

Sunshine & District Historical Society (S&DHS)

Website User Guide

The S&DHS website contains a large amount of data consisting of descriptive text, photos, tables of data, external links, etc.

The Website has tried to cover an extensive range of subjects ranging from the district's indigenous history, the districts notable people, residents' biographies, places of interest, objects of interest, photos, the district's timeline, the districts military history, local tragedies, place name origin, tragedies, past Shire chairmen, presidents & mayors and much more.

The information on this Website is really an abridge version of what is available on the subject. The society hopes that this will inspire the user to perform their own research that will further their knowledge on their subjects of interest.

The Website is driven by a collection of dropdown menus, clickable internal & external links and search & sorting bars.

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The Sunshine & District Historical Society (S&DHS)

The Society was founded in 1972 with the purpose of encouraging the study and recording of the history of Sunshine and its district. Much work has already been achieved in preserving and cataloging items of history including letters, photos, plaques, trophies, newspapers, advertising signs and logos etc.

This is a very long process and as usual there are too few people to do the work. If you are a member with a spare few hours a week or fortnight or if you are considering becoming a member of the Society and have a little spare time, your assistance and companionship would be appreciated.

You can also visit our contribution to the [Victorian Collections](#)

We are very chuffed that the Society's Life Member, Olwen Ford, author of Harvester Town and Harvester City was interviewed for the 'Life Matters' program

To listen to the interview click this link:

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/lifematters/harvester-city/5068080>

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Many of the pages are designed to open in a new tab. This method we found is more beneficial for researchers as they do not have to go in and out of pages via menus.

The disadvantage of this method is you will end up opening many tabs that you will need to close.

Content Warning

This website does contain material, references, and images of both living and deceased people. The site refers to events of the past including more recent events. These events include history of the district & beyond, events of celebration, sadness, and tragedies.

If you feel uncomfortable, please feel free to leave the site.

Disclaimer

Publishing this website, has been a massive effort and it is hoped that no offence will be taken for any error or omission. Any mistakes in this website have been unintentional.

Information for this site has been taken from many different primary, secondary and other sources. The data within this Website is not exhaustive nor complete and the user should not rely on it's accuracy

Corrections are being made but, in some cases, the correct history of a location, a person or an event has been lost in time. In many cases there are different interpretation of the event and the correct one is uncertain.

Page Zoom In / Zoom Out

Depending on the resolution and / or magnification factor of your screen, some menus / pages are not fully displayed.

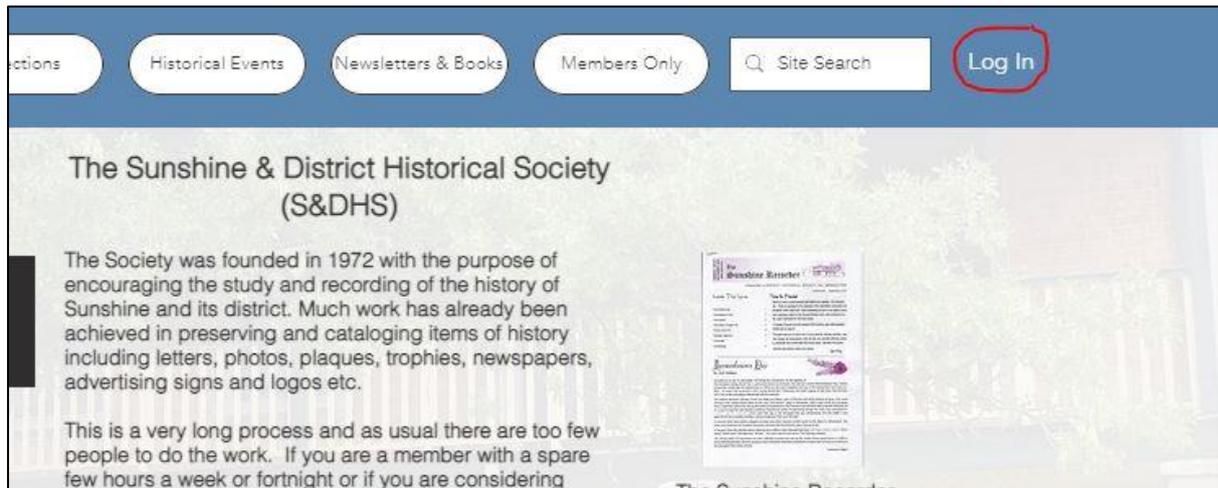
To overcome this problem you can zoom in and out of pages by pressing the “Ctrl” key and use the scroll wheel on your mouse.

