

Useful Tools and Websites

For the Family Historian using a Computer



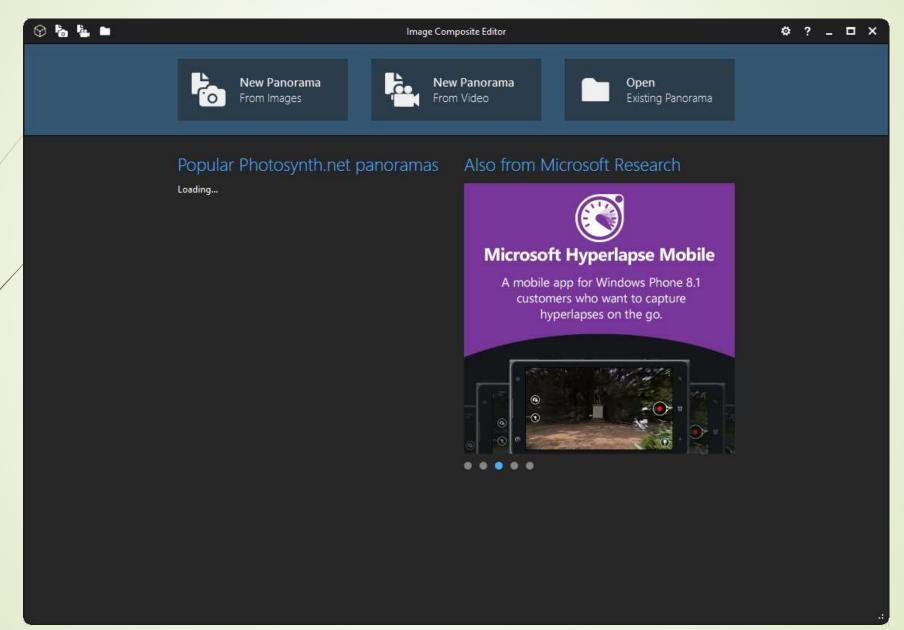


Christmas Grab Bag

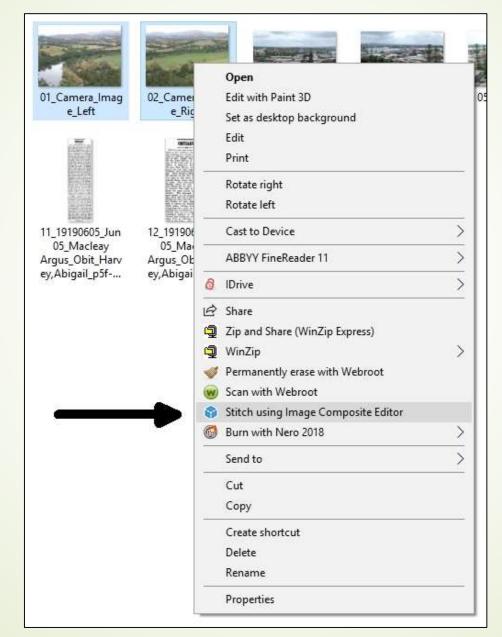
Microsoft ICE (Image Composite Editor)

