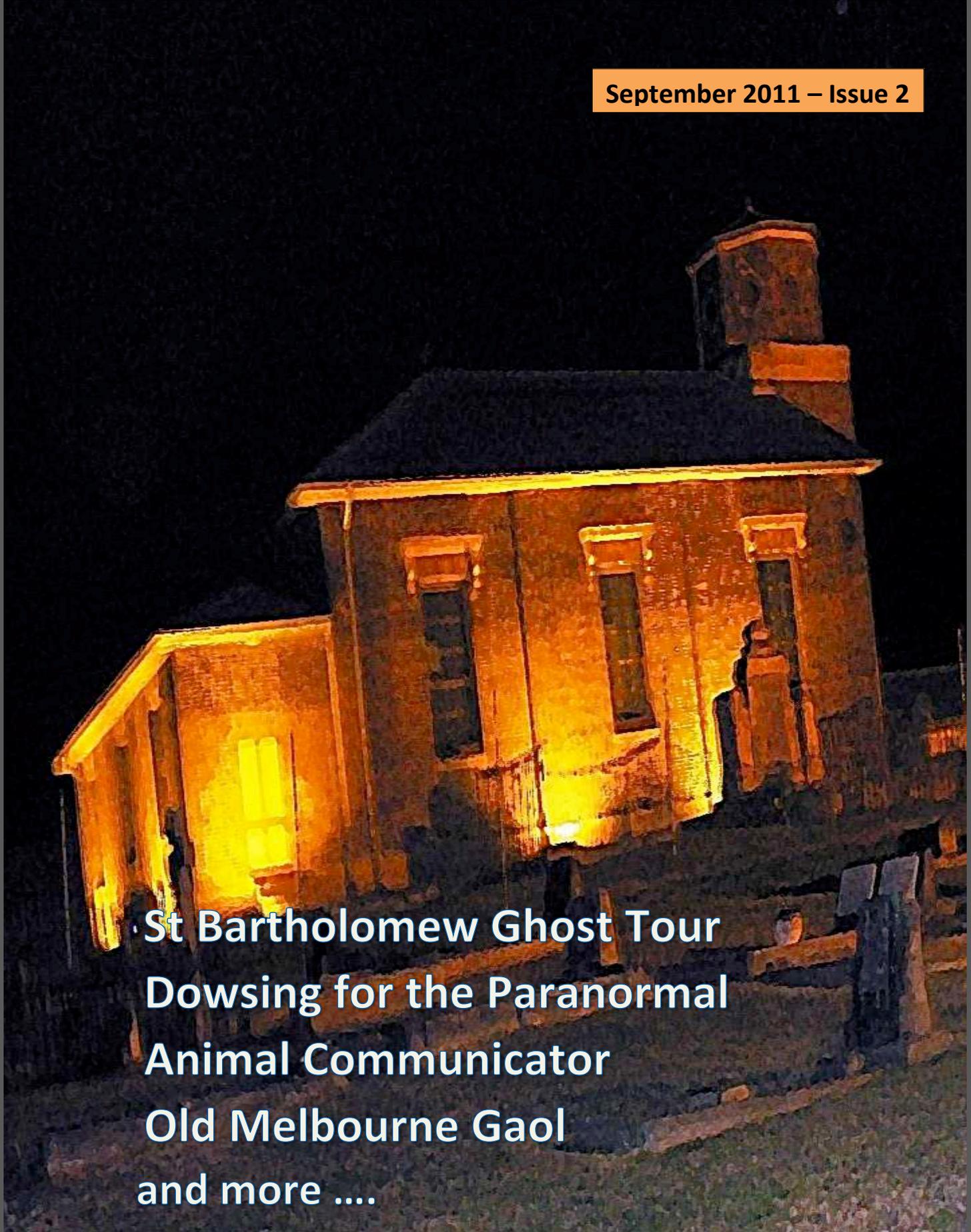


# Soul Searchers Paranormal Magazine

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**Old Melbourne Gaol**  
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## Welcome to SOuL Searchers a free bi-monthly Magazine

The SOuL Searchers online magazine is produced on a bi-monthly basis and provides topical information to keep you up to date on news and the latest developments happening in the Australian Paranormal community. In addition to our announcements on upcoming activities and events, the SOuL Searchers Magazine will contain articles, photos and information on the paranormal, parapsychology, ghost tours, mysterious locations, psychics and mediums, etc. Your suggestions, comments and contributions are welcomed.

### Editor



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The mission of this magazine is to include articles and information on our investigations and from the Paranormal community and to endeavour to provide logical explanations if applicable on environments and events that are associated with paranormal activity.



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## SOuL Searchers Investigations

### SOuL Searchers Team



The majority of SOuL Searchers investigations are private client investigations and they usually incorporate house clearings and can also include geopathic stress assessments.

SOuL Searchers conducted the following investigations from July to September:

- 2 September 2011 Oatley - Private House
- 13 August 2011 Sans Souci (2) - Private House
- 10 August 2011 Kirrawee - Private House
- 6 August 2011 Prospect - St Bartholomew's Church
- 5 August 2011 Bangor - Private House
- 31 July 2011 Mt Kembla - Windy Gully Cemetery
- 22 July 2011 Menai - Private House
- 16 July 2011 Hurstville Grove - Private House

[Click here to see the investigation reports.](#)

The SOuL Searchers team conducts all investigations in a professional manner, adhering to the wishes of the client; we

are also considerate to the needs of the souls that are causing the problem. In addition to utilising our various psychic talents, we use common sense scientific approaches to all our investigations as well as having an open mind to all belief systems, theories & methodologies. Click banner to see Team Bios.

Each investigation is conducted confidentially in a professional manner, addressing any concerns such as privacy, safety and security. It is SOuL Searchers' mission to provide the best service possible to our clients, by listening to their needs, providing solutions and being informative every step of the way. **We conduct ALL investigations free of charge and therefore all members are volunteers.** For general inquiries or to request an investigation and clearing in your home please email us at [soulsearchers@spheresoflight.com.au](mailto:soulsearchers@spheresoflight.com.au)

# From the Editor

## Paranormal Problem? Who are you going to call?

Paranormal TV shows have certainly changed the viewpoints of many people and although these programs can be educational, they are mostly pure entertainment. The information contained in the majority of these programs is often inaccurate and at times they portray the image of genuine paranormal investigations in a negative way. The most complimentary thing I can say for what is shown on television is that it has gone a long way in developing public interest in the paranormal, even if what is presented is more science fiction than science.

This paranormal TV phenomena has inspired the formation of thousands of paranormal groups throughout the world all gearing up with the latest equipment and all calling themselves paranormal investigators, often with no prior practical experience or paranormal knowledge and no idea about the inherent dangers of working with the paranormal.

Attending a paranormal investigator class<sup>101</sup> will not fully prepare someone to efficiently investigate the paranormal. It takes many years of research and practical experience in a multitude of conditions and environments before one has the expertise to provide an indepth paranormal analysis.

A problem arises for the person looking for a professional paranormal investigator to deal with their particular problem as there is no professional organization or regulatory body to regulate paranormal research and practices. Paranormal investigations can be loaded with a multitude of problems for all parties concerned as the investigator and their clients can face legal, ethical, and safety issues if appropriate actions are not put in place prior to the investigation.

Personally, I hate the term “ghost hunter”; it implies a disregard for the spirit that is in crisis. If an investigator presented themselves as a “ghost hunter” I would be concerned at their motives for conducting the investigation.

They conjure up mental images of someone who is anything but a serious paranormal investigator, who is intent in getting evidence and not concerned with outcomes or the welfare of the grounded soul. Often these “ghost hunters” are only interested in the paranormal from a freak sideshow perspective and usually they spend their time seeking out paranormal sites to feed their adrenalin habit.

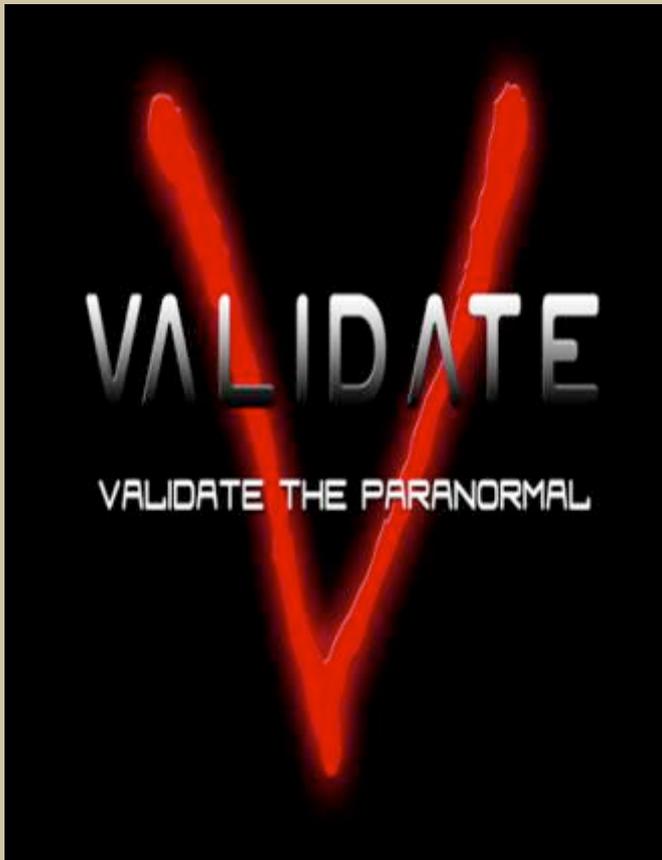
Often a newly formed group will establish a website or create a social networking site, and then promote themselves to like-minded individuals as experienced investigators. Unfortunately the presence of a website or social network is not a validation of their paranormal expertise. A client looking for a reputable person or group to assist them with their paranormal inquiry should initially ask for referrals and inquire about their experience and methodologies before committing to an investigation.

A professional person/group should incorporate in its investigation behavioural psychology, historical research and investigation tactics, technical (photography, audio, video, surveillance, etc.) , as well as privacy precautions. An understanding of personality disorders such as substance abuse, abusive situations, mental illness, or cognitive impairments are important as they could be contributing factors to the perceived paranormal activities reported.

Finally, all investigations should be conducted by professional investigators in a professional manner, addressing any concerns such as privacy, safety & security and adhering to the wishes of the client. A majority of investigators usually undertake their investigation free of charge or by donation, however, the cost of the investigation should be discussed during the initial conversation with the client so that there is no dispute once the investigation has been completed.

# An Open Letter to the Paranormal Community in Australia

By Andrea Kaldy



When Attila and I decided to create Validate, an organisation to assist in bringing standards and cohesion to the paranormal community in Australia, we agreed on two things: we will always be independent and that he would be covering the physical evidential side of things and I will cover the spiritual aspect of the research to keep it balanced.

For a while now I have been following many groups springing up in this country in the wake of the paranormal craze wave that has swept around the world a few times in the last decade or so. The paranormal becoming ever so popular in social and broadcast media, there are many who jump on the bandwagon, with loud claims of the best evidence, best equipment, best crew and the best medium etc.

Being a medium myself, this is something that I take a great interest in and since the creation of Validate I have been watching the paranormal scene unfold Downunder with a massive following. Like any other craze, this brings with it those who will use it to further their own advancement, even on the expense of those they work with.

A medium can make or break a team; I have seen it, time and time again, with conduct that is less than professional and certainly not in the best interest of the client or the team involved. As unfortunate as this is, presently there are no preventative measures in place to stop something like that happening. There are those out there who will claim fame to many things they have supposedly done while being in the industry for many years misrepresenting connections to make themselves seem something they are not.

Unsuspecting groups will fall victim to those claims and will learn the hard way on how to be selective about whom they will support and let into their circle. And this is where some will come undone. The strain on personal relationships and the testing of loyalties is something that takes up a huge amount of energy and focus and instead of making headway in the field of paranormal research, these groups and individuals will be enthralled in petty turf wars and slugging matches.

Many have written about the same before and what I say is nothing new, of that I am well aware. Never before however have I been pulled into a conflict that involved the defamation of character of the teams and people that I personally work with as well as my own. I have stayed out of it for as long as I could but I can ignore it no longer.

Validate is an open organisation and invites open discussion on its work and any feedback anyone wishes to give. And I stress the word “open”. There are some out there who appear to be self-appointed judges of what is right and what isn't, the only problem is that the measure of that truth is their own twisted agenda. I have seen through it and I know that in time others will as well.

