

About the Riverstone & District Historical Society Local History Collection

The local history collection contains a number of published books, history documents (written by society members), photographs and the Riverstone Journal. This material is primarily focused on Riverstone and the surrounding district's history, and covers a diverse range of topics including histories of individual families, sporting clubs, local businesses / industry / public services and historical events in the district's history.

Although some of the material in the collection has been digitised and is available on this website, the majority of the collection is still only available at the museum, in a physical format only. Society members and the general public alike, are welcome to access this material anytime during the museum's opening hours.

Riverstone and District Historical Society's Local History Collection has been digitised not only to enable preservation of the material for posterity, but also to share the collection with a wider audience and to help generate interest in Riverstone's history. We would like to encourage the local community to have an active interest both the protection and preservation of the few remaining historical objects and buildings that Riverstone still contains.

The online local history collection has initially started with the digitising of the Riverstone Journal and an example number of society history documents and photographs, in 2009, with the intention of gradually expanding the collection, with the ultimate aim of digitising the entire physical Local History Collection.

We hope you enjoy the collection.

Intended Audience

The collection is aimed at the general public, with special emphasis on society members, local historians / genealogists, people who are generally interested in Riverstone local history. The collection also aims to cater to local school students who may find the collection useful for their school projects.

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All information included in the collection (including metadata) and information submitted to the collection by third parties, is subject to the following policies:

- Copyright and Restrictions Policy Statement
- Maintenance and Preservation Policy
- Metadata policy
- Privacy policy
- Collection Development Policy
- Submissions policy

Copyright & Restrictions Statement

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If any further information is required regarding the copyright of this collection, please contact Riverstone and District Historical Society (please refer to "contact us" page of the Website).

Maintenance and Preservation Policy

To allow content to be stored and accessed over an extended period without the risk of damaging / losing the images, all images in the collection are stored in two image formats: a TIFF master copy and a JPEG viewing image. The JPEG image will be regularly updated in line with changes in technology in the future.

Metadata Policy

The Riverstone and District Historical Society Local History Collection uses the Dublin Core schema as a basis for the metadata schema, and is supplemented with elements of CDWA, VRA Core 4.0 and NISO Z39.87-2006. The controlled vocabulary used in the library has been sourced from the following international standards:

Victorian Local History Thesaurus (Subject field)
Geographical Names Board (Locality field)
Getty Arts and Architecture Thesaurus (Resource type field)
ISO (International Standards Organisation) (Date fields)

Privacy Policy

Apart from recording details of visitor's activities in the library (such as records viewed, date accessed, time spent, IP address of user etc) for statistical purposes, no other personal information is collected by the collection's administrators.

Collection Development Policy

In keeping with the limited resources available to the society, the documents present in this collection have been chosen from the society's local history collection based on the following principles:

- Previous observed requests for the document, with the most frequently accessed material being given priority to be digitised for this collection.
- The uniqueness of the particular document to the collection. Documents containing information not available from any other source, being given priority to be digitised for this collection.
- Documents that society members have chosen on the basis that they may engender interest on the part of users, in Riverstone & District's history.

Submissions Policy

Riverstone and District Historical Society Local History Collection welcomes any contributions to the history collection, from photographs to local personality's histories, to further information on material already in the collection.

If you would like to submit documents / photographs to the collection or supply information on existing material in the collection, please contact Riverstone and District Historical Society via the "Contact Us" Web page.

Please be aware that submissions are subject to Riverstone and District Historical Society's permission. All information submitted to the Riverstone and District Historical Society Local History Collection is subject to copyright restrictions, as outlined previously.

Creating the Collection

The designing, building and testing of both this website and the local history collection has been carried out as part of a Masters project at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), in collaboration with members of Riverstone and District Historical Society.

Photographs in the collection were scanned using an "Epson Perfection V300" scanner, at a 400dpi resolution and saved as a TIFF file. Using Photoshop CS4, TIFF images were cropped, and website versions created in JPEG format, at a 300dpi resolution.

Documents requiring scanning, were scanned using a “Konica Minolta bizhub 250” office printer / scanner, set at a fine level scanning. The PDFs generated were then subjected to optical character recognition (OCR) using Adobe Acrobat 7.0 Standard, saved as Word documents for editing and later converted to PDF format for Web viewing.

The documents, images and metadata information comprising this collection, have been incorporated into a digital library using the open source information storage / retrieval software “Greenstone”.

The website has been built using the XHTML generator tool “Adobe Dreamweaver”. All CSS / XHTML code is W3C compliant.

The website and digital library were designed and tested using the “participatory design” methodology in the form of two focus groups; a local historian / genealogist group comprising of members of the historical society (shown in photo below) and a group of students from Riverstone High School. These groups were involved in both the designing and testing of the website and digital library.

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Local historian / genealogist focus group at the initial design stage of the project, designing the WebPages / Digital Library user interface layouts.

Jason Ammann (Project Manager)

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