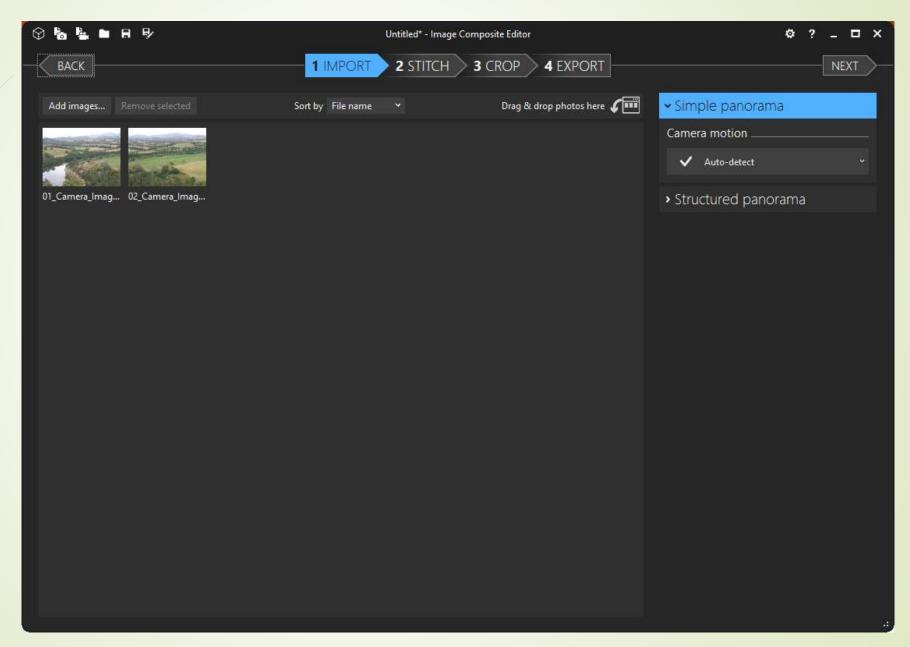
Irfanview and GPS

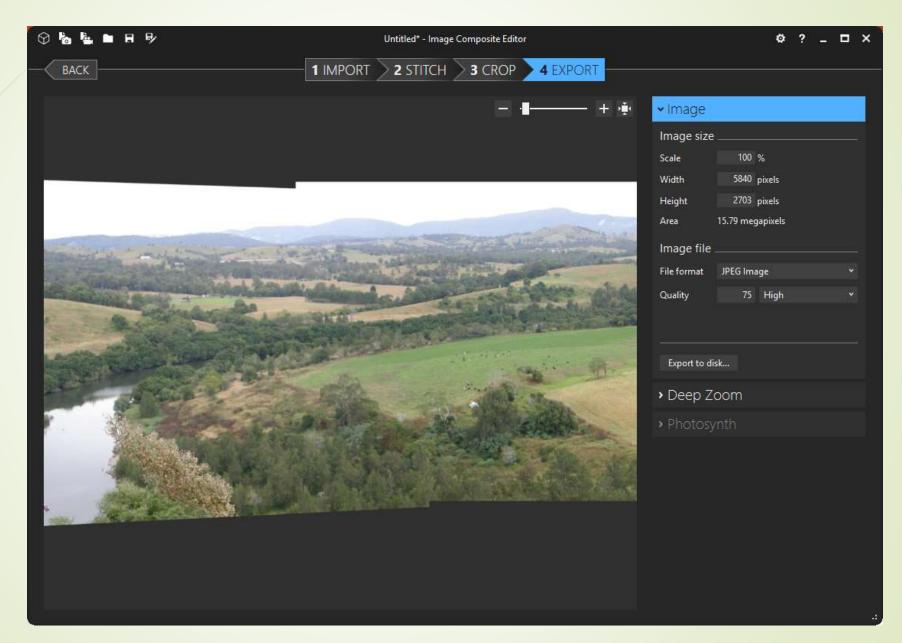
AustCemIndex and NSWBDM

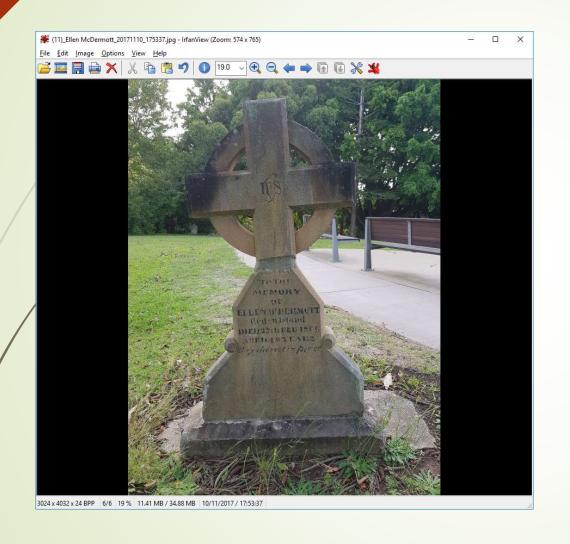


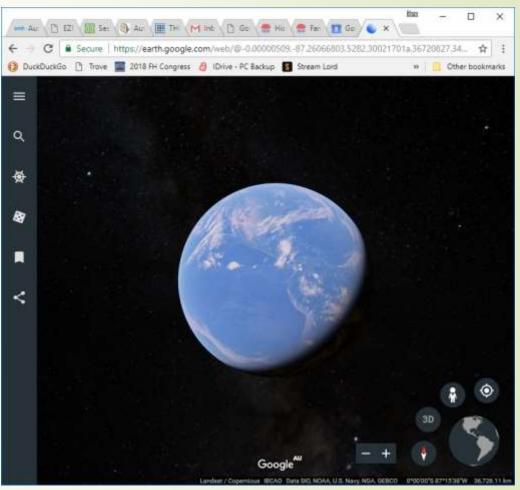
- MS ICE has been around for a while
- ICE = Image Composite Editor
- Quick and easy way to join overlapping images
- Has many other features as well
- Free to use
- Now part of Windows 10 System
- Select Multiple Images and right mouse click





