



Myli - My Community Library and Emerald Museum

LOCAL HISTORY RESOURCES



Online Databases

Myli - My Community Library and Emerald Museum offer members free access to *Ancestry* and *Find My Past* when using a public computer, or free Wi-Fi. Simply click on the relevant links on [Myli's website](#). Note only three library users can access each resource at one time.

The Emerald Museum has an online catalogue where you search parts of the collection from your own home. Explore the collection on [eHive](#). The digitisation of the collection is ongoing; check back regularly for new objects and records.

Similarly, you can view digitised items from Myli - My Community Library on [Victorian Collections](#).

In-Person Access

In-person access to Myli - My Community Library's archives are by appointment. The archive is temporarily located off-site at Casey Cardinia Library's Cranbourne branch.

The Emerald Museum houses an assortment of hard copy family history files for various longstanding and prominent residents of Emerald and surrounding districts. You can browse the index of these files via the [museum's website](#). Family history files are easily accessible to the public by booking a free collection access visit on the Contact page.

Don't be afraid to reach out to staff by email or phone before visiting to see if they have any materials relevant to your family. Sometimes, it's not obvious, even if there's an online catalogue to search. Let the staff know about who you're looking for - the person, time period, and anything specific you may want to find, such as photographs.

Online Resources

Myli - My Community Library and Casey Cardinia Libraries regularly post content on [Links to our Past](#) and [Commemorating our War Years](#) blogs. Collated paper copies of most posts are available to read at the archives. You can also find photographs from the archive, other local organisations, and information about local history events on the [Casey Cardinia Heritage Facebook page](#).

The Emerald Museum spotlights objects and records from its collection on its own [Facebook page](#).

One-on-One Sessions

One-hour appointments with the Literacy Librarian - Local History and Genealogy are available with Myli - My Community Library. The Librarian can assist you in overcoming hurdles in your research by finding where records are housed, and providing advice on how to use databases.

Events & Outreach

The Emerald Museum offers guided tours of the museum for groups and schools. Over at Myli - My Community Library, talks can be booked for events, group homes and primary schools.

Pakenham Library regularly hosts in-person and online events on local history topics and genealogy workshops. These events are free and bookings can be made via [Myli's website](#).

Not a member of Myli? Sign up for a free membership on [Myli's website](#).

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