One of the prerequisites of an intelligent debate is that you know your opponent and you have proof to anything you claim. When it comes to accepting claims made by others I prefer to seek my own truth so that I may make my own judgement and decision.

When this fledgling industry is hardly supported by any, other than our own community, it is no wonder that we are the laughing stock of many for lack of structure and professionalism. Without any industry standards to adhere to, there are many who blatantly promote themselves as experts in the field, (whether it's science or Mediumship) with little to back up their work with but plenty of ego.

While I am all for supporting each other and giving each other a leg up, there is a difference between being enthusiastic about your own group with the work being carried out and spreading unsupported claims fuelled by ego and demoralising other groups and individuals behind their backs. If you have people in your group who are doing this with your knowledge, it just shows a lack of integrity on their part and the lack of understanding of their own role.

I have said that a medium can make or break a team. Why is that, you ask? While other members of the team are bound by a set of rules, there is another set mediums should abide by: their own professional code of

conduct. Most mediums work outside of their teams as private readers, platform mediums or even healers. Working on an investigation is completely different to any of those scenarios. How it differs is for another article, my point here is not that as I am writing this.

A medium's word should not be taken without question. I have seen mediums work where the sole purpose of their being on the investigation was to spit out copious amounts of useless and questionable information that could neither be validated nor seemed to serve any purpose other than stroking their own ego. Taking up a whole night with someone having to follow the medium's every word and capturing it on video or audio is not what paranormal investigating is about.

Mediumship is working with Spirit. Working with Spirit is working in servitude. This is the other side of the coin and a fine edge mediums walk when working in a PI team. Coming from a place of ego, whether it's you stroking someone else's or others boosting your own, it's not contributing meaningfully to the research and it's certainly not serving Spirit. If your medium does that, question them why.

As co-founder of Validate I can honestly say that we embrace all whose wish is to serve the paranormal community, whether it be with technical knowledge, PR skills, Mediumship etc as long as the contribution is honest and open and is in the quest of the Truth.

Validate is an independent investigative body seeking key elements that may provide evidential support to certain paranormal related theories such as hauntings, alleged foreign intervention i.e. UFO phenomena and cryptozoology.

# So you want to be a Paranormal Investigator?

## Part 2

### Preparing for the Investigation

When preparing for your paranormal investigation, as part of your preparation try to gather as much information as you can. This can include research on the web, books and interviewing people who are associated with the location or who have experienced something they think is paranormal.

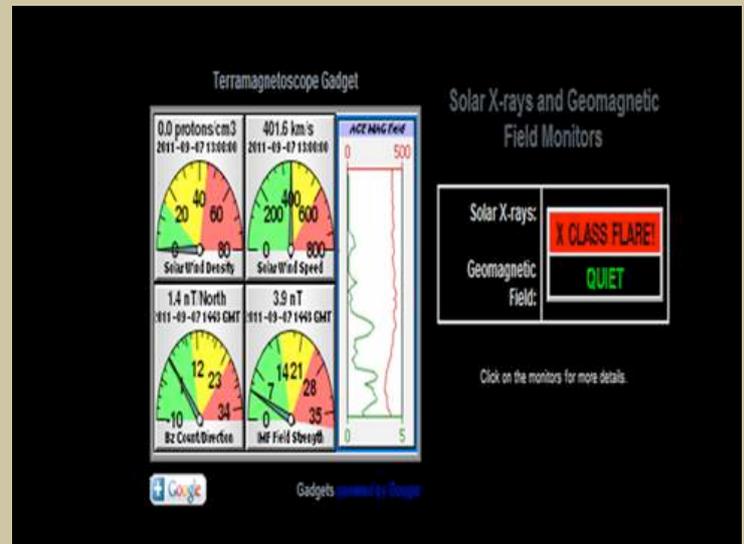
When researching a location or interviewing make detailed notes, or even better record the interview so you can refer to it later

Before heading out for your investigation be sure you go over the basics and make sure you have an equipment checklist:



- Ensure that all devices are undamaged, properly operating, and have fully charged batteries.
- Pack spare batteries.
- Clean camera lenses.
- Make sure there is film or memory cards in all cameras.
- Have a pen and pencil for note taking.

- Carry a watch for noting times of occurrences and specific details.
- Use walkie-talkies to keep in touch with other team members.
- Bring a flashlight. Again, check the batteries.
- Have a first-aid kit on hand for emergencies.



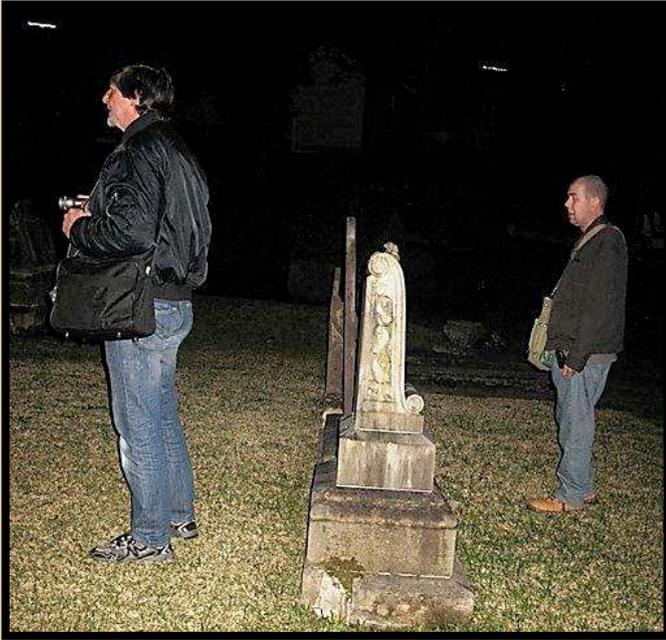
### Geomagnetic Field and Solar Activity Monitors

Other things that you might want to take note of :

- Note weather details such as temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, and wind direction and speed.
- Note solar and geomagnetic activity. Studies have shown that both have an effect on the earth's own magnetic field.
- If possible, research geological information about the location. There is speculation that areas high in magnetism can trigger psychic and paranormal experiences.
- Note the lunar phase. Lunar phases also affect the earth's magnetic field.

**It is important you know where the nearest hospital is should there be an accident.**

## The Investigation



Never go off investigating alone, always have someone with you at all times.

- Minimize conversation during the investigation. Silence and observation are the key components to successfully picking up signs of paranormal activity.
- Safety first. If a structure or area looks dangerous, avoid it. Don't climb rickety ladders, unstable staircases. Don't walk on rotted floorboards. Don't touch bare wires.
- When placing equipment, make sure it's away from electrical and magnetic sources such as breaker boxes or stereo speakers.
- Try to get double coverage on a room or specific location: two cameras, two audio recording devices, one of each, etc.
- Turn off mobile phones while conducting an investigation. There should be no smoking allowed in or near the investigation area, as smoke can be mistaken for apparitions in photographs or video, and can mask odours associated with the investigation.

When experiencing something paranormal, it's good to expose another investigator to it, but without revealing anything in particular to them. Some people are very susceptible to

the power of suggestion and could easily be influenced. If something unusual happens that causes an investigator to feel that they should immediately leave an area, NEVER run, as this can lead to more confusion and can result in an accident. CALMLY leave the area as quickly and as safely as possible.

## Data Collection

The most important function of a paranormal investigation is data collection. In order to substantiate a paranormal experience one needs to have comprehensive and logical data to support it. Modern science regards a hypothesis as scientific if it produces in depth and tested evidence. Unfortunately most paranormal investigations are inadequately recorded. Many are based purely on witness testimony which is often interpreted from a personal religious and philosophical view point and it should also be noted that witness testimony can be at times the only information to a particular paranormal experience. However, while acknowledging the witness account's limitations the information can be utilised as a basis for further more controlled investigations.

Another common problem is that witness accounts are often not reported or documented at the time of the paranormal event and consequently important information is lost or corrupted over time. It is therefore vital to the integrity of the investigation that both witness accounts and technical data is gathered at a central point prior to the ending of an investigation. To further protect the integrity of the evidence, paranormal team members should be discouraged from discussing findings with each other until all evidence and data has been collected. Once data has been collected then the analysis of all evidence can be undertaken and discussed with the investigation team.

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# St Bartholomew's Ghost Tour



[Click here for comprehensive history report](#)

St Bartholomew's Church, opened in 1841, and was the first church built in the Prospect area. The last church service was held on Christmas Eve 1967, after which it was closed due to increasing vandalism. In 1972 Blacktown Municipal Council took out a fifty-year lease on the property from the Church of England Property Trust. In November 1989 fire destroyed much of the contents of the church and severely damaged the roof. Parts of the original box pews and joinery, an 1850s organ brought to St Bartholomew's in 1888, a pulpit and lecterns from 1908 and all pressed metal ceilings were lost. In 1991 work commenced to repair the roof and brickwork damaged by the fire and from 2000 to 2001 the Church was completely restored, including interiors and windows, with the use of Federation funding. In January 2001 Blacktown City Council purchased the property from the Anglican Property Trust.

The Church is of Colonial Georgian design, being a rectangular brick structure with a nave, chancel and two vestries, each vestry having an entrance door. The main entrance is through the bell tower at the front of the building. The tower has a square base with an octagonal belfry. The bell has recently been reinstated to the tower.

## **St Bartholomew's Graveyard**

The graveyard is located on the same property as the Church. When the Blacktown City Council bought the Church property in 2001 the sale included the graveyard. It was once known as the Prospect Cemetery. Many early settlers are buried in the graveyard. Among them are William Lawson, one of the first European settlers to cross the Blue Mountains and Thomas Willmot, the first Shire President of Blacktown. By 1891 over 360 burials had been recorded in the Parish Register. From the turn of the century to 1941

there was a substantial increase in the annual number of burials, reflecting the development of the district with the subdivision of farms into suburban allotments, the encroaching metropolitan area and the industrial development with the development of metal quarries, saw mills, brick and tile works and Bonds cotton spinning mills. By 1994 burials were only permitted in previously purchased plots, the sale of which were discontinued in 1992, and in existing graves where there was space. Two burials were permitted in most plots.

### Summary of Activity ~ Ghostly Sightings

Over the years many people have reported ghostly experiences and sightings at St Bartholomew's church and cemetery. These include the ghost of a very tall and kind man who stays around foyer of the church and tries to communicate with people; the smell of sulphur or sometimes an overpowering smell of flowers around the grave of a young girl; doors opening, closing or locking; windows rapping, ectoplasm and cool breezes; and the ghost of a sea captain who roams the perimeter of the cemetery with a light near his face. [Read more here.](#)



**St Bartholomew's Church Ghost Tour** (Ponds Road, Prospect) holds its popular Cemetery and Ghost Tours about once a month.

Starts: 7:30pm  
 Cost: \$12.00 per person plus \$3.00 for supper.

For bookings & enquiries call Robyn @ Blacktown City Council on 02 9839 6087



SOuL Searchers attended the Ghost Tour on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011.  
 First Quarter Moon: 50% waxing in Scorpio  
 Solar X-rays: Active  
 Geomagnetic Field: Storm!  
 Weather: Intermittent rain

While the St Bartholomew's Ghost tour on Saturday night was very interesting, from a potential paranormal perspective it was relatively uneventful. The tour was good value for the money, the only criticism I have is that there were far too many people attending the ghost tour on the night.

Hazel Magann is the guide for the tour and has spent 35 years researching the history of the church and the graveyard.

She has hours and hours of ghostly experiences to impart to her captured audience. St Bartholomew's certainly is worth a second viewing and perhaps we could organise a private investigation when time allows.

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# Smile for the Camera!

By Newcastle Ghost Tours



There is something to be said about the degree of difficulty in being followed by a camera crew while attempting to do a ghost tour and look impressive, professional and sound intelligent for long enough to string together a plausible sentence. Now who said that it was going to be easy!

It was a lesson that the team had to learn very quickly when the camera crew from Channel Ten's "The Circle" joined us on Wednesday night, July 6th 2011. Film crews have their own agenda and timetable so my plans for an in depth, history filled grand tour fizzled out within the first "and we only want a few shots" statement and it was run, run, run from point A to Point B from that point on. But hey, we were going to get some valuable

television time so who was I to argue the point.

