

Certificates – Australia and Overseas

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1 Introduction

This document describes the dataset known as Certificates – Australia and Overseas.

2 Certificates – Australia and Overseas

2.1 Summary

This dataset holds a collection of certificates from Australia and Overseas donated to SAGHS. Currently they hold only Birth, Death and Marriage certificates but this will be expanded in the future to include other types of certificates.

This dataset was previously published in the *South Australian Church Records – Other Records* however it was decided it should exist in its own right so has been renamed.

Each group of related records is assigned to a 'set', e.g. "Donated Certificates", and the group may be further qualified in the *Event*, *Source* and *Source2* fields (e.g. "Birth Certificates").

Below is a list of the current record groups within each set. You can find more information in Appendix A.

| Donated Certificates |
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| Births |
| Baptisms |
| Marriages |
| Deaths |

2.2 Coverage

Appendix A provides coverage information for each record group.

2.3 Sources

This data comes from various sources. You can find more information for each group in Appendix A.

2.4 Volume

There are 12,243 records in this version of the database [version 20260414].

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2.5 Additional information

Provided in Appendix A, at the end of this document, you will find additional documentation relating to each of the subsets of records. It does not attempt to describe each group, but singles out those which may require further clarification, source and coverage and meaning of some fields. Many groups, have no additional or minimal documentation.

3 Versions

Details of the updates made to the dataset are outlined below, the action taken, where available, is provided for each update.

3.1 Version M-20260415

- Setup of new database – copy and renamed.
- Added 12,243 records relating to Donated Certificates

4 Appendix A – Subset Information

Donated Certificates

This group of records are known as Donated Certificates. They are existing records that have previously been held in either Newspaper or Parish databases.

The source are BDM certificates which have been donated by SAGHS members and general public. Originating location will be Australian state and territories, as well as England, the United Kingdom, and other countries around the world.

Additional records are held by SAGHS and will over time be included in this database.

Births

A transcription of Birth Certificates providing the birth date and, where recorded, parents and registered location. Coverage: 1806 to 2001.

Baptisms

A transcription of Baptism Certificates providing the baptism date and, where recorded, birth date, parents, fathers occupation, father's residence, minister and registered location. Coverage: 1777 to 1990.

Marriages

A transcription of Marriage Certificates providing the marriage date and, where recorded, parents, ages, occupations, witnesses, minister, father's occupation, fathers residence, minister and registered location. Coverage: 1763 to 1990.

Deaths

A transcription of Death Certificates providing the death date and minimal other information. There are currently 5 records in this subset. Coverage: 1877, 1889, 1910, 1972 and 1988.