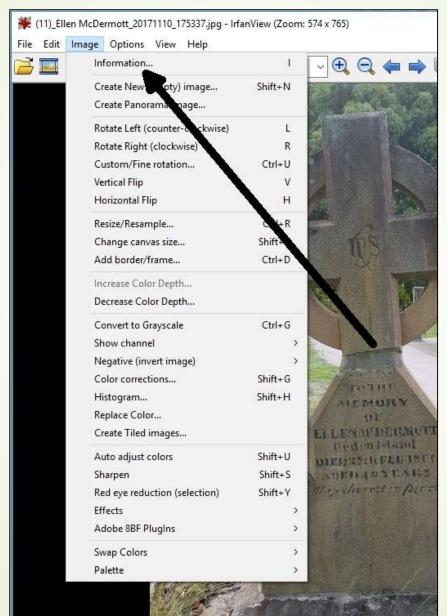


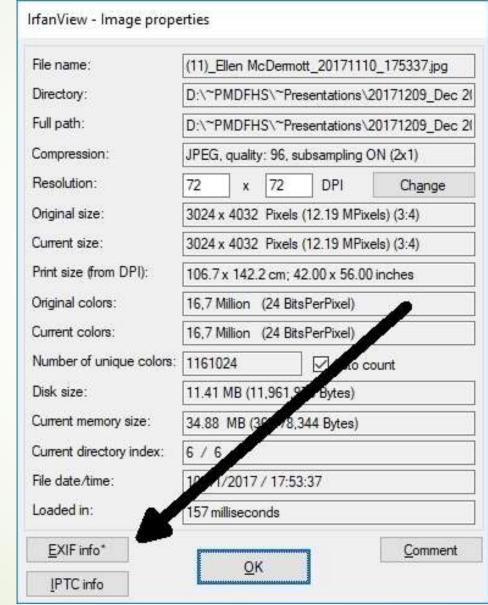


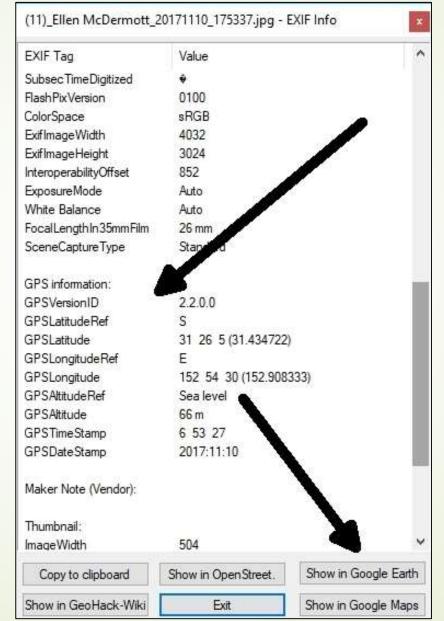


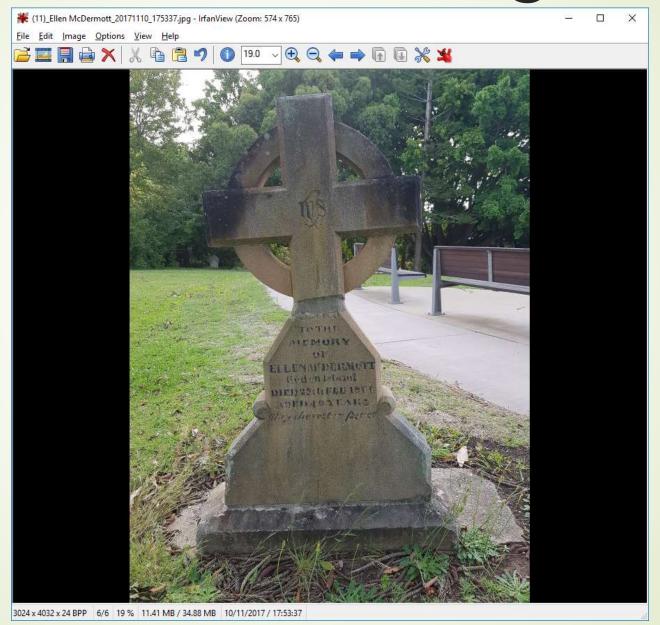
- What is Irfanview?
 - Image viewer, editor, organiser and converter program
 - Ability to open a wide variety of image formats
 - Optimized for fast image display & loading times
 - Very small size no impact on RAM memory
 - Works with all versions of Windows from 95 to Windows 10
 - Created by Irfan Skiljan in 1996.
 - ► He was from Bosnia now living in Vienna
 - ► Free software!!
- GPS feature recently uncovered!