We had the most delightful Mr Ed Harris as our roving reporter from Channel Ten's, "The Circle", two camera men and the producer who called the shots. Ed was such a gentleman! The crew decided to take the car to each location as their cameras were just too heavy to walk with, but Ed grabbed a K2 meter and followed the tour route on foot with us asking questions all the way.

As the chilly evening gathered momentum the crew also "warmed" to us and we had them talking about, not only the tour, but all aspects of paranormal investigation, types of ghost haunting and how to cleanse and clear



as well as opening up with their own personal experiences.

Our technical girls from Boo! Paranormal, Angela and Kirstin, who have had many years of experience in ghost hunting filled everybody in on how to use the equipment they take on their field trips as well as how to use the K2 meters which seemed to spookily spike “on cue” as though we had prepared the ghosts earlier to compliment the tour.

Diana, co-owner of Newcastle Ghost Tours, did a very thorough cleansing at the end of the session to make sure that no one took home anything other than the memory of a good experience and that in itself sparked another long conversation with the crew who needed a little more convincing as to the benefits of such a lot of hand waving and intense concentration.

All in all, it was a great experience and we would relish the opportunity to do it again.

We got to highlight some of the amazing ghostly and historic sites of Newcastle’s East End and share stories about the town’s convict past.

Newcastle Ghost Tours aims to provide an opportunity to explore the paranormal in a friendly and safe environment. If you are a keen beginner then these tours are perfect for you as an introduction to getting some hands on experience. For the diehard ghost hunter we provide special events and workshops to teach more and expand the “curious mind” and for the sceptics...we provide enough historical background to satisfy those that want to know if we have “done our research”. Join us on our next tour....if you dare! Our website is at:

[www.newcastleghosttours.com.au](http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au)

# Mt Kembla - Windy Gully Cemetery

## 31st July 2011



On the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011, the anniversary of the Mt Kembla mine disaster, the SOuL Searchers Investigation team conducted an investigation at the Windy Gully Cemetery.

### History of the Area

At 2pm on Thursday, 31st July, 1902, Mt Kembla Mine suffered the worst mining disaster in Australia's history, when a gas explosion killed 96 men and boys. The resulting Royal Commission concluded that a roof fall in a goafed area pushed inflammable gases into contact with a wheeler's naked lamp, triggering a series of coal dust explosions.

The disaster victims included some rescuers. At first, the great number of dead posed the immediate problem of where the bodies were to be buried. A site was chosen in Windy Gully on company donated land and a mass grave dug. Very quickly families claimed and removed their dead for burial. Of the 33 miners buried in Windy Gully Cemetery, four unclaimed bodies were buried in the mass grave on the high side of the Cemetery making Windy Gully the resting place of most of the miners killed in the explosion. At least 32 bodies were buried in the Soldiers' & Miners' Anglican Church Cemetery, Mount Kembla. There were two unregistered deaths - one which is particularly poignant. Michael (Mickey) Brennan, aged 19, had begun work 4

days earlier. His body was never found - maybe his remains were buried in the mass grave.

Work recommenced at Mt Kembla Mine 8 weeks later on 24th September, 1902. Many families lost the breadwinners. Some families lost all their men. Families had to be fed and clothed. Bereaved families had to be supported. And this support came from the immediate and the wider community. Donations came from overseas, especially from Britain, where the company was based and shareholders lived. Unfortunately, the majority of the funds did not reach the widows and children.

Windy Gully Cemetery was finally consecrated 100 years later on 31st July, 2002, by Rev Gordon Bradbery, during the centenary commemoration of the disaster. Windy Gully Cemetery is recognized as a cemetery of State significance.

### **Ghost of Mickey Brennan**



**Mt Kembla Hotel**

Mickey Brennan, a young wheeler in the Mt Kembla Mine on the 31st July 1902, has the dubious distinction of being the only body never recovered from the disaster. His father is said to have had a coffin waiting in the machine shed while he searched every recess of the mine for two years. After which he walked into the Ocean in Wollongong. Some say committing suicide.

Folklore tells of Mickey Brennan's ghost haunting the mine, making strange noises, up until its closure in 1970. After this several publicans of the Mt Kembla Hotel report having seen or heard Mickey's ghost in the cellar of the hotel. Hopefully the story of the disaster will not suffer the same fate as that of Mickey Brennan's ghost; Unrequited, searching for recognition and proper acknowledgement in the annals of Australian history.

### **Investigation**

While waiting for the 96 candles ceremony at the cemetery to finish the SOuL Searchers investigation team had dinner at the Mt Kembla pub.

After dinner we visited the Village Cemetery. Some of the dead were buried in Mount Kembla's village cemetery, which also contains a 2.5-metre-tall memorial to the disaster, listing the names of the miners and two rescuers who perished. The majority were buried in the more remote Windy Gully cemetery, 1.5 kilometres south-west of the village.

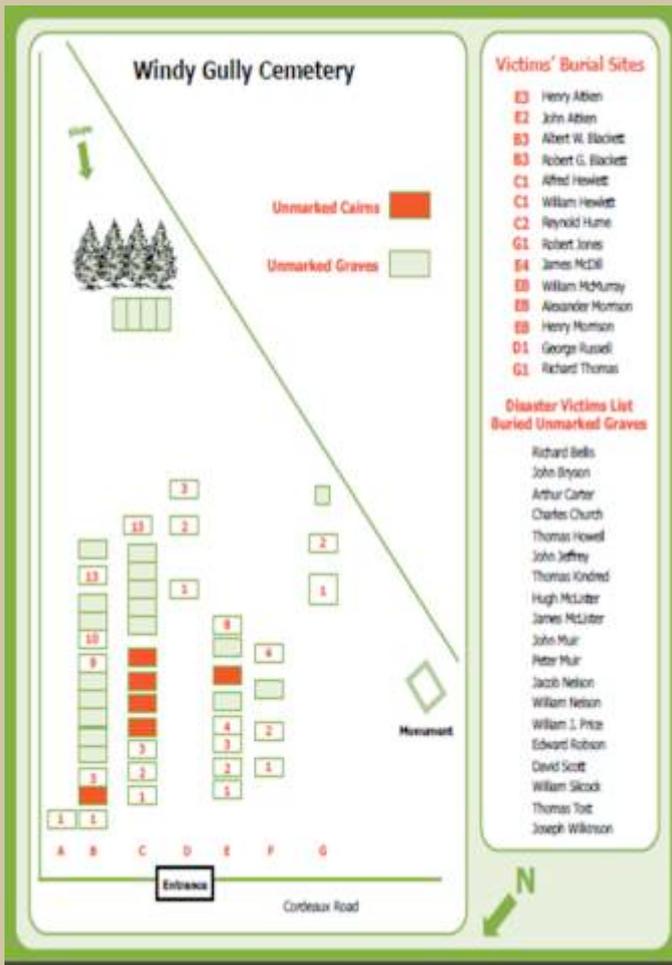
The Village cemetery was very peaceful on the night, and the only anomalies that were picked up were orbs which was predictable considering the amount of moisture in the air.

At 8.30pm we moved on to Windy Gully Cemetery. We walked around with our K2 and EMF detectors. A couple of times throughout the night the k2 lights flashed with no logical explanation.

At one stage while sitting on one of the benches I caught a dark shape moving around near the trees at the back of the cemetery.

All the investigators on the night felt that the area at the front of the cemetery felt very sad. At one stage we all gathered there in quiet contemplation. There were 2 evp's recorded that night in relation to some questions we were being asked. Both were male. One was a faint yes to a question and the other was either come

here or I am here. Also my EMF meter started reacting to the questions that were being asked.



**Photos taken at Windy Gully**



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# Solar Storms and Paranormal Investigations

On the 3rd of August 2010 a wave of violent space weather began rolling over the Earth after a huge explosion on the sun. Scientists were advising that the wave of supercharged gas would buffet the natural magnetic shield protecting the Earth, possibly sparking spectacular displays of the auroras known as the northern and southern lights.

According to NASA, this storm covered the entire Earth - facing side of the sun - and sent a "solar tsunami" racing across space at up to 1.5 million km/h. The last major flare-up occurred in 2001 and the sun has been going through a strangely prolonged period of silence since then.



When the Sun produces solar storms or flares it sends charged radioactive particles into the Earth's atmosphere, this creates a magnetic shift and alters the geomagnetic fields, thus depositing extra energy into the atmosphere. During the bombardment of the energetic electromagnetic fields radio transmissions and power grids can be affected.



During peak geomagnetic fields and solar storms an electromagnetic environment is created that significantly improves the conditions under which paranormal activity can occur. Spirits need a source of energy to enable them to manifest in this dimension and under these atmospheric conditions spirits can increase their strength and clarity.

**45-Day Geomag. Forecast:**  
AUG 05 (Unsettled)

**Full/New Moon Forecast:**  
Aug 09 (New Moon)  
Aug 24 (Full Moon)



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When researching paranormal activity, it is important to observe geomagnetic forecasts and other possible patterns that show how weather and in particular space weather can impact on paranormal activity. It is very useful to monitor solar storm activity for paranormal investigations; for more information please read the article Weather and Geothermic Conditions that Affect Paranormal Activity and check out the Geomagnetic Field and Solar Activity Monitors here on the SOuL Searchers site. It is important for paranormal researchers and investigators to monitor these elements prior to conducting investigations. This means closely watching space-weather indicators and being prepared and ready to investigate on a moment's notice when a good storm like this current one comes through.

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# Dowsing for the Paranormal

*"I know very well that many scientists consider dowsing as they do astrology, as a type of ancient superstition. According to my conviction this is, unjustified. The dowsing rod is a simple instrument which shows the uncanny reaction of the human nervous system to certain factors which are unknown to us at this time."* Albert Einstein

Dowsing has existed in various forms for thousands of years. Originally it may have been for divination purposes, to divine the will of the gods, to foretell the future. During the Middle Ages the dowsing rods were used for the purpose of dowsing for the truth in trials but as it was in 1701 the inquisition stopped the use of the dowsing rods because they believed the process was associated with the Devil.

Dowsing as practiced today probably originated in Germany during the 15th century, when it was used to find metals. The technique spread to England with German miners who came to England to work in the coal mines.

Dowsing has been used to find sources of underground water and lost objects. This method has also been useful to map out the location of ley lines and energy vortices and is referred to as electro-magnetic reception. This process utilises the same senses that animals rely on for finding direction, food, each other and is also innate in every human being.

Dowsing may be defined as the communication of subtle energies and information perceived by one's extended senses and natural intuition with the focused "rational" mind through the use of a device, tool and or learned response. The unconscious mind detects far more information than it ever sends to the conscious mind. Dowsing rods operate on the theory that the unconscious mind can detect the subtle energy presence. Information received in this manner is of holographic

nature, not limited by time and space, or the acknowledged physical laws of the universe.

There are 2 common types of dowsing tools, pendulums and dowsing rods.

## Pendulums



A pendulum is an object that is attached to a pivot which the pendulum can swing freely. This object is subject to a restoring motion that will accelerate it toward an equilibrium position. When the pendulum is displaced from its place of rest, the restoring force will cause the pendulum to oscillate about the equilibrium position. A pendulum can be a metal or crystal weight hanging from a cord or chain.

A common approach is that the user first determines which direction (left-right, up-down) will indicate "yes" and which "no", before proceeding to ask the pendulum specific questions. The person holding the pendulum aims to hold it as steadily as possible over the centre. An interviewer may pose questions to the person holding the pendulum, and it swings by minute unconscious bodily movement in the direction of the answer.



## Dowsing Rods

Dowsing rods are rods made out of wood or metals. Dowsing rods usually come in two shapes, L shape and Y shape. The L shaped rods are 2 L shaped wires, usually made out of metal preferably copper or brass, you hold

one in each hand and their movements provide you with the information that you seek. With dowsing rods, you will use the same technique as with the pendulum, but instead of rotating, the rods will open or cross to indicate a response to a question or will move according to the energy that it



perceives.

According to some dowsers who use divining rods, brass or copper are good conductors of energy and allows the rod to attune to magnetic fields emanated by the target without the earth's EM field interfering, as would be the case with a metal such as steel. The end of the rod to be held by the dowser is often encased in a material that provides a constant electrical impedance, to prevent the dowser's own conductivity from interfering with the dowsing process.

Sceptics of dowsing believe that the dowsing apparatus has no special powers, but merely amplify small imperceptible movements of the hands arising from the expectations of the dowser. This psychological phenomenon is known as the ideomotor effect. Some supporters agree with this explanation, but maintain that the dowser has a subliminal sensitivity to the environment, perhaps via electroreception, magnetoception, or telluric

currents. Others believe their powers are paranormal.