Members Login

Financial Members of the Sunshine & District Historical Society have unlimited access to all the pages within the Website. These members pages are protected by a Member’s ID & Password.

Financial members will be sent an email from the Society inviting them to create a Member ID and Password.

A member can either log into the website by the login bar appearing at the top right corner of the Menu Bar or by accessing a page that is a member only page and if the member is not logged in, then a login page will be displayed requesting the member’s Member ID & password.



Once the member logs into website then all pages should be available without further login requests.

We find many members never logout thus removing the requirement on logging in again.

Sometimes during the Website maintenance, the Webmaster will need to log everyone off, thus the user will be required to log in again.

Tables

A large amount of data within this Website are maintained in tables consisting of rows & columns (Similar to excel). This website has over 2 million cells of data and this is constantly being added to.

Due to the amount of data within the tables, a number of the tables can take some time to load. The loading speed of the tables can depend on the user's computer and internet connection. In some cases the user may experience a timeout error message.

To reduce the chance of receiving these time out errors, some the data has been split over multiple tables (eg The Sands & McDougall Names & Street Names Indexes).

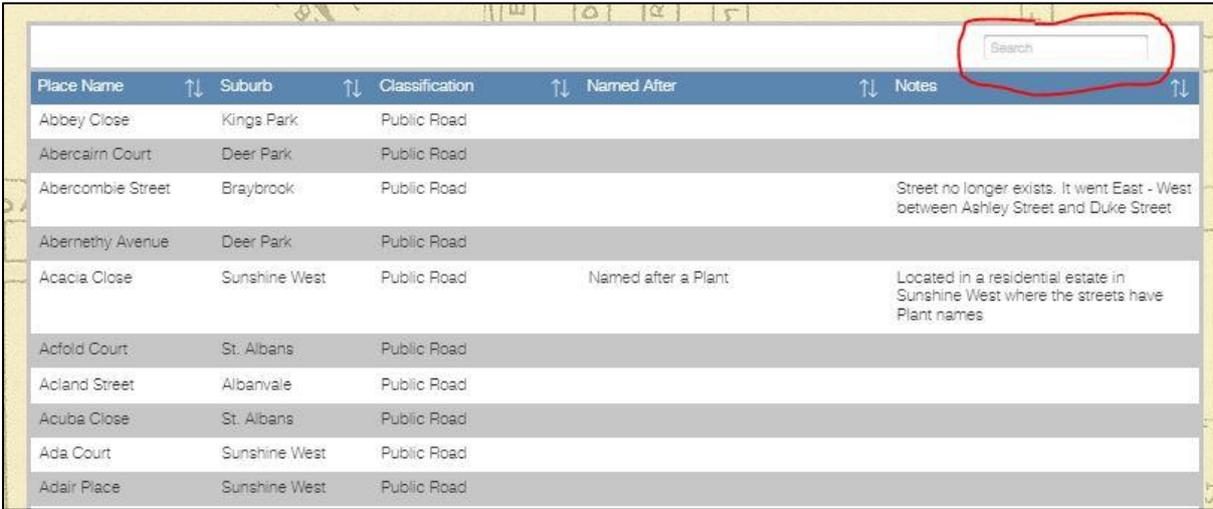
This was not idea however it was required to reduce the chances of time out errors.

The other issue by splitting table is that some of the data within different tables can become out of step and not match.

Tables – Searching & Sorting

Some of these tables allow for searching and sorting. Please note these searching and sorting options have limited functionality compared to excel.

A table that can be searched contains a search bar at the top right hand side of the table.



The screenshot shows a web application interface with a table. At the top right of the table, there is a search bar with the word "Search" inside, which is circled in red. The table has a header row with columns: "Place Name", "Suburb", "Classification", "Named After", and "Notes". Each column header has a double-headed arrow icon indicating sorting functionality. The table contains several rows of data, including "Abbey Close", "Abercairn Court", "Abercombe Street", "Abernethy Avenue", "Acacia Close", "Acfold Court", "Acland Street", "Acuba Close", "Ada Court", and "Adair Place".