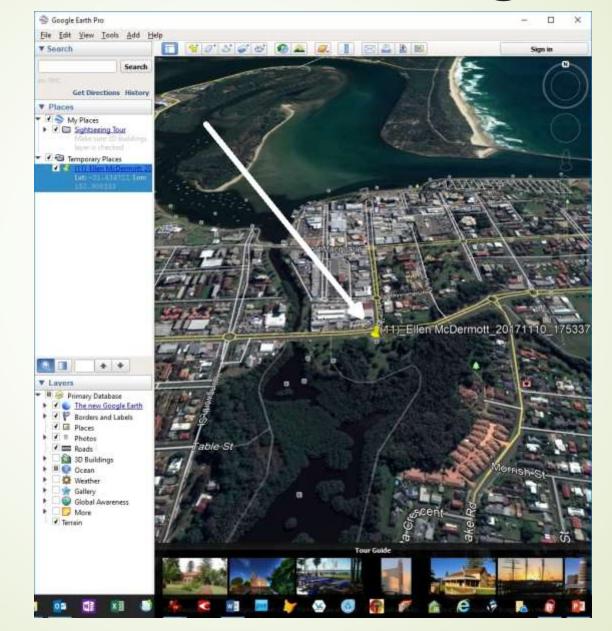


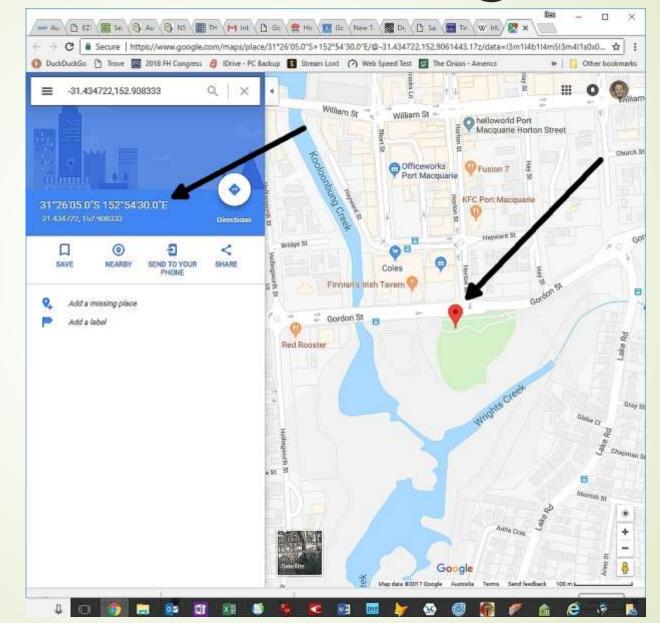




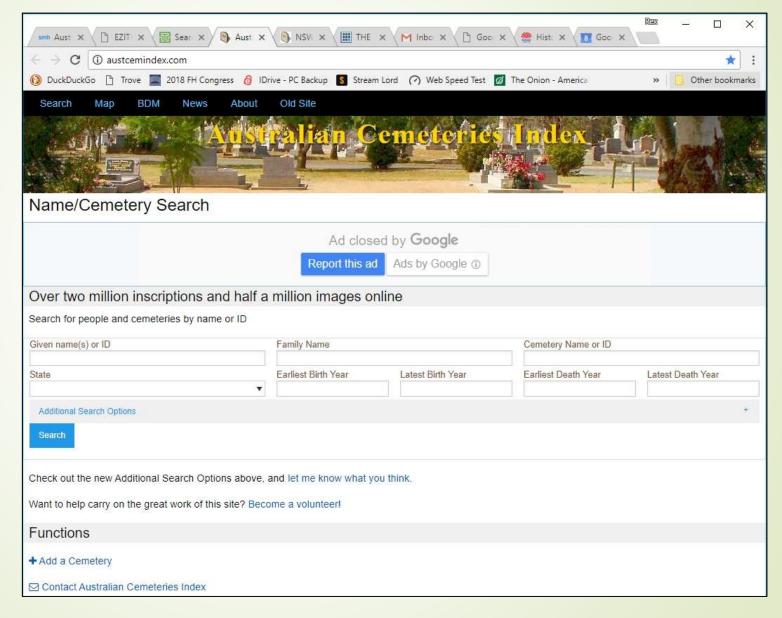




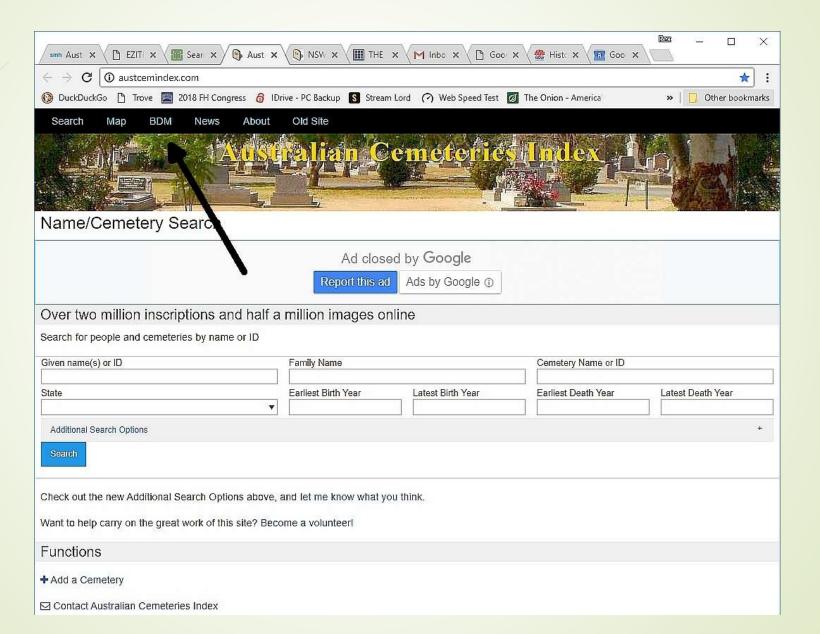


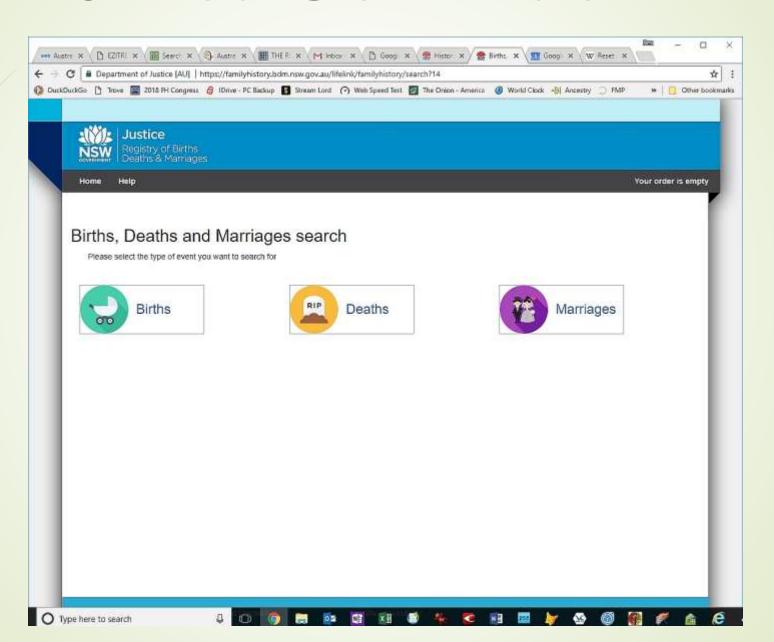


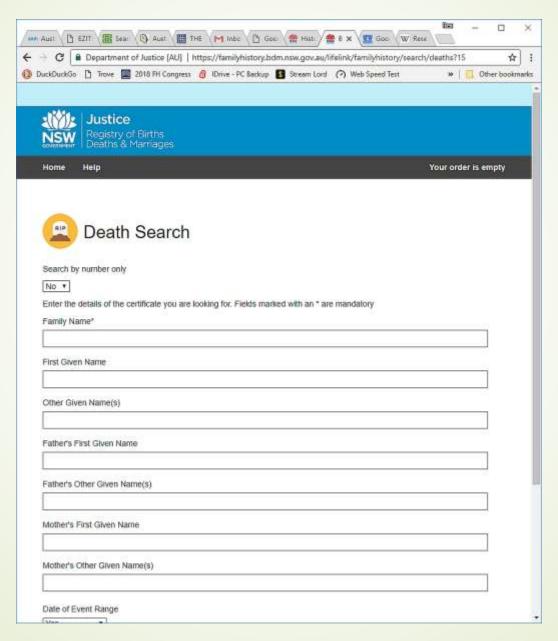
3-Australian Cemetery Index

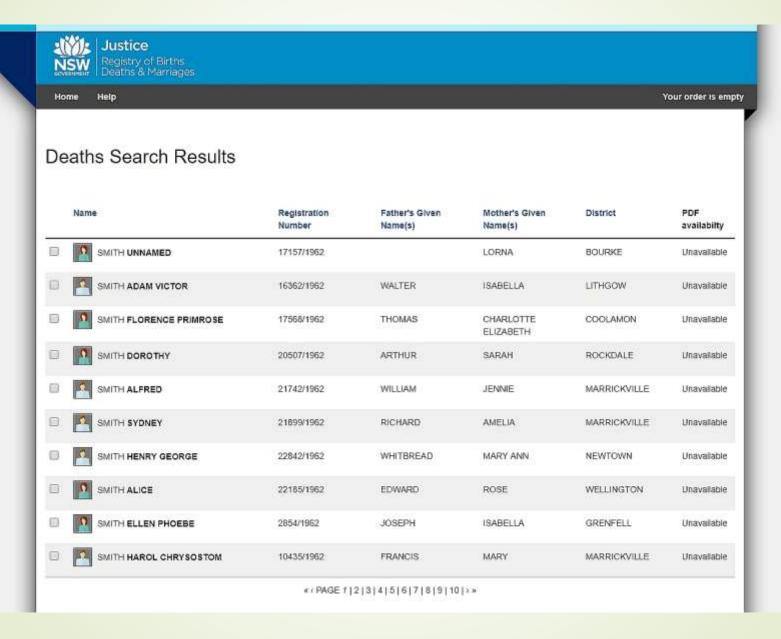


- Started by Reg and Jean McDonell in 2004
- Based on 1000's headstone photos from many cemeteries
- Other people have contributed to the project
- Inscriptions from plaques & headstones can be searched
- Has links to relatives from inscriptions & other sources
- Wrong or incomplete details can be corrected
- NSW BDM Records may also be searched here