Dowsing rods have been used for many years in paranormal research. Some researchers believe that these rods or pendulums can pick up on energy fields somewhat like an EMF Meter. Some also believe that by using dowsing rods, a spirit can control their movement by indicating "yes or no" answers by positioning the rods in different fashions or pointing the holder of the rods in a direction to lead them to a specific area..

In paranormal investigations you can program the pendulum or dowsing rod using your intent to show where there is a concentration of spirit energy. With this method the pendulum will just hang until paranormal or spirit energy is present at which point it will start to oscillate and the speed and intensity of its movement correlates with the intensity of the energy as its movement will be strongest when directly over the source of the energy.

With Dowsing Rods the rods will cross whenever you walk over an energy vortex or concentration of spirit energy. Ideally you should be specific as to which type of energy you're seeking. You can also ask the dowsing rods to point you in the direction of the spirit energy.

You don't need to have any particular talent in using dowsing rods or pendulums but the quality of dowsing efforts do vary, depending upon how one approaches the activity.

Over time with practice one develops one's own intuitive apparatus through an extension of one's natural feeling and intuitive perceptions.

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The Old Melbourne Gaol is a museum and former prison located in Russell Street, Melbourne. It consists of a bluestone building and courtyard, and is located next to the old City Police Watch House and City Courts buildings. It was first constructed starting in 1839, and during its operation as a prison between 1845 and 1924, it held and executed some of Australia's most notorious criminals, including Ned Kelly and serial killer Frederick Bailey Deeming. In total, 135 people were executed by hanging. Though it was used

briefly during World War II it formally ceased operating as a prison in 1924; with parts of the gaol being incorporated into the RMIT University, and the rest becoming a museum." Wikipedia .

My recent trip to the Old Melbourne Gaol began well before we arrived. Some years before, my handy husband made a small replica of Ned Kelly's armour, and we had joked the night before that it would be quite something to take the armour with us, and

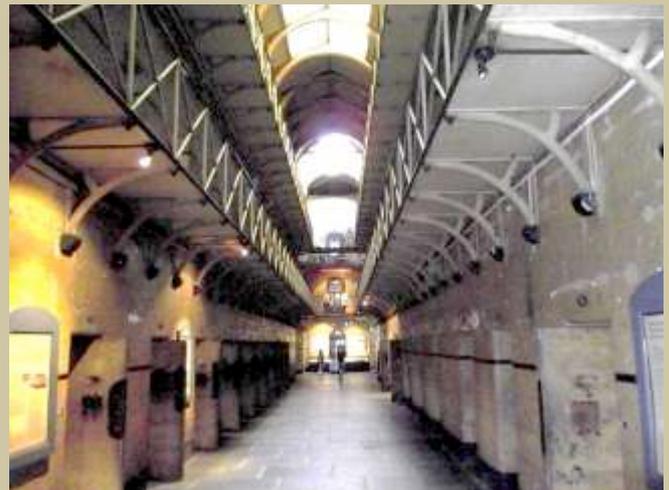
place it on the Gallows. Unbeknownst to us, I believe we had created a “trigger object”, something that spirits are drawn toward. Concerned that it may be disrespectful to do such a thing, my hubby decided to leave the armour home.....or so I thought.

On the way to the Gaol, as we were talking about what we may come across there, my nose started to bleed. Probably not a big deal in itself, but when you consider that I never had a bloody nose before and then it became odd. After 15 minutes had gone by, and it hadn't stopped, I started to feel other symptoms. I felt a build-up of pressure in my head, like the oxygen was slowly disappearing. It felt just like it does before fainting. I also felt nauseous; probably because of the blood still leaking out of my nose, but maybe something else altogether. It then all of a sudden dawned on me. I could feel the energy of spirits, and feel the pain that was theirs....and I wondered if this was this related to an ex-con of the Old Melbourne Gaol? I immediately demanded that any spirit that was present leave the car, and wait for me at the Gaol. Within minutes, the bleeding and other feelings had pretty much stopped. Weird!

Spirit has a way of putting little signs in place when I'm heading in the right direction; so to hear the old song by 10CC, “Rubber Bullets”, come on the radio as we were only blocks from the Gaol....certainly was a sign. Considering the song starts with “Well we went to a party at the local county Jail.....”

It was a surreal feeling entering the Gaol. From the brightly lit, modern souvenir shop, where we purchased our tickets, straight through a door....and straight back to the 1800's. It felt extremely bizarre....I was looking forward to exploring further. Still, I took a moment to tune in to the entrance, see what I felt, and experiencing what I believe to be energy of the past, which I call “echoes”, allowed the feeling of not wanting to be in

there wash over me. How many others have stood where I was in the past, feeling those exact same feelings?



We began our exploration of the Gaol. I was drawn to the second level, and the cells there. I walked into a vacant cell, and out of curiosity I half closed the extremely heavy wooden door. I didn't like that...not one bit. Although it was tolerable with the door still open, I really didn't want to experience being locked in one of these cells. Later on though, my hubby did close the door on me in a cell where he had seen twinkling lights...all I had thought was I did not like being locked in here this way! “Echoes” again?

The thing that was odd was that as I went to leave that first cell, I almost skidded to a stop at the door. I could feel the energy of countless people before me thinking exactly the same thing....“I'm not allowed out there...” Weirdly, there was no emotion following it....it was purely a fact. It did take me a moment to get my feet working again...after I reminded them that they, in fact, have every right to move out of this cell!

Walking up to the third level, we came across a large cell with some information inside. We went in to explore, and again I was struck with a strange feeling....I felt comfortable. In fact, I felt so comfortable that I sat myself down on the floor, stretched out my legs and, and kicked back. I casually looked around

the cell, feeling calm, and I found myself thinking “I’m in no hurry to leave here....I could stay here all day.....” And as I thought that, I knew that it was a bizarre thing to think. I was sitting on a cold bluestone floor – and I have a major back problem – on the coldest winter morning that Melbourne has experienced this year. Was I in a hurry to get up? No way.

Gazing around at the cell, I could imagine rows of bunks crammed in here, up to 9 at a time, and wondered...if there was that many of them in here at a time, why don't I feel like I want to get the hell out of here? Again, I feel I was picking up on the energy, or “echoes” of the many before me who simply got themselves comfortable for the long years ahead that they would face in this cell. Incidentally, the prisoners there spent 23 hours a day in their cells...pretty much all day.

Wandering around the third floor, we walked to the end...and looking down, found myself straight above the Gallows. Oh wow, that was creepy. It made me shudder; as a Medium, I am used to ghosts and spirits, but sometimes cruelty and punishment affects me on a much deeper level. Still, we were eager to go down and have a look...this was part of Australian history, after all. So down we went to the third floor.

The feeling I felt looking up at the very beam that hung so many people was surreal. It's the only way I can think to describe it. I felt disturbed by the very energy. Looking around I saw the female toilets off to one side. As I went in, I noticed the old cell door that I was opening and sure enough, the toilets were located in an old cell. Well, you don't experience that every day, I reasoned. And it felt ok in here, at the beginning, anyway.

As I went to leave, I stopped in front of the mirror. I noticed my scarf had become tangled. Strange, I thought, as I tied it securely before I came into the Gaol...and

now it was a mess. No big deal, I'll just fix it, trouble was, I couldn't. Before I knew it the scarf has become securely wrapped around my throat, and I could not move it. In fact, the more I tried to move it, the tighter it became. This was starting to agitate me a little, so I quickly left the toilet. And as soon as I did, the scarf loosened. And I could not help but notice that I was directly in front of the toilet door near the damn Gallows.



Now I felt I had some contact with a spirit or two. As I walked around, I found myself looking up....over and over again. There has been substantial paranormal evidence come from the Gaol....no doubting it was haunted....so where were the rest of them? I felt they were hiding up near or in the roof. The first time I tried to photograph the ceiling, my camera failed. It simply would not take the photo. When I mentioned it to my husband, I tried again...and captured what I would call an anomaly. There was this blue streak across the ceiling. I took a second shot and there it was again, but in a slightly different position. So I took three more consecutive shots and nothing. I felt this was validation that they were definitely hiding up there. For what reason, who knows? But they were there all the same. Although this blue streak added something interesting it seems like some spirits were happy to appear on screen!

I asked, mentally, to my spirit guides for signs to tell me who this blue streak was. As I stood, looking at a replica of the armour that Ned Kelly wore, a guide approached me. "Would you like to try on the armour?" he asked. I was taken aback, and volunteered hubby instead. Well, apparently they had 2 sets, one for each of us, so he "Nedded" us up and took our photos. And then he just walked away. We both mused that it had been a bit strange of the guide to do that and he didn't do it with anyone else in the two hours we were there. Another sign, perhaps?

I believe it was a big sign. As, unbeknownst to me, my hubby had in fact bought his replica armour with him, in his pocket. And then he took it out to show the guide, and said he had placed it on the Gallows to take a photo or two. The guide thought it was great which gave us the green light to take more photos! We took photos of Ned's mask on the Gallows, in the cell where he spent his last hour, in the cell where he was first brought to the Gaol...everywhere. Then hubby and I had an idea; how about standing in front of Ned's death mask, and hold the armour in front of him? My hubby loved that idea, so we did that. Upon reviewing the photos later on, the same blue streak appeared but this time it was on my husband's throat. The next photo showed the blue between hubby and Ned....wait a minute...could this possibly be the spirit of Ned Kelly with us?

I stood under the Gallows for the barest of



moments, because as soon as I got near it I started to cough and felt pressure around my throat. OK, this was becoming too real for me, time to go. Spirits often give me the feelings of their death as a signature, perhaps this was happening here too? Or perhaps it was as simple as the energy, or the "echoes" of 135 people who had died, just this way, in this exact place.

As it so often does, things made sense later on. The bloody nose, pressure in the head feeling that I had experienced in the car? Well, those things certainly happen to the body when a person is hung, as all circulation is cut off from the head. The thing is, I had felt it so far away from the Gaol, was this a sign telling me that it was indeed a spirit, who had been hung, who had been in the car. The scarf which wrapped itself around my neck seemed to verify that as well, weirdly, the scarf was blue, the same colour as the light anomalies. The guide insisting that we try on Ned's armour while the whole time my husband had been carrying a hand crafted Ned Kelly miniature armour in his pocket. Could it be? Had we just had an encounter with the one and only Ned Kelly? I will leave the reader to judge that for themselves....but I know it was him. The blue streak around my hubby's throat, in front of Ned's death mask, holding his armour that was just too much to be coincidental. And since then, I have discovered that many people claim to have been in contact with old Neddy at the Old Melbourne Gaol. It seems like he still enjoys the notoriety that he has gained in the past and who could blame him really?

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**Heidi Meissl**  
**Animal Communicator**



Heidi Meissl was born in Austria and migrated with her family to Australia in 1999, where she lives in SE Queensland. Raised a Roman Catholic it wasn't until her late teens that she could finally embrace her Pagan life. An ability she was born with is to communicate with animals, which she uses now to help and heal animals. Heidi has developed a range of crystal elixirs to aid in this quest as well. Her other passion is writing, which resulted in several articles for various magazines, a non-fiction self-help book for European migrants in Australia, two children's books and a young adult novel, which are published in German.

## Animal Communication Part II

Part I concluded with the promise to explain the reasons why animals come to us as pets. Certainly it is not random and it is very interesting to learn how to connect the dots. I was able to establish four reasons why they join us: (1) as a teacher, (2) as a companion, (3) as a healer and (4) as a crash-course facilitator. They are in no particular order, each one is as important as the other.

**Teachers** - quite obviously intend to guide us on our chosen life path or purpose, feeding our subconscious with the necessary information to find the right path. Most importantly they are there when we hit rock bottom.

**Companions** - fill the emotional void many of us experience. I had an interesting reading once, in which the cat in the house was the deceased husband from a former life. It was during an age where people lived in primitive huts and caves and, as I learned, the two souls promised to look out for each other forever.



As this beautiful Burmese cat told his story, the concept of partnership was highlighted from a totally different angle. As it turned out, this young couple got 'married' and shortly afterwards the husband, together with other men, had to defend their settlement from invaders. He was killed during this battle, leaving his young wife to fend for herself. He came back to be with her as a companion during a time when he knew she would be alone and in need of emotional support. It was evident this was neither the first nor the last incarnation together with this woman.

