64 (0)9 377 6000 E bookings@nzmaritime.org www.nzmaritime.org</p>

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	<p>New Zealand Society of Genealogists P.O. Box 8795 Symonds Street Auckland, 1035 T +64 9 570 4248 F+64 9 570 4238 E: nzsg-contact@genealogy.org.nz www.genealogy.org.nz</p>	
	<p>Auckland Institute and Museum Private Bag 92018 Parnell Auckland, New Zealand. T +64 09 302 6249 F +64 09 379 9956 E info@aucklandmuseum.com www.aucklandmuseum.com</p>	Records of local ships
	<p>Auckland War Memorial Museum Private Bag 92018 Parnell Auckland, New Zealand. T +64 09 302 6249 F +64 09 379 9956 E info@aucklandmuseum.com www.aucklandmuseum.com</p>	
	<p>The Museum of Transport, Technology & Social History Great North Road Western Springs Auckland PO Box 44-114 T +64 9 815 5800 F +64 9 846 4242 E enquiries@motat.org.nz www.motat.org.nz</p>	
Christchurch	<p>Canterbury Museum The Library Rolleston Avenue Christchurch 8001 T +64 3 366 5000 F +64 3 366 5622 E info@canterburymuseum.com www.canterburymuseum.com</p>	<p>Index of passengers to Lyttleton (port for Canterbury) and Dictionary of Biography with some passenger information. Index of ships to Canterbury in immigration period. Coastal shipping publications.</p>

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Otago	<p>The Hocken Collection Corner of Anzac Ave & Parry St. Dunedin New Zealand T + 64 3 479 8868 E hocken@otago.ac.nz www.library.otago.ac.nz/hocken/index.html</p>	
Wellington	<p>Museum of Wellington City & Sea Queens Wharf, 3 Jervois Quay P O Box 893, Wellington 6140 T 04 472 8904 F 04 496 1949 E museumofwellington@wmt.org.nz www.museumofwellington.co.nz</p>	
Wellington	<p>Alexander Turnbull Library National Library of New Zealand PO Box 1467 Wellington 6140 T +64 4 474 3000 F +64 4 474 3035 E information@natlib.govt.nz www.natlib.govt.nz</p>	<p>Large collection of ship photographs, some of which can be viewed via their online "Timeframes" service.</p>
Wellington	<p>National Archives of New Zealand 10 Mulgrave Street, Thorndon, Wellington 6011, New Zealand T +64 4 499 5595 F +64 4 495 6210 library@archives.govt.nz www.archives.govt.nz</p>	<p>Index to passengers, especially the Immigration Scheme 1853-88.</p>

Useful websites

www.findboatpics.com – The site encompasses about 700 sailing ships up to the year 1800 and some 500 steamers up to 1914 which brought passengers to Australia and New Zealand

Suggested reading

Shipwrecks:

C. Bateson
Australian Shipwrecks
 (vol 1 - 1622-1850)

J. Loney
Australian Shipwrecks
 (vol 2 - 1851-1871)

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Australian Shipwrecks
 (vol 3 - 1871-1900)

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J. Loney
Australian Shipwrecks
(vol 4 - 1901)

H. O'May
Wrecks in Tasmanian Waters
1797-1950

J. Loney
Adventures with Shipwrecks

J. Loney
Wrecks at Apollo Bay

J. Loney
Wrecks on the Gypsyland Coast

J. Loney
Shipwrecks along the Great Ocean Road

J. Loney
Wrecks on Victoria's South West Coast

J. Loney
Victorian Shipwrecks

J. Loney
Warrnambool - The Graveyard of Ships

Emigration, convict ships and maritime history in general

Charles Bateson
The Convict Ships

Probably the definitive guide on the subject in general with a complete list of ships, voyages and numbers carried.

Basil Lubbock
The Colonial Clippers

Full atmosphere and anecdotes, like all of Lubbock's books.

Basil Lubbock
The Blackwell Frigates

The London-built passenger ships that came after the East Indiamen and before the clippers.

Hardy's Register of Ships 1760-1833

A scarce volume giving the voyages of the East Indiamen in the Honorable East India Company's service. A number of East Indiamen made convict voyages (not mentioned) and some of the 'extra ships' were well known as convict ships and emigrant carriers in the 30s and 40s.

E. Keeble Chatterton
The Old East Indiamen

Rowan Hackman
Ships of the East India Company

Sir Henry Brett
White wings (two volumes)

Emigrant ships to New Zealand - an excellent source of anecdotes and detail.

C. Vernon Gibbs
British Passenger Liners of the Five Oceans

Brief but accurate details of the steamers and motorships that sailed under the Red Ensign.

P. Plowman
Passenger Ships of Australia and New Zealand

Includes local and ocean-going vessels.

G. Holman
In the Wake of Endeavour

The Story of New Zealand Shipping Co., and Federal Steam Navigation Co.

Will Lawson

Pacific Steamers

Ronald Parsons
Sail in the South

Includes vessels from the USA to Australia.

Boyd Cable
A Hundred Year History of P&O

Quite useful in general terms, but the P&O Archives are more helpful.

S. Rabson & K.O'Donoghue
The P&O: A Fleet History

D. Hollett
Fast Passage to Australia

Robert Hughes
The Fatal Shore

Records at the National Archives

Official Records of emigrants and convicts are held at:

National Archives
Ruskin Avenue
Kew
Surrey
TW9 4DU
Tel: 020 8876 3444
Email: enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Reader's tickets will be issued on first visit, so long as suitable identification (i.e. passport) is shown.

The staff do not have the facilities to carry out research except under special circumstances, but can provide a list of professional researchers, whom enquirers may wish to employ.

Researchers in Australia can access copies of many of the PRO records in the Mitchell Library and the National Library in Canberra. Much work has also been done by the Australian Society of Genealogists.

Researchers should check availability, accessibility and opening times with the repositories listed before making a personal visit.

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