Place Name	Suburb	Classification	Named After	Notes
Abbey Close	Kings Park	Public Road		
Abercairn Court	Deer Park	Public Road		
Abercombe Street	Braybrook	Public Road		Street no longer exists. It went East - West between Ashley Street and Duke Street
Abernethy Avenue	Deer Park	Public Road		
Acacia Close	Sunshine West	Public Road	Named after a Plant	Located in a residential estate in Sunshine West where the streets have Plant names
Acfold Court	St. Albans	Public Road		
Acland Street	Albarvale	Public Road		
Acuba Close	St. Albans	Public Road		
Ada Court	Sunshine West	Public Road		
Adair Place	Sunshine West	Public Road		

The user enters a word or string of characters within the bar.

The search feature will search across all rows & columns that matches the entered search criteria. This means the user may find a successful search one word in one column and another word in another column.

The example of this below shows that “Sydney” has been entered in the search bar and the results circled in green have been found across multiple columns.

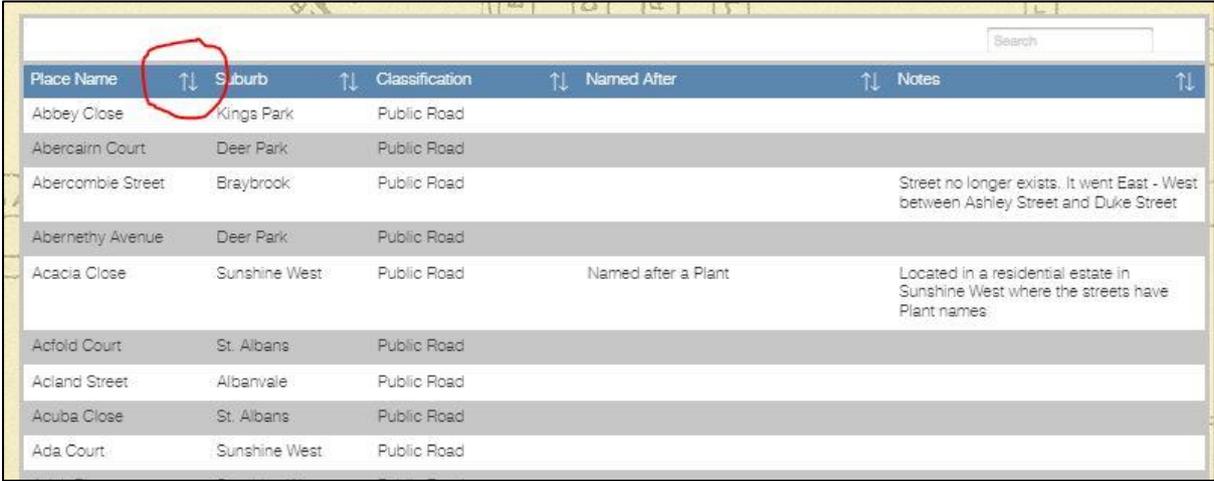
Conflict	Name	Service	Service No	Rank	Paid Supreme Sacrifice	Notes	Place of Birth	Locality on Enlistment	Place of Enlistment	Sunshine Technical School Roll of Honour
WW2	Ayton, Leslie George	Navy	22997	Ordnance Artificer 4th Class	Killed in action, at Sea, Indian Ocean.	H.M.A.S Sydney	Richmond, Vic, Australia	Sunshine, Vic, Australia		
WW2	Baird, Donald	Air Force	403706	Flight Lieutenant			Sunshine, Vic, Australia		Sydney, Vic, Australia	
WW2	Cox, Sydney James	Army	VX126053	Corporal			Melbourne, Vic, Australia	Sunshine, Vic, Australia	Camp Pell, Vic, Australia	(STS Roll of Honour)
WW2	Dawes, Sydney Charles	Air Force	58691	Corporal			Adelaide, Sa, Australia	Sunshine, Vic, Australia	Melbourne, Vic, Australia	
WW2	Desmond, Laurance	Army	V357951	Private			Sydney, Vic, Australia	Sunshine, Vic, Australia	Oakleigh, Vic, Australia	

The user can enter multiple works in the search bar. The example below “Sydney” & “Melbourne” has been entered in the search bar and the results have been circled in green.