**Healers** - enter a person's life to teach self-healing, to trust one's own body and to sense which healing can help and which can't. Even though someone has chosen a path of illness and pain doesn't mean they can't opt for some support. If a person cannot distinguish what healing method to choose they can ask their pet, sort of as shortcut rather than experimenting with different types of healing.



Sometimes these healers, with their unconditional love, will take on a substantial part of the illness if they see the person is struggling. They are even willing to give their lives if it helps. Healers are by no means only restricted to physical healing. During sessions I have experienced healers who conduct healings on current as well as past lives for their owners. This is groundwork for future incarnations and also to help them live a fulfilled life in the now.

**Facilitators** - these creatures have been sent here with an agenda, with one specific purpose only. While the teacher will stay a full (pet's) lifetime, the facilitator usually whisks in for a short period and then leaves again. At one particular reading, the cat had died unexpectedly the day prior to the reading; the cat was only three years old. Yet I was seeing it already in another cat's womb, ready to be born within the next couple of days. It had been sent to help this woman to open up to her own spirituality and as the cat knew she was succeeding, it agreed to move on to the next assignment (and these are not my words). The next job was with a little girl with psychic abilities, the only one in the family with quite a few kids. The family had no intentions to adopt a cat. The cat would be born to their neighbour's cat who would give this kitten to the girl. The kitten would stay until the girl was self-assured in her abilities and had found a 'human mentor' and then the cat would once again be called to the next assignment.

Our pets can tell us a lot about our own lives, about the world and wild animals in general? The next TV report you watch about whole bird colonies dying, groups of whales

stranding themselves or a particular group of insects becoming extinct, why not take the time and hop onto the internet to research what the animals meaning represent. Then have a look what is happening in the world around you from this point of view. You will be awestruck by the synchronicity.



Bees, for example, puzzle scientists, as they seem to suddenly forget their way back home and after flying aimlessly starve to death. Bees are a symbol of the family unit. Take a look at what is happening to families currently. Driven to earn more and more money to keep up with daily living, there is little time to nourish the bond between family members, causing family members to drift apart – not finding their way back home.

When communicating with animals, it is very helpful to keep an open mind. 'Starving' may not always mean 'not having ones physical needs met'. It could just as well refer to your emotional needs.

If you find an injured possum, which is associated with children, in your back yard, first ring a wildlife organisation for advice on how to proceed and then reflect on how neglecting your inner child might have compromised your happiness.

Wild animals and pets alike teach us, and also try to help us. It is only a matter of wanting to hear and understand them. They communicate with all their senses.

If you are interested in some more curious communications with animals check out the next issue and if you would like to get some insight into your own pet please get in touch with the editor.

# Book Review

## The Paranormal Caught on Film Amazing Photographs of Ghosts, Poltergeists and Strange Phenomenon

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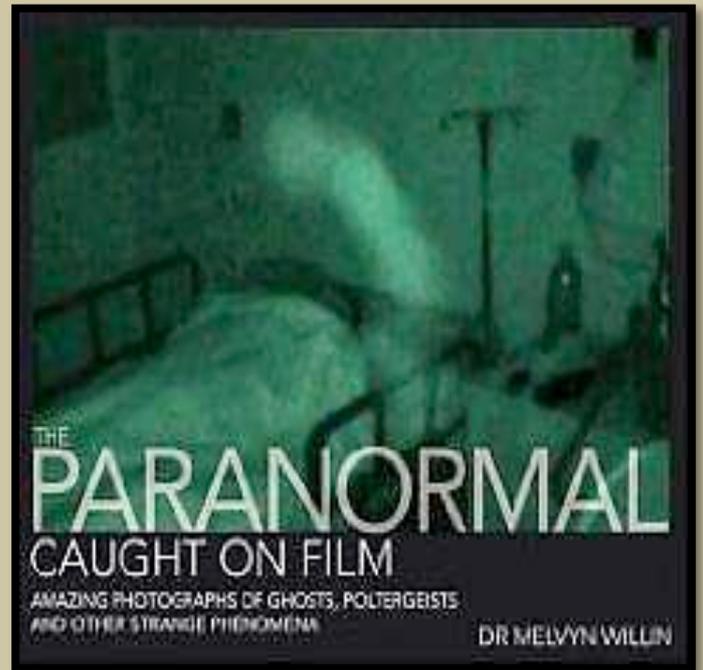
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This is an interesting collection of paranormal photographs, and Willin is explicit in his aims: to steer a middle course between information-light sensationalism and a heavy-handed academic analysis. The result will provide food for thought, but perhaps many readers would have preferred a more rigorous scrutiny. There is a lot of competition from internet sites these days, so books have to offer something extra to justify the cover price.

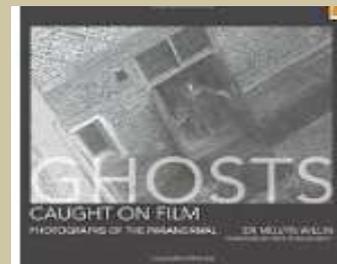
The Paranormal Caught on Film is a mysterious and mesmerizing collection of photographs depicting ghosts and other extraordinary phenomena from around the world. Believers will marvel at the range of unexplained activity captured on camera and sceptics will not be able to resist debating the provenance of these enigmatic images. The book covers everything from the unfathomable to the downright spooky--mediums and spiritualists producing bizarre phenomena, eerie lights, fogs and auras, astonishing appearances, levitating children and flying objects. Each compelling picture is accompanied by illuminating commentary from ghost expert and psychical investigator, Dr Melvyn Willin.

Invaluable if you want to be able to spot common errors and interpretations in photos presented to you for analysis.

If you have a hankering to explore the world of the paranormal, this book needs to be on your bookshelf. And if you take the advice on equipment, it will probably save you far more than the cover price on your first few pieces of kit.



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# Electromagnetic field (EMF) meters

By Steve Millard



Electromagnetic field (EMF) meters were designed primarily for use by engineers and electricians to assist them in their respective jobs. Theories then appeared as to whether spikes in EMF could possibly be due to the presence of spirits/entities.

It would be a fair assumption that most paranormal groups today would have an EMF meter in their inventory for gathering evidence. It is however a contentious issue as Townsend (2008) discusses, because to date there are no studies that can say ghosts or entities either give off their own EMF energy or manipulate existing fields. I can however argue that it is paranormal investigators of today that are actually conducting the research to validate future theories and enable this subject to become a science in its own right.

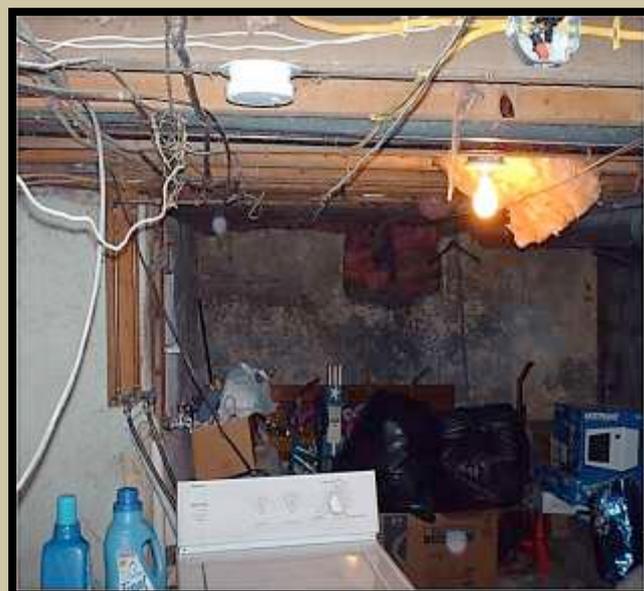
Just about every person however, including me has an opinion about EMF meters and how they require a high level of environmental vigilance in order to even begin to validate any data gathered. Properties by their very nature are filled with items that give off varying levels of EMF and a thorough baseline sweep of the whole area should be done. Switching off as many appliances and power points as you go will help to exclude many false reading sources. This includes mobile phones whose incoming and outgoing signals are a constant source of interruption.

High readings at low level could indicate that there is underfloor wiring. Walls may also have mains supply and fuse boards on the other side of them so it's worth checking all around the property. While you are outside checking this look for overhead power lines. A recent trip to a graveyard produced some strange readings until it was noticed that power lines ran right across the site.

The fear cage is a term made more familiar thanks to programs like Ghost Hunters. Often found in basements, cellars, garages and laundry rooms it refers to an environment that is surrounded by sources of EMF in the form of internal wiring and appliances.

Exposure to high levels of EMF over a period of time is thought to produce feelings of being watched, nausea, headaches and hallucinations. A client on a recent investigation had been experiencing what he perceived as paranormal activity when in bed. He had also been experiencing sleep paralysis. A thorough EMF sweep of the area showed extremely high readings on the wall right behind where his head is resting when in bed. The source was discovered to be the main switch board on the outside wall. The client was therefore advised to reposition the head of his bed away from that area of the wall.

The following picture is a clear example of a fear cage and an area that could be familiar in many older properties.



Validating paranormal activity in this kind of environment would be difficult with so many possible explanations on offer.

There are many types of EMF meters on the market these days and they can be bought cheaply from online places like EBay and once again popular TV shows have done wonders for the sales of the purpose built K2 meter. On an investigation we generally use a couple of different models to assess whether they both get readings at the same time. Be careful when holding a meter that other equipment you are near or holding does not cause false readings.

A few models are shown below.



An area of EMF research that can be a little harder to debunk is the apparent responses to direct questioning by the investigator.

During a recent investigation following an extensive sweep of the area two EMF detectors were set up in a bedroom. One on the bed of a deceased person and one on the chair they used during the day. The investigator began asking questions and we were amazed when the detectors responded with blinking from the K2 and audible alarming from the Cell sensor (both pictured). This episode was captured on video as well which further validates the claims.



As a personal opinion there is much that can be explained away as natural occurrence when investigators use these tools but every now and then you obtain readings that defy what we assume we know about the paranormal and its causes.

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# Haunted Places in Victoria

## Abbotsford Convent



The Abbotsford Convent is steeped in history and interest. For over a century, the precinct housed a closed order of Good Shepherd Sisters, as well as the many hundreds of women they cared for.

Living memories have been collected from some of the women who were here; be they orphans, girls perceived to be in moral danger or those who attended the public school. The Sisters' experiences have also been recorded and we have compiled detailed historical documentation to build the comprehensive social history tour of the Abbotsford Convent.

In addition to being an historic landmark, The Abbotsford Convent (known locally as The Convent and is a haunted hot spot) is an important resource for the Melbourne arts community as well as being a great place to eat and drink under the watchful gaze of the ghost of the Convent Mother.

## The Old Treasury



The Old Treasury is widely regarded as the finest 19th century building in Australia. It was designed by 19-year-old architect JJ Clark and is a reflection of the vision Melburnians of the 1850s had for their future city. As well as being built to store the colony's gold, the Old Treasury provided offices for the leaders of the young colony. The Governor, the Premier, the Treasurer and the Auditor General all had offices within the magnificent Old Treasury.

It has been reported that the Old Treasury has a resident spook. Former City Museum curator Helen Stuckey encountered this apparition late at night when she was working alone in the building.

Evidently he was opening doors, summoning lifts before they were asked for, and whistling "strange tunes" on the staircase. It is believed that the Old Treasury ghoulish is a former public servant with a territorial regard for the colonial-era building. Others say he is the ghost of a live-in caretaker who died in the 1920s.

# Spooky Secrets of Sydney Townhall



Did you know that before the Town Hall was built, the site bounded by George, Drutt, Bathurst and Kent Streets was a burial ground? It was the principal cemetery for the colony from 1793-1820. Precise plans and registers do not exist. But the Reverend Dr William Cowper reported to a Select Committee in 1845 that there were about 2000 bodies interred in the George Street cemetery.

At the time the cemetery was established, it was located literally on the mapped outskirts of Sydney Town. Convicts, soldiers and free settlers were all buried in the cemetery.

In 1802 the French explorer Francois Peron visited Sydney and expressed surprise at the number and quality of the monuments in the cemetery, 'the execution of which is much better than could reasonably have been expected from the state of the arts in so young a colony.'

By 1820 the cemetery was full and was becoming 'offensive to the inhabitants in the neighbourhood' (Sydney Gazette, 22 January 1820). The burial ground was closed and new ground selected near the Brickfields (where Central Station now stands).