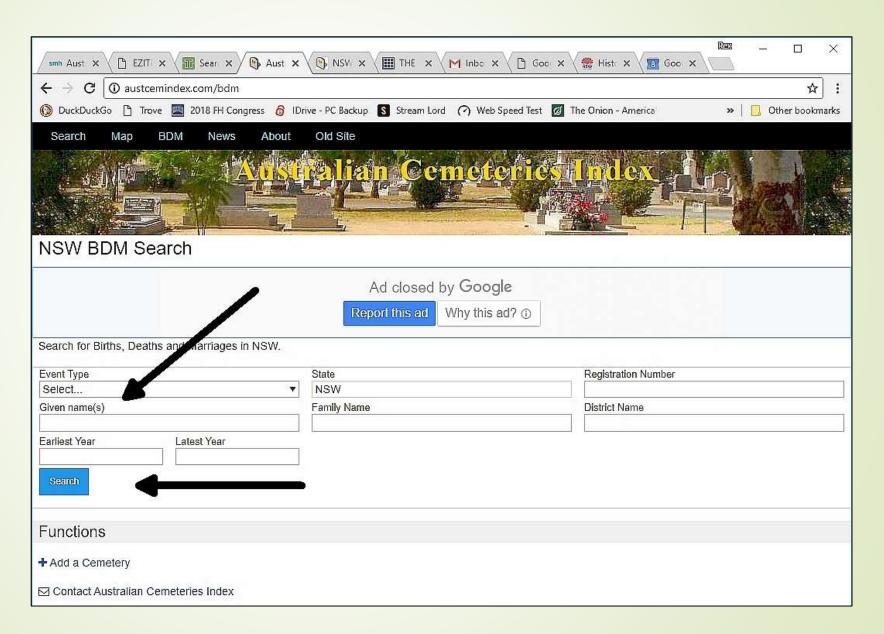
- Benefits of NSW BDM website :
 - Official website for NSW BDM
 - Amendments & updates to Index entries always occurring
 - Always up to date with access years, e.g. -
 - ■Birth index to 9 Dec 1917 (100 years ago)
 - Marriage Index to 9 Dec 1967 (50 years ago)
 - Death Index to 9 Dec 1987 (30 years ago)
 - Birth, Marriage & Death dates may be confirmed
 - Birth, Marriage & Death dates may be determined with search

- Downside of the NSW BDM:
 - Poor screen layout/navigation
 - Heavily used thus slower to respond
 - Displays a maximum of 10 results per page
 - No indication of how many matching entries found
 - Cannot see search criteria from results screen

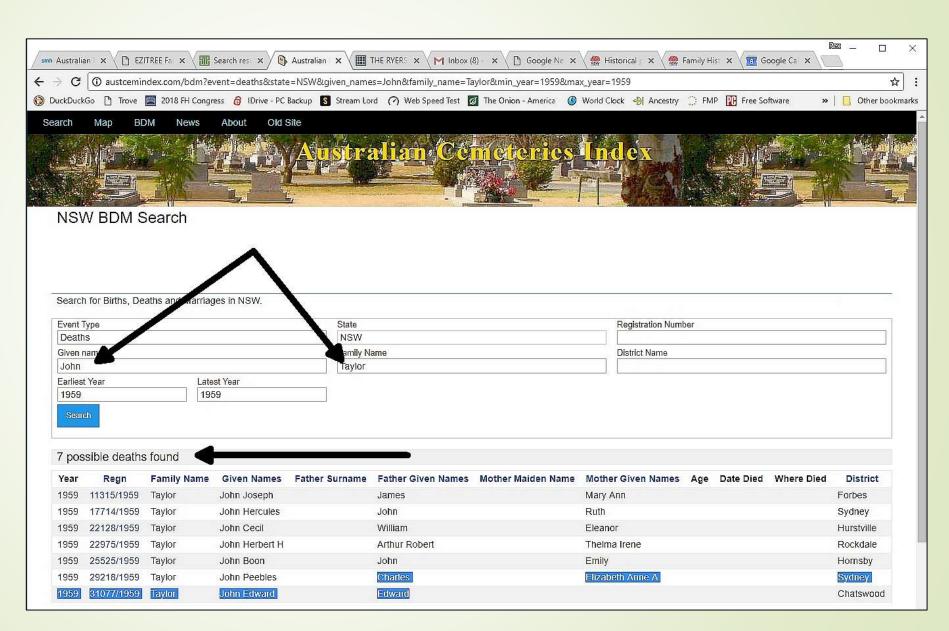
- Benefits of the AustCemIndex NSW BDM
 - Layout is clean and simple
 - ► All fields available together
 - Proper search fields in Death searches:
 - Mothers Maiden name, Date & Place of Death
 - One search screen for Births, Marriages and Deaths
 - 100 entries per page
 - Clear indication of how many records located
 - Search criteria at top of every results screen

- Downside of the AustCemIndex NSW BDM
 - Limited to 1,000 matched records
 - Certificates cannot be ordered online from AustCemIndex
 - Access years 4 years behind NSW BDM
 - Birth index to end Dec 1913 (104 years ago)
 - Marriage Index to end Dec 1963 (54 years ago)
 - Death Index to 9 Dec 1983 (34 years ago)
 - Uncertain accuracy
 - What records are being searched?
 - Will the search records 'catch-up' to the NSW BDM website

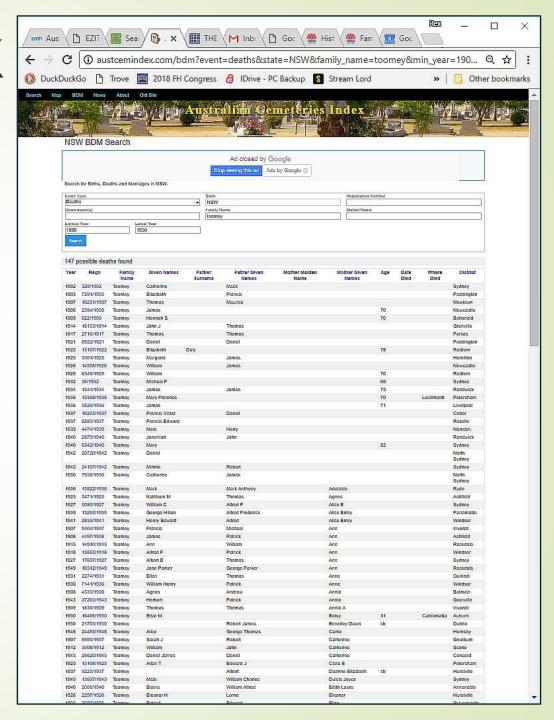
Search Screen:



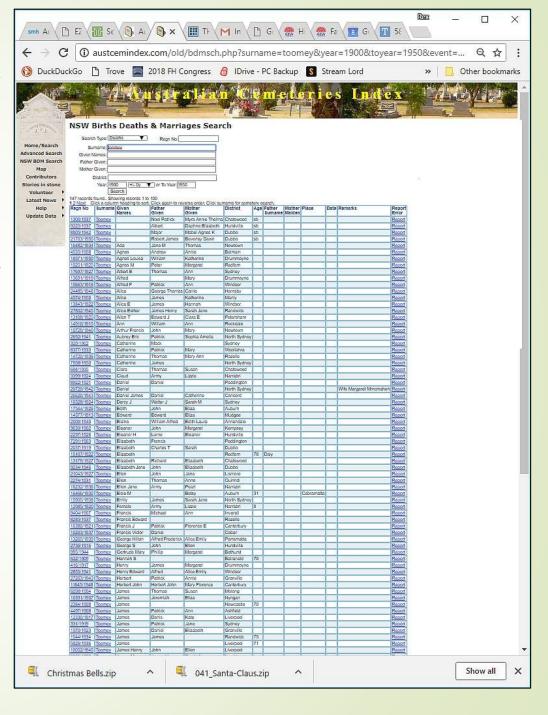
Results screen:



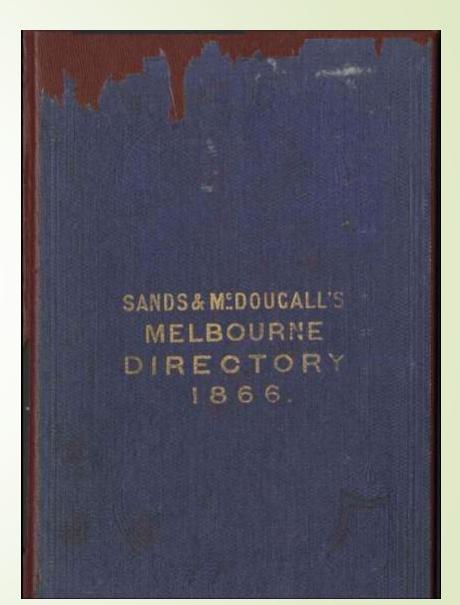
Results screen - lots of records!!



- Old AustCemIndex Site
- BDM Search
- Results screen lots or records!!
- Spreadsheet format



- New Digitised Victorian Records
- State Library of Victoria website
- Melbourne University website
- Free to use