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WW2	Dawes, Sydney Charles	Air Force	58691	Corporal			Adelaide, Sa, Australia	Sunshine, Vic, Australia	Melbourne, Vic, Australia	
WW2	Edwards, Ernest John	Air Force	142846	Leading Aircraftman			Sydney, Nsw, Australia	Sunshine, Vic, Australia	Melbourne, Vic, Australia	
WW2	Jones, Sydney	Army	VX116357	Private			Sunshine, Vic, Australia	North Melbourne, Vic, Australia	Port Moresby, New Guinea	
WW2	Tate, Sydney John Nicholson	Air Force	11690	Sergeant			Dorchester, England	Sunshine, Vic, Australia	Melbourne, Vic, Australia	

To remove a search query results, the user can simply delete the characters in the search bar.

A table that can be sorted contains up and down arrows in the header of the table. The default search order of the table can be found to the right hand side of the webpage.



Place Name	↑↓ Suburb	↑↓ Classification	↑↓ Named After	↑↓ Notes
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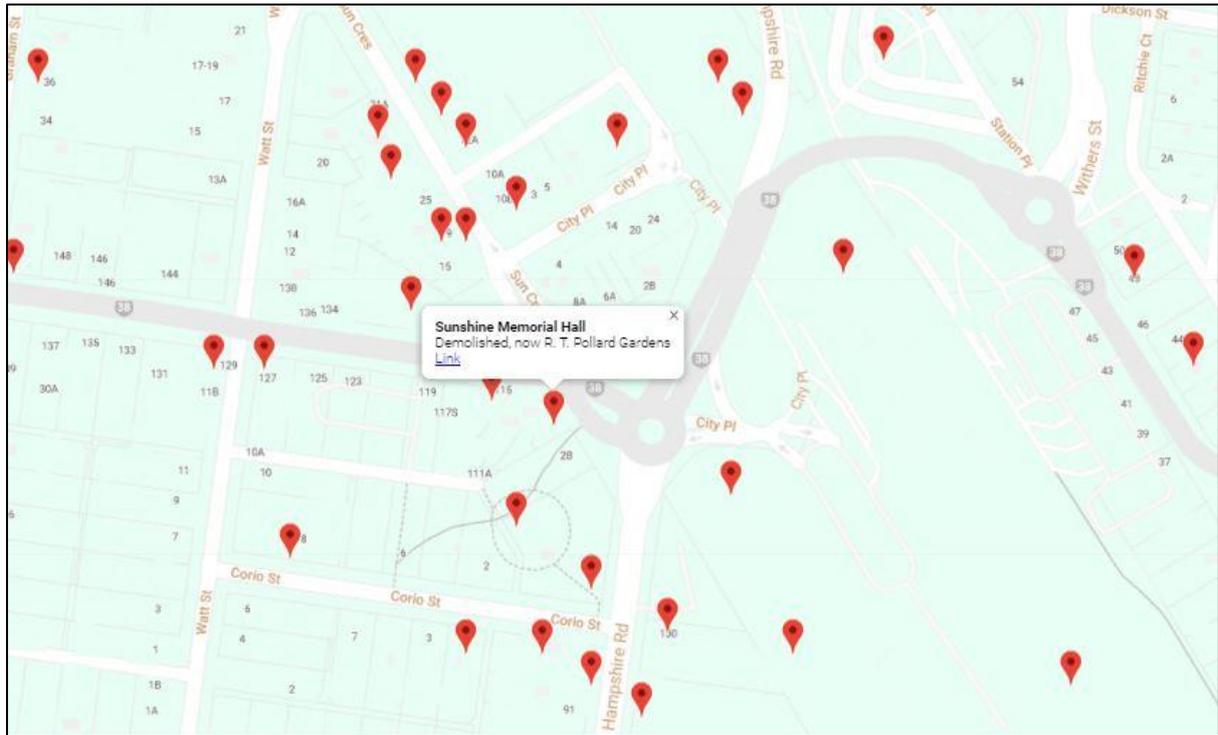
The user simply clicks on the column heading to change the sort order. Only one sort order can be active at a single time.

Unfortunately to remove a sort order the user will need to exit the page.

Maps

Several of the Website's pages uses Google Maps to display locations. These maps can be zoomed in & out and panned using the mouse buttons or by using the mouse scroll wheel. With some maps you can toggle between a map image and a satellite image.

By clicking on a "Pin" will open further details on the location. Some "Pins" have a clickable link to another page.



On Line Book Shop

There is an online book shop where the user can order books that are for sale by the Society.

