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Lookups for Members - before you ask for a lookup please remember that if a displayed field is **BLANK** it means that there is no further information available for that field in that database. You can request one of our researchers to research further for you which may/may not produce further information. For this service you will need to ask for a research request - [click here](#)

1. Introduction

This document describes the Newspaper - Marriages (NP-Marriages) dataset.

2. Newspaper - Marriages

2.1 Summary

This database contains records representing a marriage notice in a newspaper. This includes notices in the category of Wedding Anniversaries, Engagements, Social Notes, Flashback and Return Thanks. In addition, this database contains transcriptions of donated Marriage Certificates.

2.2 Coverage

Overall coverage by Publication Date is from June 1852 to 29 December 2024 with varying degrees of coverage as detailed below.

- Excellent coverage: January 1938 through to December 2024, with diminished coverage between January 1955 and December 1959.
- Moderate coverage: January 1900 through to July 1915.
- Sparse coverage: June 1852 through to December 1899, also August 1915 to December 1937.

There is a noticable decrease in the number of notices placed in newspapers from 20210 onwards.

2.3 Source

From The Advertiser, Sunday Mail, and various country newspapers. Includes early publications from the Blair Card Index (see below).

Records from the Blair Card Index (compiled by Robert Blair) contain only a limited amount of information. However, more detailed information can be seen on the card which is available for lookup.

Records from the Ian Shillabeer Collection (compiled by Ian Shillabeer) contain notices from a variety of South Australian newspapers.

Western Australia newspaper index (compiled by Ian Shillabeer) are transcriptions of notices (Marriages and Anniversaries) published in the West Australian newspaper.

The Donated Certificates previously included in this database have been moved into the Church/Parish Records – Other Records database.

Except where otherwise indicated these collections were transcribed and composed by Genealogy SA volunteers.

2.4 Volume

There are 433,327 records in this dataset version, up from 421,752 [20260224].

2.5 Additional information

- All information provided in the notice is transcribed as stated into the relevant fields.
- A record appears for each time a notice of any type was published in the newspaper. Sometimes this can be multiple days in a row.
- If a record has the reference [P] included in the name then there is a photo available in the newspaper.

3. Versions

This is the latest of several updates to the Newspaper – Births dataset since it was first created in 2016. The updates are outlined below, and the action taken, where available, is provided for each update.

1. 30/10/2016: Original conversion and amalgamation of various sources.
2. 19/11/2017: Added around 70,000 records from various papers.
3. 24/06/2018: Standardisation, review and correction of existing records. Addition of the Blair Card Index notices.
4. 29/10/2018: Added records - Marriages Nov 2017 to Aug 2018, Anniversaries Jan 2015 to Dec 2017.
5. 03/12/2018: Add Southern Cross Marriage and Engagement notices 1899-1954.
6. 15/06/2020: Minor feedback corrections. Add Donated Certificates for Marriages.
7. 23/07/2025: Added Engagements and Anniversaries 2012 to 2018.
8. 14/11/2025: Added records from the Ian Shillabeer collection covering notices published in the West Australian from 1880 to 1915.
9. 24/02/2026: Removed Donated Certificate records. Corrected records based on member feedback.
10. 19/06/2026: Added records from various metro and country newspapers for all notice types. Added new and updated existing records in the Ian Shillabeer collection.

3.1 Version M-20161030

Original conversion from Excel Master files.

3.2 Version M-20171119

Added records from the following papers: Adelaide Morning Chronicle, Gladstone Areas Express, Advertiser, as well as record from the Ian Shillabeer Collection for the papers: Advertiser, Sunday Mail and Country papers.

3.3 Version M-20180624

General review, standardisation and correction of existing records. Addition of the Blair Card Index notices. Correction to 2 records based on user feedback.

3.4 Version M-20181029

Added Marriage records from November 2017 to August 2018 and Anniversaries January 2015 to December 2017.

3.5 Version M-20181203

Added Southern Cross Marriage and Engagement notices 1899 to 1954.

3.6 Version M-20200615

Added Donated Certificates for Marriages. Minor feedback corrections.

3.7 Version M-20220723

Added Engagement and Anniversary notices from 2012 to 2018. Minor feedback corrections.

3.8 Version M-20251114

Added records from the Ian Shillabeer collection covering notices published in the West Australian newspaper from 1880 to 1915, however the vast majority of records are for the period 1900 to 1915.

3.9 Version M-20260224

Removed records flagged as Donated Certificates. These are now available in the Church/Parish Records – Other Records database. Corrected 80+ records based on member feedback.

3.10 Version M-20260919

Added records from various metro and country newspapers for all notice types. Added new and updated existing records in the Ian Shillabeer collection.