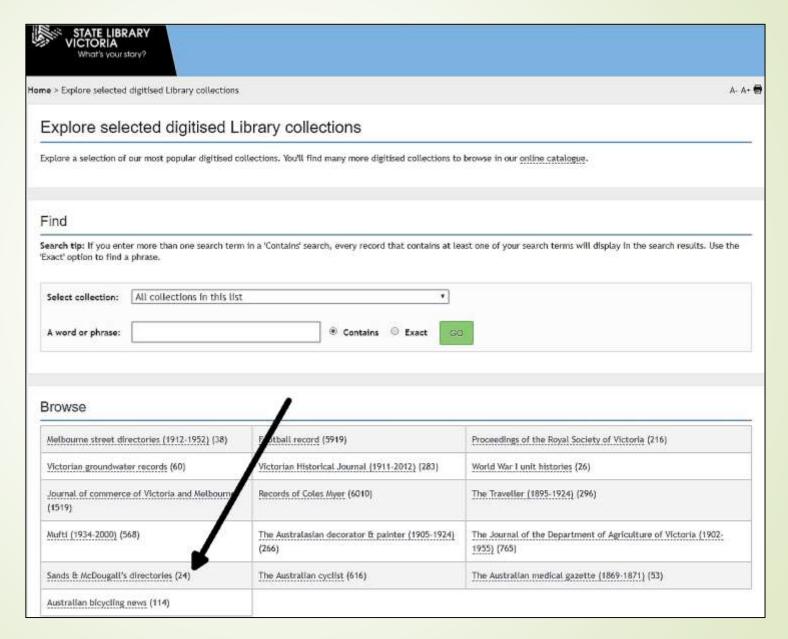


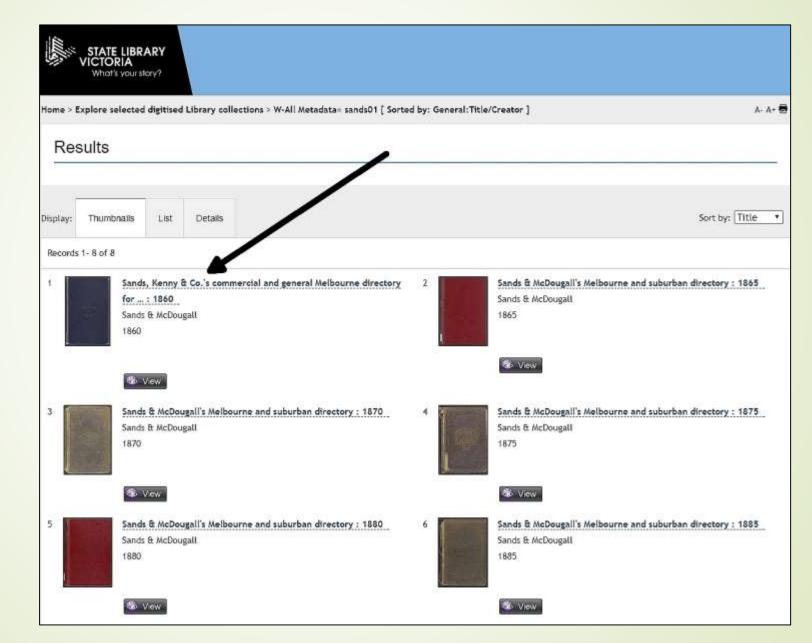
- State Library of Victoria
 - Sands & McDougall Directories 1860 to 1974
 - Every fifth year
 - URL https://tinyurl.com/melb-dir-slv
 - Country Victoria covered from 1902
 - ■Some Albury NSW businesses have adverts
 - Detailed street by street information for Melbourne and the suburbs
 - Inclusion NOT compulsory not all names recorded
 - (Source: Archival Access Victoria Issue 86)

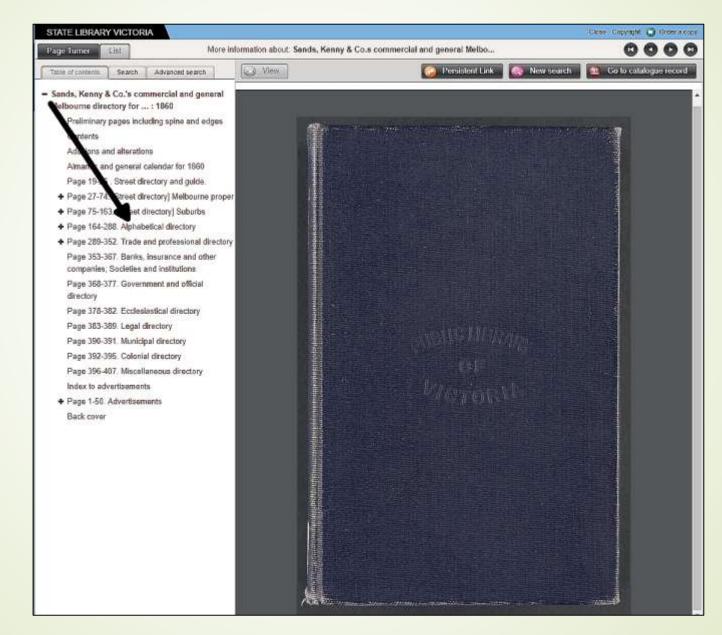


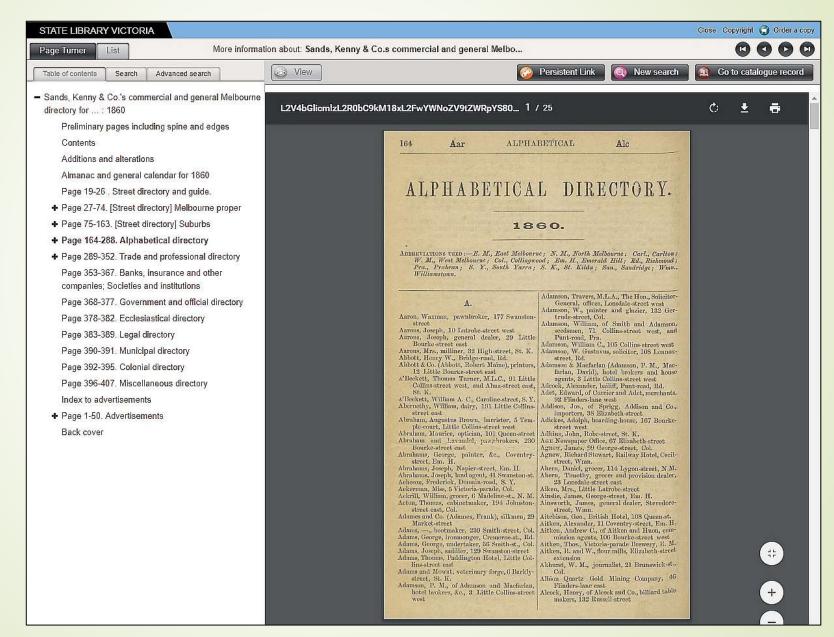
- University of Melbourne
 - ■Sands & McDougall Directories 1857 to 1880
 - Every year !!
 - URL: https://tinyurl.com/melb-dir-uma
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Happy and Safe New Year to all!



