

Requesting searches of information about Aboriginal people held in government archives in Victoria

Koorie Reference Service

Service for Aboriginal people to access historic records of the Victorian Aboriginal protection board and Victorian missions and reserves at Public Record Office Victoria and the National Archives of Australia.

We can help individuals as well as agencies and community support workers.

No proof of ID required.

Contact the Koorie Reference Officer to request a search

Online contact form: www.prov.vic.gov.au/koorie-services/koorie-reference-service

Phone: (03) 9348 5600

What do we need from you?

- Names of ancestors

Other information that may help with your search:

- Dates of birth, death and marriages
- Places where the person lived or worked
- Did they serve in the Australian Defence Force, or have other relationships with government agencies?

What will we do?

- Use Aboriginal name indexes to search for references to ancestors in Victorian Aboriginal protection board records: Koorie Index of Names (KIN), and the Bringing Them Home name database (BTH).
- Search other key family history resources relating to your enquiry, such as wills; inquests; defence service records; birth, death and marriage records.

What next?

We will contact you within 10 working days to let you know the search results.

If there are records in the collection relating to your search:

1. You can request records to be copied and sent to you free of charge, **OR**
2. You can view the original records at the Victorian Archives Centre.

If there are no records found we can provide guidance and advice on other resources appropriate to your family history research.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the sensitivity of the records you may wish to have a support person with you when reading the original records.