

## Further reading for teachers

Geeves, P, *Local History in Australia: A Guide for Beginners*, Royal Australian Historical Society, 1967

Kammen, C & Wilson, AH, *Encyclopaedia of Local History*, 2nd ed., AltaMira Press, 2013

This is a US publication, but has some Australian content

McLean, G, *How to do Local History*, Otago University Press, 2007

Woods, MP, *Australia's Oral History Collections: A National Directory*, National Library of Australia, 1992

## Reading for students: nonfiction

Bos, S, *Symbols of Australia: Landmarks*, Macmillan Education Australia, 2011

Ask your school librarian or local municipal librarian for recommendations of nonfiction books about your local community that are suitable for Year 3 students. Students may also enjoy a pictorial history of your community or a commemorative history of your school, if available.

## Reading for students: fiction

Hill, K, *The Year of Miss Agnes*, Margaret K McElderry, 2000

A new teacher comes to teach and live in an Alaskan community

Lankester Brisley, J, *Milly Molly Mandy* (series), Harper and Row, 1928–1967

The story of an English girl and her village life in the 1920s–30s

Lin, G, *The Year of the Dog*, Little, Brown, 2006

The story of a Chinese–American girl and her community

Spinelli, E, *Cold Snap*, Knopf Books, 2012

A town deals with a spell of cold weather

Wheatley, N, *My Place*, 2nd ed., Walker Books, 2008

A 200-year history of The Rocks, Sydney, as told by children who lived there

Ask your school librarian or local municipal librarian for recommendations of children's fiction books that feature your local community.

## Local historical societies

Many communities have a local historical society. These groups play a significant role in the preservation of community memory. They often maintain monuments and plaques that record important

community events or the local effects of wider national events. Amateur historians often have close connections with local historical societies and produce local history texts. These societies also have collections of images, newspaper clippings and artefacts.

### The Federation of Australian Historical Societies

<http://www.history.org.au/FAHS%20constituents.html>

This website includes links to local historical societies for all states and territories. Each society's website has contact details, plus a wealth of information about finding local history resources

The following societies have online databases.

### Canberra District Historical Society

<http://www.canberrahistory.org.au>

### Historical Society of the Northern Territory

<http://www.historicalsocietynt.org.au/index.htm>

### History Trust of South Australia

<http://www.history.sa.gov.au>

### Royal Australian Historical Society, New South Wales

<http://www.rahs.org.au>

### Royal Historical Society of Queensland

<http://www.queenslandhistory.org>

### Royal Historical Society of Victoria

<http://www.historyvictoria.org.au>

### Royal Western Australian Historical Society

<http://www.histwest.org.au>

### Tasmanian Historical Research Association

<http://www.thra.org.au>

## Photographs

The following websites have historic photograph collections.

### LINC Tasmania

<http://eheritage.statelibrary.tas.gov.au>

### National Library of Australia

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/picture?q=>

### Picture NT, Northern Territory Library

<http://www.territorystories.nt.gov.au/handle/10070/4>

### State Library of New South Wales

<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/collections/photographs.html>

### State Library of South Australia

<http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=384>

## State Library of Victoria

<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/our-collections/what-we-collect/pictures>

## State Library of Western Australia

[http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/wa\\_collections/pictures](http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/wa_collections/pictures)

## Newspapers

The National Library of Australia's Trove website (<http://trove.nla.gov.au>) contains archived newspapers from all over Australia, plus many other resources.

Your local library may also have copies of old editions of your local newspaper.

## Websites

### Australian Dictionary of Biography

<http://adb.anu.edu.au>

Contains information about significant Australian individuals

### Australian Institute of Architects

<http://www.architecture.com.au/i-cms?page=220>

Includes a listing of, and links to, heritage buildings around Australia

### CoraWeb

<http://www.coraweb.com.au/local.htm>

Contains numerous links to local-history source materials in Australia

### Local History Online

<http://www.local-history.co.uk/gettingstarted.html>

A UK-based website with ideas for finding sources

### National Archives of Australia

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/using/search/index.aspx>

## Interactive resources

The *This House* series allows students to explore changes to a house and its occupants in a particular community.

### This House: Settling in Ballarat

[http://www.myplace.edu.au/TLF\\_resources/L2706/description.html](http://www.myplace.edu.au/TLF_resources/L2706/description.html)

### This House: Settling in Leichhardt

<http://www.helensburg-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/TALE/living%20in%20leichardt/index.html>

### This House: Settling in Port Adelaide

<http://streaming.lawley.wa.edu.au/students/TLF/DVD/los/L2705/index.html>

## Audiovisual resources

*My Place*, ABC TV series

## Excursions

Classes can undertake local site studies of war memorials, commemorative plaques, gardens, statues, cemeteries, streetscapes, heritage buildings, places of worship, public buildings and industrial sites. Your school may have original, historically valuable buildings on site. Your local council will have further information on their website, as will your state tourism bureau. Your local historical society or place of worship may have visitor information.

## Helping students find sources

Some of the lessons, worksheets and assessments in *My Community* require that students find their own sources, such as those listed below.

### Pictorial sources

The National Archives of Australia website is an excellent place to start looking for Australian images, including images pertinent to local history. Other images can be found on local-history websites or in local newspapers' online archives. Your local council and local historical society may have online or archival resources too. Images can also be found using your preferred search engine, but make sure these images can be identified with a date and a title. Nonfiction books, especially those covering local history or your school's history, may also contain useful pictorial sources.

### Text sources

#### Primary sources

If students are interested in accessing primary text sources, their best option is a local-history text or website; these may include excerpts from the diaries, letters or speeches of notable local citizens. Local historical societies often have access to such resources too. If your local library has a well-organised local newspaper archive, this may also prove useful. Your local library or council should be able to help with further resources.

#### Secondary sources

The websites and nonfiction books listed above contain a lot of useful information on this topic. Students' local and school libraries may have additional titles. Ensure students consult relatively recent publications (if possible), as older texts may contain attitudes and perspectives that are no longer current in mainstream Australia. You may need to explain this issue to students and show them how to check publication dates to identify up-to-date resources.