In 1991, Sydney Town Hall underwent major restoration works. During excavations to lay new stormwater pipes under the Lower Town Hall, workmen discovered evidence of burials. Archaeologists were employed to excavate the site and record their findings.



Of the four graves discovered, only one was relatively intact. Excavation revealed a brick vault enclosing the remains of a wooden coffin set in clay. The coffin was made of Australian red cedar, and fastened with iron nails and brass tacks. Forensic examination of the skeletal remains revealed that the bone fragments belonged to a woman. Following the excavation, the remains were re-interred during a simple ceremony conducted by the Anglican Dean of Sydney. The grave was filled in with sand and the bricks rebuilt across the top of the vault.

The story goes that when the Town Hall was constructed later in 1869, a contractor was paid to exhume the bodies and they were to be taken to Rookwood," she said. But as things turn out it looks like the contractor took the money but didn't transfer all the bodies." In 2003 more graves were discovered to the north of the Town Hall. Excavations were required in conjunction with alterations to the building. When the paving was removed between the Town Hall and Drutt Street, evidence of the old ground surface was found immediately below. Several graves were uncovered, including some brick vaults. The graves are aligned in an east-west direction (as are all other graves discovered previously on the site). The discovery of these graves relatively undisturbed so close to the Town Hall suggests that in 1868-69 the Council simply cleared the site of headstones and only removed graves when they got in the way of construction. The plans for a new forecourt were redesigned to avoid disturbing the remains.



The proposed excavation of a services basement in the western half of the Peace Hall led to the archaeological investigation of this area beneath the Town Hall in 2007/2008. Archaeological excavation was undertaken in January 2008 and a total of 66 graves were recorded, with some areas being excavated in late 2009 as they were inaccessible at that time.

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/history/foundations/BurialGround.html>

# Paranormal Groups within Australia

Below will be all the Paranormal Groups listed under each state. If you wish to be added to this list, please email [accessparanormal@gmail.com](mailto:accessparanormal@gmail.com)

## New South Wales

### **W.S.P.R** - West Sydney Paranormal Research

West Sydney Paranormal Research (W.S.P.R) is a Not-for-Profit-Organisation who are a small group of hard-working, like-minded and dedicated researchers/investigators - striving to find the truth in claims of paranormal activity.

W.S.P.R is made up of professional team members and we operate on a 'logic first' approach to ALL of our investigations.

With a wide array of equipment, our aim is to determine whether or not any paranormal activity is present in the location we are investigating.

<http://www.westsydneyparanormal.org/index.html>

### **APPI** - Australian Paranormal Phenomenon Investigators

The Australian Paranormal Phenomenon Investigators (APPI) are paranormal investigators who use a combination of scientific and spiritual methods to determine the existence of spirits around us.

Life experience, common sense and team work are our main instruments when investigating, and we enjoy working with other groups, in order to learn and develop our natural skills. We are open to any investigations, so please contact us for a confidential consultation.

Website: <http://www.appi.org.au/>

### **SOuL Searchers**

SOuL Searchers undertake paranormal investigations from a shamanic perspective. The SOuL Searchers team conducts all investigations in a professional manner, adhering to the wishes of the client; we are also compassionate to the needs of the distressed spirit. We are based in Southern Sydney, Sutherland Shire, the Illawarra & surrounding areas in NSW. ALL investigations are conducted free of charge and therefore all members are volunteers.

SOuL Searchers also launched their bi monthly paranormal eMagazine in July 2011.

Click on the link for more details:  
<http://soulsearchers.spheresoflight.com.au/index.php?page=SOuL-Searchers-Magazine>  
<http://soulsearchers.spheresoflight.com.au>

### **UFO and Paranormal Research Society**

The society was established to provide the public with information relating to the paranormal world of the unexplained, no matter the type of phenomena. The society beckons the public to forward their own accounts of anything that seems bizarre or unusual so as to defy logic! The Society is an active, in the field group dedicated to pioneering the unexplained world.

The Society has now embarked on a project to deliver this material as recreations professionally produced whereby actors are cast into the roles of the characters

and the original account from Australians that are investigated by the Society are put to film. This Series is called EERIE ENCOUNTERS and the first DVD, featuring the UFO phenomenon, is now available from the Society. The series will eventually go to air on TVS.

The Society actively engages the public on reports they give so as to lend credibility to the reports they give. Everything from Cryptozoology to ghostly apparitions are covered.

Website: <http://www.ufosociety.net.au/>

### **E.C.P.S** - East Coast Paranormal Society

Our aim is to investigate places not for the purpose of labeling them as 'haunted' but rather as an opportunity to document and collect data to help us get a better understanding of the paranormal and to help others who are experiencing paranormal activity.

We do not think that everything that goes bump in the night is paranormal and we take a scientific approach to all investigations and will always try to debunk before we label something as paranormal. Our team of investigators are professional, dedicated, honest and reliable.

<http://www.facebook.com/?sk=lf#%21/pages/ECPS-East-Coast-Paranormal-Society/256240681066858?sk=wall>

### **Hunter Paranormal**

Hunter Paranormal Australian is dedicated and committed to the SCIENTIFIC, LOGICAL, UNBIASED Research and Investigation of paranormal phenomena. The goal of Hunter Paranormal Australia is to research, investigate, and document paranormal activity in an unbiased, logical, and scientific manner. Hunter Paranormal Australia advises that part proceeds from fees, paranormal investigations, introductory tours and donations etc. are directed towards the restoration of selected Pioneer Cemeteries, Historical Societies, Museums, etc within Australia. We also offer packages from an Introduction to the Paranormal to learning to be a Trainee Investigator.

<http://www.hunterparanormalaustralia.com.au>

### **Validate**

Validate is an independent investigative body seeking key elements that may provide evidential support to certain paranormal related theories such as hauntings, alleged foreign intervention i.e. UFO phenomena and cryptozoology.

In order to authenticate claims, Validate will endeavour to gather bona fide data without relying on calculations or any conclusions drawn by other groups or organisations. This clean slate approach enables Validate to conduct its own studies without influence. All obtained information (raw data) can therefore be thoroughly scrutinised at Validate's best capacity.

In essence, Validate deals with highly controversial areas that are considered as fringe science. Here, even the most qualified scientists who have invested time and risked their academic careers to pursue phenomena research, find it extremely difficult to

understand and draw solid conclusions. Validate acknowledges these difficulties through experience. Although Validate operates on strict guidelines, it appreciates the fact that certain events are beyond our academic textbooks. In other words, Validate will not be dissuaded no matter how extraordinary the claim may be. Validate is also dedicated to assisting and coaching groups within the field with the aim of bringing unity to the paranormal (including UFOlogy) community.  
<http://www.paranormalnation.com.au/>

### **Sydney Spirit Stalkers**

We are a Group of 4 Paranormal Investigators in Sydney's West area.

Our team members specialise in, Tech & Equipment, Photography, Safety, Location Finding, Research and Mediumship.

We are always up for an adventure and love looking into haunted areas.

We have come across some strange discoveries in various locations, which makes us determined to continue our investigations.

If you have anywhere you would like us to check out feel free to have a chat to one of us."Personal Experience Over Rules All Others Judgement"

[http://www.facebook.com/gettingstarted.php?step=contact\\_importer#%21/pages/Sydney-Spirit-Stalkers/160614330659716](http://www.facebook.com/gettingstarted.php?step=contact_importer#%21/pages/Sydney-Spirit-Stalkers/160614330659716)

### **Australian Ghost Adventures**

AGA is a group of paranormal enthusiasts with a diverse background in paranormal research and investigation. We use scientific and alternative methods in our investigations and we do not charge a fee. Collectively we have over 40 yrs experience in the paranormal field. We use various techniques including the "scientific method", wicca, dowsing, alternative (including use of pendulums, crystals). We also use reputable psychic mediums. Modern technology and equipment is used, (including Thermal imaging), to help quantify any results. As a whole this family owned company has many collective years of paranormal investigation experience. Our award winning production team has been enlisted to help collaborate and document our findings on yet to be released DVD's. The team has extensive experience and have been involved in the A/V industry collectively over 50 years. The latest technology in HD cameras are used, helping to give the viewer a real life ghost hunting experience while sitting in the comfort of their own home. Members of both the AGA teams (Alternative and Technical), have had the pleasure of being involved in Australia's high rating cult paranormal television series (Haunted Australia).

We are a group of paranormal investigators and Psychic mediums. We do investigations, tours, seminars and media productions. We also run tours of haunted locations. We are currently running tours of The Old Geelong Gaol in Geelong Victoria and conduct special events such as sleepovers, halloween tours and private group bookings for 20 people and over.

Website: <http://www.ausghosts.com.au/>

**Southern Tablelands Paranormal Research Society**  
Southern Tablelands Paranormal Research Society (SAINT-PRS) - A Team Of Paranormal Investigators Dedicated To Investigating Paranormal Reports From The Southern Tablelands And Beyond.  
Website: <http://saint-prs.blogspot.com/>

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## **Queensland**

### **Haunted Australia**

Our group is currently researching any locations brought to our attention and we are intending on traveling overseas end of this year to research some sites. Our location is just out of Brisbane but will cover all areas.

<http://www.haunted-australia.com.au/>

### **Australian Paranormal Investigators (API)**

Australian Paranormal Investigators (API) are a small team of dedicated researchers primarily based in Brisbane, Qld. We operate on a logic first basis and approach from a scientific point of view and our combined knowledge and experience allows our clients the benefit of a thorough and in-depth investigation. We understand that not all things are explainable by science but our vast range of experiences allows us to provide our clients with the necessary support based on their needs.

Location: Brisbane and surrounding areas (extensive travel available from anywhere between Maryborough to Coffs Harbour)

<http://www.australianparanormalinvestigators.com/>

### **Downunder Paranormal**

We are a small team of paranormal researchers and investigators, based in Brisbane, Qld. We support clients across southern Queensland and Northern NSW who experience unexplained phenomenon. Using a wide range of scientific equipment, we conduct logic-based paranormal investigations and historical research for private and business clients on a no-fee basis.

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Downunder-Paranormal/114653708629278>

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## **South Australia**

### **Celestial World Australia**

Celestial World Australia was founded by Michael Barnett with the focus on a wide variety of new age areas such as Mediumship and Spiritual Healing. Michael runs New Age courses and also conducts paranormal investigations ensuring every case is kept confidential. The CWA team uses a variety of equipment for scientific purposes and approaches all cases in a relaxed manner. CWA also uses spiritual methods such as mediumship to assist in these investigations. [www.celestialworldaustralia.com](http://www.celestialworldaustralia.com)

### **S.A Paranormal**

We are a social group of people interested in all aspects of the paranormal. We will be meeting monthly for outings, such as ghost tours, cemetery visits, history tours, movies or for special guest appearances by people involved with aspects of the paranormal. Come and check out our facebook page for more information.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/SA-Paranormal/199204250103038>

### **Eidolon Paranormal**

Eidolon Paranormal was founded by Allen Tiller and uses a variety of tools and technology to gather data and research paranormal events. We conduct our investigations using protocols and techniques which have been developed through our experiences in the field, coupled with techniques adopted from other teams that we co-operate with. Eidolon Paranormal offers research and investigations free of charge. Please email us on [eidolon@live.com.au](mailto:eidolon@live.com.au) to arrange an interview time or investigation. We DO NOT CHARGE for investigations. We keep all our data, photos and video confidential unless a client agrees to it being displayed\* (if a photo is displayed, the address and names of the client are not shown)

Website: <http://www.eidolonparanormal.net/>

### **Paranormal Field Investigators**

We are a small group of dedicated researchers, who look into all subjects related to the paranormal and in particular ghosts and hauntings throughout Adelaide and South Australia. Many of the places that we have had the pleasure to research over the years, have included The Old Adelaide Gaol, St Cecelia's, Studio 9, St Johns – Kapunda, Gladstone Gaol and even Slater Mill in the USA to name but a few. Some of these investigations will be discussed on this site. However, please note that we do have many more paranormal investigations that are very confidential and, must remain so to protect those sites and their occupants from harassment or potential vandalism. The aim of Paranormal Field Investigators is not only to look into what could be paranormal in nature, but also to look at what can be easily mistaken for a ghost or a haunting. We aim to provide an honest and balanced view of both on this website.

If you would like any paranormal situation investigated or, if you simply just want to talk to somebody about it, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

PLEASE NOTE: Our investigations are confidential and free of charge. Unless you wish your name or property to become public knowledge, we believe it is our responsibility to keep these confidential and therefore protected.

