

WHAT IS THE FEDERATION?

The Federation of Australian Historical Societies is the peak body representing approximately 1,000 historical and heritage societies in Australia. Their members (approaching 100,000) provide hundreds of thousands of hours of voluntary 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 on 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

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

identification and preservation of heritage sites

management of movable heritage

publishing of history

heritage tourism

cultural landscapes

produces a Newsletter and an e-Bulletin on a regular basis;

manages the online Australian Historical Societies Support Group;

maintains its website www.history.org.au.

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

Canberra and District Historical Society Royal Australian Historical Society Historical Society of the Northern Territory Royal Historical Society of Queensland History Trust of South Australia Tasmanian Historical Research Association Royal Historical Society of Victoria Royal Western Australian Historical Society www.canberrahistory.org.au www.rahs.org.au www.historicalsocietynt.org.au www.queenslandhistory.org.au www.history.sa.gov.au www.thra.org.au www.historyvictoria.org.au www.histwest.org.au

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