At this stage all payments need to be made offline from the website by direct deposit to the Society's bank account or by calling into the Society's Cottage at "The Hunt Club" Ballarat Rd Deer Park during the hours when the Society's Cottage Team are in attendance. All cash payments at the Cottage will need to be paid with the correct money as no change is kept on site.

Newsletters & Article Search

The collection of Sunshine & District Newsletters from 1974 to today consists of over 850 articles / photos on topics of interest to the district including local stories, memoirs, obituaries, the Society's activities & much more.

To find a newsletter article go the "Newsletter Searchable Index" page and type in your query in the Search Bar located at the top right corner. A list of all the newsletters with your search query result should appear.

To download a copy of the newsletter the article is in, then the highlight the "Newsletter Number" and copy it the clipboard by pressing "Ctrl + C".

Go to the "Newsletter's Scan" page and paste the Newsletter Number "Ctrl + V" in the Search Bar located at the top right corner.

Once the newsletter is display double click on the Newsletter Edition and this should download a copy of the newsletter which can then be printed or saved to your computer.

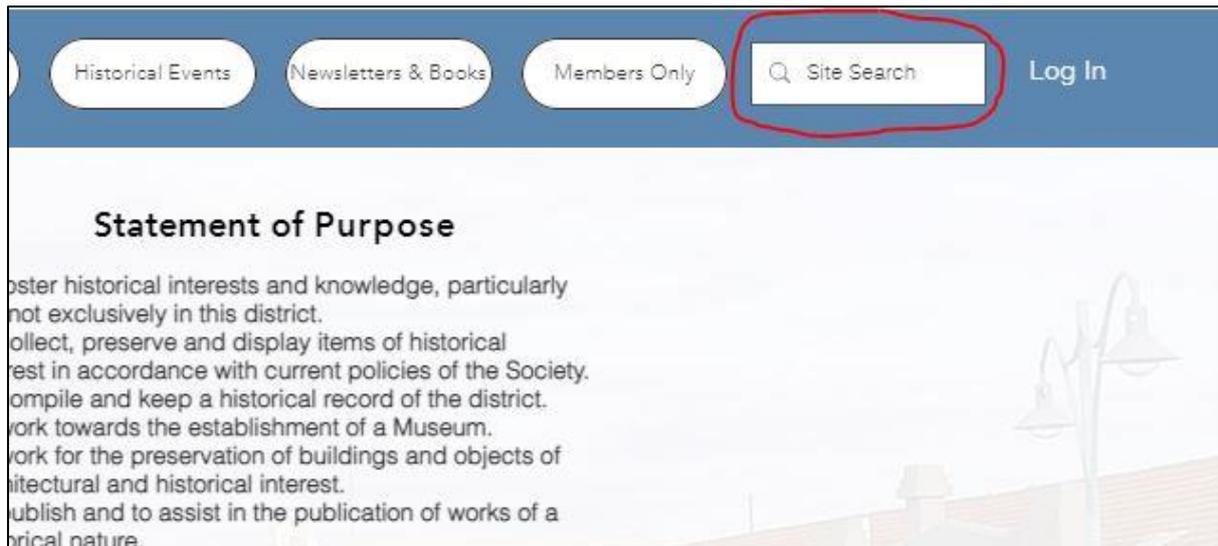
Hints:

Open both the "Newsletter Searchable Index" & "Newsletter Scan" pages. This will enable you to tab between the two while searching and downloading the newsletters.

Once you have found your article of interest, take note of the page number so when you download the newsletter you can quickly go to the page.

Site Search Bar

The site Search Bar can search for Site pages including hidden menu pages and Blog pages that are allowed to be indexed by search engines.



The site Search Bar cannot search for site pages hidden from search engines, private member pages and datasets found within tables.

New pages added to site will not appear in the search results until they are indexed by the various external search engines.

New Content

This website only displays and details a small portion of the Society's collection.

The Society is always on the look out for new content that can add to the history of the district. We welcome donations but our curator(s) have to be selective in the materials / objects they select to ensure our collection contains relevant items to the district. We also have other restrictions such as space and condition requirements.

Data Corrections

Any mistakes in this website have been unintentional and if you find any errors, please email the Society. We will then review the additional information and make corrections as required. Please remember the information in this website is history and there are many examples of different interpretation of history and stories.