<http://www.paranormalfieldinvestigators.com/>

### **Murrylands Paranormal**

We are Toni, Neil, Barry and Ann - a fledgling group of Paranormal Investigators based in Murray Bridge, South Australia.

We are seeking local stories of urban legends, haunted locations and possible investigation sites in the Murrylands area to help our neighbours to feel more comfortable in their homes and businesses and also to document any local paranormal activity.

We strongly advocate the confidentiality of people who seek our assistance and refrain from identifying specific sites or locations to prevent less serious people from defacing those sites or causing havoc or vandalism.

Email: [mpi.sa.ghost@internode.on.net](mailto:mpi.sa.ghost@internode.on.net)

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Murraylands-Paranormal/132082516868831>

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## **Tasmania**

### **Team Strigoï**

Team Strigoï are based in Launceston, we investigate hauntings, cryptology, UFO's and urban legends all around Tasmania. Our investigations can be public or confidential and we never charge for our services - Team Strigoï are willing to investigate anywhere anytime.

Our other goal is to promote tourism in Tasmania and to hopefully encourage people to enjoy a different type of adventure in our state.

<http://teamstrigois-unnatural.com/home.html>

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## **Victoria**

### **Spookspotters Paranormal Research**

Spookspotters Paranormal Research are an active investigation group from <http://www.paranormal.com.au/> based in Victoria and covering south east Australia. Not only do we conduct paranormal investigations, but we are also ghost tour developers, a free online forum and learning portal. For more information visit our website or email us at [contact@paranormal.com.au](mailto:contact@paranormal.com.au)

Website: <http://www.paranormal.com.au/>

### **Colonial Paranormal Investigations Australia**

Colonial Paranormal is Victorian based and was born out of our interest in the Paranormal, and wanting to know about things that go bump in the night! We got started on investigations in 2009 after going to the Point Cook Homestead. We have so far done investigations at Old Melbourne Gaol, Old Geelong Gaol, Point Cook Homestead and J Ward with other groups and are now trying to strike out on our own. We'd love to find more like minded people who want to go on private investigations in Melbourne and around Victoria. We're not a tour group, nor are we out to make a profit or stand on the toes of existing groups. We'd just like to do our own thing. We have all our own gear and all we need is people keen to join us on investigations. By creating Colonial Paranormal we'd like to share the costs involved with getting into places. Most places charge a fee to get into, if we can split that with 10 people it's way cheaper than a tour. You can email us at [melissa@colonialparanormal.com](mailto:melissa@colonialparanormal.com) or visit the website <http://www.colonialparanormal.com/> or you can find us on Facebook "Colonial Paranormal".

Link: <http://www.colonialparanormal.com/>

## Western Australia

### Twilight Paranormal Investigations

At T.P.I we are all very spiritual our Team consists of sensitives and an empath/medium. We have combined a healthy balance of Spirituality and a Scientific approach to our investigations. Our mission is to seek out the truth and help people, all our investigations are free, nonjudgmental and handle with the utmost care and respect, At T.P.I we believe in all things paranormal.

<http://www.twilightparanormalinvestigations.yolasite.com>

### West Australian Paranormal Researchers

We are a group that is very passionate about anything paranormal and we use equally, spiritual and scientific approaches to all our investigations. Our core team consists of 8 members who are all nonjudgmental, respectful and unbiased in their views and are very dedicated to our research. We are happy to come out and help with any problems you may have with your home or business and equally happy to go and investigate the common 'haunted locations'. All our services are free of charge, can be kept completely confidential and we will help you any way we can. One of our team is a medium clairvoyant who can move your spirits on and we also have connections with a priest should the need ever arise. We are aware WA is a large place and are happy to travel where we can. Please come and visit us on Facebook and on our website or contact us on the email

<http://www.waparanormal.webs.com/>

And be sure to check back on the new website currently under construction:

<http://www.waparanormal.com.au/>

### Albany Research Paranormal Society

The Albany Paranormal Research Society consists of a team of investigators who aim to document and record paranormal activities using tried and tested scientific methods. Our aim is to help people who experience unexplained phenomena to regain peace of mind. We are a professional team that will treat our clients with respect and discretion, and attempt to ascertain the true cause of their unexplained activity. If you have an unexplained activity that you would like to talk to someone about or arrange an investigation, please browse our website for further information and contact us via our contact page.

Website: <http://www.albanyparanormal.com/>

### Disclaimer

**Please note that groups listed here are not endorsed by SOuL Searchers. As a matter of precaution it is recommended that people make all necessary enquiries prior to engaging any group or attending any activity.**

**SOuL Searchers reserves the right to decline or remove any group from the directory without cause and without notice.**



# Workshops, Courses and Events

If you are conducting a workshop, course or an event on the paranormal and you would like them listed then send an email to: [soulsearchers@spheresoflight.com.au](mailto:soulsearchers@spheresoflight.com.au) and [accessparanormal@gmail.com](mailto:accessparanormal@gmail.com)

## WORKSHOPS

### Adelaide's Haunted Horizons Adelaide Gaol All Night Workshop

Date: By appointment  
Time: 8:00pm - 6:00am  
Price: \$130.00  
Link:

[http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/adelaide\\_gaol\\_workshops.html](http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/adelaide_gaol_workshops.html)

Ever wanted to try your hand at being an investigator for a night? Join us for this unique experience where YOU get to be the investigator for the whole night! This is a great opportunity to not only see and learn how a seasoned team of researchers in the field conduct their investigations, but also to take part in one yourself. As morning approaches, enjoy the sun coming up over the Gaol walls with a warm cup of coffee and discuss the night's experiences!

Includes: Learning about equipment, theories and methods in a series of lectures, reviewing video/audio captured, familiarising yourself with the Gaol, on a conducted Ghost Tour, hands on investigation, using equipment provided by Haunted Horizons and supervision by experienced investigators.

### Australian Ghost Adventures How to be a "Ghost Hunter" Seminar

Date: TBA  
Time: TBA  
Price: TBA  
Link:

[http://www.ausghosts.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=19&Itemid=23](http://www.ausghosts.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=19&Itemid=23)

Do Ghosts really exist? This question has been asked by so many people and we endeavour to find the proof of such existences. We, at Australian Ghost Adventures strive to find answers to this age old question. As Paranormal investigators we use different methods/techniques to try and achieve positive results. Our team consists of a Technical Team and an alternative team. The technical team uses science and technology to either prove or disprove the existence of the paranormal, and the Alternative team use traditional methodology to get results.

Our teams will take you through an interactive and informing seminar about how we operate while conducting an investigation. Explanations of some of the methods used, as well as recounting some chilling personal experiences. So come along and "Dare to be scared".

### Hunter Paranormal Australia Workshop for Introductory Paranormal Investigation

Date: TBA

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Price: \$25.00

Website: [www.hunterparanormalaustralia.com.au](http://www.hunterparanormalaustralia.com.au)

Venue: Within the local area of Newcastle

This workshop is suitable for anyone who is interested in paranormal investigating and would like to learn the basics. Hunter Paranormal Australia is dedicated and committed to the SCIENTIFIC, LOGICAL, UNBIASED Research and Investigation of paranormal phenomena.

## COURSES

### Validate Paranormal Investigators Course

Date: Saturday 24th September

Time: 8:30am

Price: Early Bird (by 31st August) \$140.00, Standard price: \$180.00. Discounts available on multiple bookings.

Venue: Camden Golf Club then Studley Park House

Want to be an investigator of the unexplained? Have you ever wondered what an investigator of the unexplained does? Maybe you've always dreamt of becoming one but didn't know where to start? These one-day workshops are designed to train and lead you towards a path of research and investigations with a critical eye. This all day and night program will offer you a chance to network with researchers and enthusiasts from the field and an opportunity for you to conduct your own investigation with other participants from the course.

Validate member, Attila Kaldy, has run numerous courses on paranormal investigations and UFO research over the years. For over a decade he has led countless field investigations and expeditions as well as running public meetings and numerous conferences with national and international speakers. Regardless whether you're an already operational group or just starting out, you cannot afford to miss this event. Build your team to endure and succeed. Certificate of Attendance provided at the conclusion of the day by Validate. A full schedule of the day will be forwarded when your booking is confirmed.

[http://www.paranormalnation.com.au/investigators\\_course.html](http://www.paranormalnation.com.au/investigators_course.html)

### The School of Parapsychology - by Dr Ciaran O'Keeffe Foundations of Parapsychology

Date: Start 26th September

Via web with the guidance from Dr Ciaran O'Keeffe

Duration: 10 weeks

Price: Roughly around \$380.00 Australian

<http://www.theschoolofparapsychology.org/course.php>  
This is a broadly focused course that introduces you to university-level study in Parapsychology across a

range of subject areas including history (history of psychology and of science), psychology, magic, psychical research, spiritualism, critical thinking and other sciences. The course is presented in three themes that guide you through some of the basic concerns and interests of parapsychologists.

### **Intermediate Parapsychology**

Date: Start 26th September

Time: Via web with the guidance from Dr Ciaran O'Keeffe

Duration: 10 weeks

Price: Roughly around \$380.00 Australian

<http://www.theschoolofparapsychology.org/course.php>

A more in-depth look at parapsychology and for those who have completed the Foundations of Parapsychology course.

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## **EVENTS & GHOST TOURS**

### **Australian College of Mediumship Ghost Tours & Investigations**

Date: TBA

Time: 7:30pm

Price: \$52.00

<http://www.psychicmedium.com.au/categories/20110523>

ACOM Ghost Tours offer something a little different.... Your tour guides are Mediums! You have access to the locations with some investigative equipment available for use. Private & Corporate Tours are welcome so come along & enjoy an interactive Ghost Tour experience. Discounts apply for ACOM Members & Members of the Southern Highlands Ambassador program.

### **Paranormal Investigator Tour**

Date: Saturday 17th September 2011

Time: 7:30pm

Price: \$70.00

<http://www.psychicmedium.com.au/categories/20110523>

This tour is designed for those who are a little more serious about their investigations. Experience being a paranormal investigator under the guidance of Kerrie and her team.

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## **Newcastle Ghost Tours**

### **East End Tours**

Dates: Friday 9th September, Friday 2nd October, Friday 18th November and December date TBA.

Time: 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start. You must be at Muster Point (in front of the Lock Up in Hunter Street next to the old Post Office top of mall). Allow approximately 2 and half hours for this tour. Price: \$45.00

[http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page\\_id=55](http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=55)

This tour includes entry into the old Newcastle "LOCK UP". Group bookings available! This tour is a walking tour – please be aware that you will be walking up hills and need sensible footwear. We will operate the tour in MOST weather conditions – if it is drizzling (slightly raining) then please be aware that the tour will be going ahead so bring an umbrella/ raincoat as these

are not supplied. Bring a torch and camera – you may catch one of the poor souls that still haunt this end of town by surprise...or they might just follow us around for the night wanting to see what we get up to (it happens all the time). Afterwards, share a drink with us at the Great Northern! You will be standing on the very spot the first settlers got their rum at the first Inn in the settlement "The Ship Inn". The Great Northern has kindly offered us a half price drinks voucher for all tour participants to use on the night! \*Tour charge includes entry into all heritage listed buildings, staff member payments (not employees of Newcastle Ghost Tours) and any council fees that are incurred

### **Weekly Tours**

Date: Every Friday (available for small groups- Minimum of four people).

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Please allow 2 and half hours for this tour.

Venue: The Lock Up on Hunter Street, Newcastle (Between Bolton street and Watt Street).

Price: \$45.00 which includes admittance into Old Council Chambers (United Serviceman's Club)

[http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page\\_id=64](http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=64)

Join us on our Friday night walking tour during the winter months of the historic and ghostly East End. Join our tour guide in a walk around the first streets of the settlement of Newcastle. Maybe you will encounter the ghost of James Hannell, publican and auctioneer on Hunter Street! We might also take you up to the site of Gaol where public hangings took place. We could walk past the site of the old Royal Hospital where the ghost of the matron can still be seen walking the old corridors. We will definitely be visiting the old Cathedral cemetery! You never know what old soul we shall encounter along the way. Have your camera ready! We also finish our weekly tours with a drink at the United Serviceman's Club on Watt Street – this will give you an opportunity to look inside the old Council Chambers and also view the amazing collection of WW1 and WW2 artefacts as well as supporting the club. This site a real "gem" and we are sure you will find it totally amazing!

