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Contributors to Soul Searchers Paranormal Magazine

Below are profiles of our regular writers and also our occasional and past contributors to Soul Searchers Paranormal magazine.



Janine Donnellan ~ Editor

Janine Donnellan is the founder of SOuL Searchers Investigations and Editor of the online Paranormal Magazine. She is also Lead Investigator of the SOuL Searchers Paranormal Investigations Team.

Janine has been conducting house clearings and paranormal investigations for over 15 years and established SOuL Searchers Paranormal Investigation Team in 2006. Janine has a certificate of Advanced Achievement in Parapsychology (1998) Australian Academy of Applied Parapsychology and her interest in the occult was developed as a young child through her spiritualist Grandfather. Janine is also an Energetic Healer and Reiki practitioner.



Nic Hume ~ Assistant Editor

Nic is the Co-Founder and Lead Investigator of APPI – Australian Paranormal Phenomenon

Investigators. Nic's fascination with the paranormal realm was cemented at the tender age of 14 when she experienced her first full-bodied apparition. Over the years she has had her fair share of unexplainable experiences. Nic has always been curious of why people do what they do, so she studied Psychology at university, and currently works as a Counsellor. She has the ambition of combining this knowledge with her interest in the paranormal to eventually become a Parapsychologist. Nic writes articles for the APPI website, is a regular contributor for Spirit Magazines and has also been published in Doreen Virtue's *Saved by an Angel*.



Steve Millard ~ Case Manager

Steve is the Case Manager and an Investigator for SOuL Searchers Paranormal Investigations. Ever since he was a child Steve has had a fascination with all things

paranormal. As he got older he had more questions than answers and as science has developed over the years so too has the equipment he uses to assist him in investigating the paranormal. Steve has Clairvoyant and Clairsentient abilities which he is constantly developing through workshops and spiritual development. This does not blind him however to keeping an open mind while investigating.



Jenny Taylor ~ Website Manager

Jenny is the Website Manager as well as Historian/Researcher and Part-time Investigator for SOuL Searchers. Jenny's fascination with the

paranormal and occult developed during her childhood and in later years she explored areas such as psychic development, Reiki and other alternative healing methods. Having a background and training based in science (Bachelor of Science, Zoology) she understands the importance of investigating all possible mundane causes (eg. psychological, physical) of any alleged paranormal activity. However, she keeps an open mind to all possibilities and has personally experienced many episodes of claircognizance, clairvoyance and one 'definite' ghost sighting, for all of which there is at present no satisfactory scientific explanation. Jenny has been part of the SOuL Searchers team since its beginning in 2006.



Trace van Lieshout

Trace is a Psychic Medium, Author, Artist, and Paranormal Mediator from Rosebud, Australia. One of her passions is to write about her experiences in order to explain the world of the paranormal. Spirits so

often come through with messages for us to learn from, and she is honoured to be able to share their words of wisdom with the general public.



Heidi Meissl

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.

Editor's Note



Well I am back from my overseas holiday in the UK and France, and what a wonderful adventure it was. I feel like I have been away for years.

Steve Millard & I had some incredible paranormal experiences in Edinburgh, and in Somerset, England. I also experienced some paranormal activity while I was visiting some interesting medieval places in the South of France.

No doubt you will hear about them over the next few issues of the Magazine. In fact we kick off with an article on the Edinburgh Vaults. Sadly, I lost my audio recorder in transit and I forgot to download the Edinburgh vault recordings on to my computer. Oh well a new lesson learnt!

I am also pleased to welcome Nic Hume to our team here at Soul Searchers Magazine. Nic has taken on the role of the Assistant Editor. Nic Hume is the Co-Founder and Lead Investigator of APPI – Australian Paranormal Phenomenon. Nic writes articles for the APPI website, is a regular contributor for Spirit Magazines and has also been published in Doreen Virtue's *Saved by an Angel*. I am sure that Nic's expertise in the paranormal field will add incredible value to this online Magazine.

Don't forget that if you have an interesting article or photo please let us showcase your work. All contributors whose work is included in the Soul Searchers Magazine receive full credit, and are linked to their website if desired.

