ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER GENEALOGY

The Logan West Library Local Studies Room has a wealth of resources to allow anyone to commence their family history research. Your local library will be able to provide you with a complete listing of resources. Logan West Library holds indexes of Queensland deaths prior to 1964, marriages up to 1939 and births to 1919 for Queensland. We also hold a comprehensive range of indexes for New South Wales and Victoria, with South Australian Births and Deaths available.

Most of this material is on microfiche, but recent compilations of births deaths and marriages on a single index, are on CD-ROM. You may ask Library staff for initial assistance and if you wish to utilise the CD-ROMs call your local library branch to make a booking.

The Yugambeh Museum and Language Centre, corner of Martens Street and Plantation Road, ((07) 3807 6155) offers a range of material relevant to individuals and family groups from the Logan region, with many books for sale and a well equipped reference library.

Those of you who wish to further research your Aboriginal or Islander ancestry may need to seek specialist advice.

The State Library of Queensland, Indigenous Library Services holds a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander records and photographs. The Tindale Collection, which relates to residents who were on several Queensland missions in 1938, is managed by Indigenous Library Services ((07) 3840 7911) The Margaret Lawrie Collection of Torres Strait Islander materials, includes research material, photographs, maps, music and genealogies is also managed by Indigenous Library Services.

The Queensland State Archives, situated in Compton Road, Runcorn, is the official repository of all Queensland Government records. The Department of Aboriginal Affairs and its previous agencies generated the main records on family and community links. Many recent records have access restrictions because of their personal and sensitive nature. You may need to seek permission from the relevant agency to access restricted records.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (DATSIP) Community and Personal Histories Unit can assist you in gaining that access, in order to research any person who ever came under specific legislation. This includes the Aboriginal Protection and Restrictions of the Sale of Opium Act of 1897 or the Aboriginal Protection and Preservation act, 1939.

You may phone the Personal Histories Unit for assistance on Freecall 1800 650 230 or on 3404 3622.