### **Investigator Nights**

Date: Sunday 23rd October & Sunday 27th November

Time: 6:15pm – 9:30pm (please be on time!)

Venue: Miss Porter's House – King street, Newcastle West (directly across the road from McDonalds Restaurant). Please note that numbers per tour are very limited for the maximum amount of one on one time with each participant.

Price: \$75.00\*

[http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page\\_id=63](http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=63)

Have you ever wanted to be part of a paranormal investigation? We have planned a great experience for the ghost hunter in you! This three hour special event will allow you to try all the equipment of a ghost hunter..... Join our team in a real haunted house. Do you dare? Learn aspects of paranormal investigating with our "tech head" girls from BOO! Paranormal -then you will have plenty of time to explore, take photos and stake out some of the rooms with us and listen for things that WILL go bump in the night! \*This event charge includes the entry fee into the Heritage listed

building and donation to the Heritage Trust for the care and upkeep of this precious piece of Newcastle's history.

### **Minmi Cemetery Tour**

Date: Saturday 10th September, Saturday 8th October.

Time: 6pm to 8.00pm (weather permitting), 6.00pm to 8.00pm, 6.30pm to 8.30pm and 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Venue: Muster Point is in the Car Park area directly in front of the entrance gates to the Cemetery – Meeting time is 5.45pm (please be on time).

Price: \$35.00 (group bookings welcomed)

[http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page\\_id=45](http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=45)

Join us in an investigation of this most haunted cemetery. Your tour guide will fill you in on the history of the site helping you to understand why this spot is such a valuable asset which should be looked after for future generations.

Watch out for the spectral form of the lady on the bridge and feel the touches from ghostly forms whose lives and contribution to the village been long forgotten. Have you heard the story about the headless horseman? Let us tell you more. On this tour, we strongly suggest covered in shoes. You are on cemetery grounds and as well as ghosties there could also be creepy crawlies... so let's stay safe! Please note that these tours are run during the colder months to avoid the mozzies which are ferocious during Dec/Jan believe us! Please also note that these tours are historic in content as well as a safe learning environment for those wishing to possibly experience a bit of the "paranormal". We only feature the oldest of grave sites (we do not encourage any visitation of newer sites) and expect the highest levels of respect and proper behaviour while on tour. A percentage of all of our tour charges go back to the community!

### **Monet's Soup and Screamer Tour**

Date: TBA

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Venue: Monet's Restaurant, James Fletcher site, Newcastle, NSW

Price: \$60.00

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This is a most wonderful opportunity to investigate COMMANDANTS BUILDING on the site of the old military barracks and parade grounds at James Fletcher Hospital.

You will enjoy a serving of hot soup and crusty damper followed by coffee/tea and cake prepared by the chef from Monet's. We will talk about the history of the site, the ghostly sightings and then time to explore and take plenty of photos. Who might we bump into on this night? There has been the spectral image of a red coat spotted on these grounds!

### **Sleepover at Masonic Hall**

Date: Saturday 1st October

Time: TBA

Venue: Masonic Hall, King Street, Newcastle, NSW

Price: \$45.00

<http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/>

Now, this place should hold a few secrets...and we are very grateful to the current caretaker, Carla, who runs

her business "CIELO" dance school from the rooms, for allowing us access for the night. There are spots left for this investigation .... its going to be a wild ride! We make donations to the Heritage Trust which then forwards the money on to help with the immense expense of keeping these historic sites in order and well maintained for our enjoyment and for that of future generations.

### **Civic Theatre – Newcastle**

Date: Friday 16th September

Time: 7:30pm - 10:30pm

Venue: Civic Theatre, 375 Hunter Street, Newcastle, NSW

Price: \$65.00

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This is a very special opportunity to see this amazing theatre in a totally new light! The tour will take us through the stalls, ladies room, below the stage and dressing room areas – our special guest guide is a veteran of the premises having worked there for over 30 years – he has some great ghostly stories to share! We will have the Theatre ALL TO OURSELVES!

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### **West Sydney Paranormal Research Ghost Hunts at The Oaks**

Date: Saturday 29th October

Time: TBA

Price: TBA (Members only!!!)

Venue: The Oaks, 54 Hyatts Road, Oakhurst (Plumpton), NSW

Link: <http://www.westsydneyparanormal.org/the-oaks--mini-investigations.html>

W.S.P.R are holding mini-investigations of 'The Oaks' Historic Homestead...

The owner of the property, is warmly opening his home to us and our members. The proceeds of the mini-investigations will go towards raising much needed funds in renovating and maintaining the old home.

Here is what's involved...You will be briefed by Team W.S.P.R Researchers and Case Managers on the history of the property. Lead Investigators will then go through the run of vigils and the equipment being used. Join one of Team W.S.P.R's Mediums on a walk-through of the property, before being split up into smaller vigil groups. You, will be the investigator, in search of paranormal activity within the walls of the homestead and outside in the property itself.

Enjoy investigating in a non-crowded, more personal environment, as there will be a maximum of 10 people only! Further details and prices will be listed here on the website and also via our Facebook page.W.S.P.R plan on starting the mini-investigations in October of this year. MINI INVESTIGATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO OFFICIAL WSPR MEMBERS ONLY!!! And guess what... memberships only costs \$15 a year - bargain!

### **Australian Ghost Adventures Old Geelong Gaol**

Date: Saturday 1st October

Time and price: 7:30pm Family Tour - \$20.00 adult, \$10.00 child, \$50.00 family. 9:30pm Adults

Only Tour - \$30.00. 11:15pm Extended Adults Tour - \$35.00

Venue: Old Geelong Gaol, Cnr of Myers and Swanston Street, Geelong, VIC

Link: <http://www.ausghosts.com/>

Take a tour of the old Geelong Gaol from the perspective of Paranormal investigators, sceptics and the alternative. In this 90 minute tour learn about the history of the Gaol and experience the feeling of being a prisoner we also explore the possibility of ghosts being present.

### **Old Geelong Gaol - Sleepover**

Date: Postponed til later in the year - TBA

Time: 11:00pm - 8:00am

Price: TBA

Venue: Old Geelong Gaol, Cnr of Myers and Swanston Street, Geelong, VIC

[http://www.ausghosts.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=18&Itemid=21](http://www.ausghosts.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18&Itemid=21)

The sleepover is again limited to a maximum of 30 people and will give participants access to areas of the Gaol that are out of bounds to the public.

### **Private Tours**

Date: TBA

Time: TBA

Price: From \$500.00

Venue: Old Geelong Gaol, Cnr of Myers and Swanston Street, Geelong, VIC

[http://www.ausghosts.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=22&Itemid=25](http://www.ausghosts.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=22&Itemid=25)

What's available?

1. Private Ghost Tour of the gaol, runs for 90 minutes plus 30 to 60 minutes of free time to roam the gaol on your own "if you dare". This is like or regular tours but you have the place to yourself, experiencing three tours in one. Recommended for groups of 20 to 60 people. Price from \$1300.

2. Gaol Hire Dry hire of the Gaol with a staff member (no tour) to look after things. Price from \$500.

3. Theme nights, A break away from your seminar or business meetings with options such as Dress ups, Ghost hunts, Psychic sessions, Sleep-overs or be treated as a prisoner.

Escape artists and magicians are also available to spruce up a theme. We also allow BYO catering. Price on application

Private Tours are available for limited times and dates, enquires 0421 835 370

or email [admin@ausghosts.com](mailto:admin@ausghosts.com)

### **Adelaide's Haunted Horizons Tailem Town Ghost Tours**

Date: Weekly (private bookings also available)

Time: TBA (2 hours duration)

Price: \$25.00

Venue: Tailem Town, Princes Highway, Tailem Bend, SA

<http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/bookings.html>

What is the traveling cemetery? What photos taken in the township caught the attention of a paranormal investigation team? What relevance does the name "Jack" caught on their tape have? See and hear material captured both here and in other locations. These are just a few of the questions that will be

answered, along with many others, on Tailem Town Ghost Tours.

So join us as we guide you through some of the buildings that now reside at the Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village.... after dark! Please note: This walk takes place on uneven ground in many places, for this reason please wear sensible, flat shoes. The area is also dark so please bring a torch if you have one.

### **Tailem Town Paranormal Investigation Tour**

Date: TBA

Time: TBA

Price: \$65.00

Venue: Tailem Town, Princes Highway, Tailem Bend, SA

<http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/bookings.htm>

These tours are slightly different from your run of the mill ghost tours as YOU get to try your hand at a bit of ghost-hunting! Come and hang back after your tour with guides, some of who have also been in or are still in the paranormal research field. Let them tell you of their own experiences as well as reported experiences of others. Listen to stories of strange shadows and unusual photographs taken by the public. Hear about some of the characters that once resided in these very buildings before their death and before the buildings were transported to the township plank by plank. Once the two hour tour finishes, get to experience for yourself just what it is like to sit quietly in reportedly active areas of the township for an hour or two. Over 110 buildings to choose from! This is a great opportunity for the paranormal enthusiast, whether a beginner or an experienced investigator, to be able to get access to Tailem Town for a short time under supervised conditions.

### **Adelaide Gaol Paranormal Investigation Tour**

Date: Every Friday night (private tours also available)

Time: 9:00pm - 1:00am

Price: \$75.00

Venue: Adelaide Gaol, 18 The Gaol Road, Thebarton, SA

<http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/bookings.html>

These tours are more than your run of the mill ghost tour as YOU get to try your hand at a bit of ghost-hunting! Come and hang back after your tour with guides, some of who have also been in or are still in the paranormal research field. Hear stories of footsteps, seemingly produced by an invisible person, who walked right between two investigators sitting on the staircase, or of the little children who were subjected to the same experience. Listen to how a gentleman who had slipped into the solitary cell to take photos, whilst the guide told the stories, bolted out seconds later when he heard a voice whisper "get out!" behind him. Once the 90mins tour finishes, get to experience for yourself just what it is like to sit quietly in reportedly active areas of the Adelaide Gaol. This is a great opportunity for the paranormal enthusiast, whether a beginner or an experienced investigator, to be able to get access to the Gaol for a short time under supervised conditions.

Please check back on our bookings page for further upcoming tours:

<http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/bookings.html>

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## Hunter Paranormal

### Introduction to Paranormal Investigation

Date: Friday 16th September

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Price: \$25.00

Venue: The historic pioneer cemetery of the former mining village of Minmi

<http://www.hunterparanormalaustralia.com.au/currentactivities.html> This area is an integral part of the Newcastle / Hunter Valley history.

We will show you how to conduct a paranormal investigation in a safe environment using a scientific and logical approach. Sceptics are welcome, indeed encouraged, as the results of our investigations are based entirely on the evidence we uncover during that investigation. We do not incorporate any results of previous investigations or other findings for the area under investigation whether conducted by Hunter Paranormal Australia or other sources. All findings/results are those in which you have been personally involved. If you would like to join us on this investigation you can contact us by inbox, send an e-mail to [hunterparanormal69@gmail.com](mailto:hunterparanormal69@gmail.com) or ph. 0434 471 291. Please advise by e-mail when payment has been made.

## Colonial Paranormal

Date: Saturday 19th November

Price: \$50.00

Venue: J Ward, Girdlestone Street, Ararat, VIC

Link: [www.trybooking.com/umo](http://www.trybooking.com/umo). Join us in an investigation of this institution for the criminally insane. We can accommodate those who wish to set up a DVR or camera system and all attendees will have access to the recorded footage from our DVR, cameras and sound recorders after the event.

Ticket price covers entry to J Ward, use of our gear and supper.

Allow 2 hours' drive from Melbourne. We don't recommend driving home after the event. There are several motels and a caravan parks close by, but you will need to book in advance.

Please remember tickets to this event are non-refundable and not transferrable to other events. For more info email: [melissa@colonialparanormal.com](mailto:melissa@colonialparanormal.com)

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This month's Paranormal Location on The Rocks Ghost Tour is "**PARBURY RUINS**"

Sceptic Andrew sensed a strong presence in the corner next to the fireplace, gave him a bit of a CHILL.

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**Next Paranormal location "Australia's First Hospital"**

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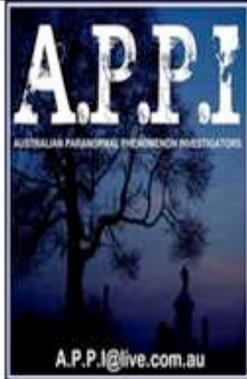
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