

What is the Federation?

The Federation of Australian Historical Societies was established in 1977, has eight constituent members, one in each state and territory, and is the national peak body representing the interests of about 1,000 historical societies and about 100,000 members throughout Australia.

Their members provide hundreds of thousands of hours of work to collect documents and images, research and publish history, present public lectures and exhibitions, protect and preserve built and place heritage, collect material objects and exhibit them in museums, and make an invaluable contribution to heritage tourism.

What does the Federation do?

Encourages the study of Australian history and the preservation and publication of historical material

Promotes communication and mutual assistance within the historical society movement

Provides a forum for the exchange of ideas

Assists the work of constituents

Promotes the views of constituents

Provides a national focus on matters of general concern to constituents

Performs an advocacy role with all levels of government

Makes submissions and recommendations to government agencies

Serves on government bodies addressing history and heritage issues

Develops strategies to strengthen interaction between constituent members and governments

Produces a Newsletter and eBulletin on a regular basis

Supports the work of historical societies by publishing free guides on such topics as

Identification and preservation of heritage sites

Management of movable heritage

Publishing of history

Heritage tourism

Cultural landscapes

Digital collections

Constituent Members

Canberra and District Historical Society

www.canberrahistory.org.au

Royal Australian Historical Society

www.rahs.org.au

Historical Society of the Northern Territory

www.historicalsocietynt.org.au

Royal Historical Society of Queensland

www.queenslandhistory.org.au

History Trust of South Australia

www.history.sa.gov.au

Tasmanian Historical Research Association

www.thra.org.au

Royal Historical Society of Victoria

www.historyvictoria.org.au

Royal Western Australian Historical Society

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