Janine Donnellan



Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (CPAC) By Nic Hume

It was a day like any other, coffee in hand, trawling the internet for spooky happenings when I got a message from my Australian Paranormal Phenomenon Investigators (APPI) co-founder, Peta Banks, which read – ‘Found this from an old security guard of Casula Powerhouse – “I used to lock and alarm that place back when I did mobile security patrols. Nothing worse than being there by yourself after midnight, about to set the alarm when you can clearly hear footsteps upstairs. However, alarm sensor panel says place is empty. Go back to base and tell the story and the other guys reckon I got off easy. They all tell stories of hearing screaming from upstairs and even seeing moving objects. The place gives you the creeps just driving down to it.” Let’s do it. – Peet’. APPI is constantly on the lookout for interesting locations to investigate and this was definitely one of them.

Liverpool Powerhouse was built in 1951, later renamed Casula Powerhouse. It was used to supplement electricity supply and shortages. It ceased operation in 1976 and was purchased in 1978 by Liverpool Council for \$75,000. It sat derelict until capital works began in 1987, turning it into an arts centre. Over the years, further works have been

carried out to make it the centre you see today...yet its history haunts its grounds.



The signs to get in and investigate this venue couldn’t be any clearer, so I phoned CPAC and had a very interesting conversation with the Business Manager. He told me of a man who was crushed to death whilst undertaking his duties as powerhouse employee. The location of this man’s tragic death is still visible today. The Business Manager went into detail of the numerous reports from staff,

artists and visitors of sightings of apparitions, disembodied whisperings, doors banging when the building is supposedly empty and the sound of work boots stomping along the metal runways. Even the Business Manager had his own experiences which he shared. After countless hours of research, a long run of meetings and negotiating we had an investigation date.

Eleven investigators had unprecedented access to the centre on 1st October 2011. Out of that eleven, ten people experienced the phenomena of seeing either a streak or ball of white light with the naked eye at various times during the night. Throughout the investigation we had static cameras set up in vital points of the centre and the only anomaly in hours of footage was one single streak of white light. We have tried all ways possible to debunk this light, but can't. The investigation night was a success with a large array of experience and evidence.

When presenting CPAC with the investigation outcome we included, at their request, a ghost tour proposal. They were impressed with what they saw and immediately set up a night to run a trial tour with all staff and their partners. This was a great night and the staff loved to hear the history and ghostly happenings. What made it an even better night was that the staff felt comfortable enough to approach us to let us know of their spooky experiences. With each tour we seem to be able to add more experiences to our script as many of our guest's report of their hauntingly great time at CPAC.

Further information on tours at CPAC can be found on APPIs website -

<http://www.appi.org.au/paranormal-tours.html>

To book a tour head on over to the CPAC website -

<http://www.casulapowerhouse.com/programme/vent/ghost-tours.aspx>

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Weather and Geothermic Conditions that Affect Paranormal Activity

By Janine Donnellan

Could it be possible that a ghost, or an astral being is a compilation of many different elements?. Perhaps it is the essence and energy of a previously living being lacking all of it's physical senses.

It has been documented during paranormal investigations that astral beings need energy to manifest and consequently they tap into whatever energy is available to them. This energy can come from a variety of electrical sources such as appliances and batteries; also they may be utilizing energy emanating from human beings and/or the atmosphere within the immediate area. That is one explanation why paranormal activity often coincides with vast fluctuations in the surrounding temperature.

Did you know that weather, including solar and lunar activity, is also known to play a role in the occurrence of paranormal activity?

Geomagnetic fields and solar storms are believed to have a strong effect on astral beings and increase paranormal activity.

The geomagnetic field is the magnetic field observed in and around the earth. A geomagnetic storm is a worldwide disturbance of the earth's magnetic field which has the capacity to increase paranormal activity. Solar storms are caused by the sun creating solar flares that send charged particles to the earth, which causes a magnetic shift increasing the geomagnetic fields. With increased geomagnetic fields the hypothesis is that spirits can utilise this energy and become more active and can more easily interact with our world.

Thunderstorms can also aid in the increase of paranormal activity. One can certainly appreciate the power involved in such an event, and you can literally see the electrical charge in the atmosphere. It is no surprise

then, that this is a highly conducive time to experience paranormal phenomena but obviously most of us don't want to be standing exposed in the middle of a graveyard during a raging thunderstorm. However, if you ever find yourself in a position to do some indoor investigation during a good storm, chances are that you will achieve at least some measure of success in these types of conditions.



Even if you can't time an investigation to coincide with a thunderstorm, it most definitely wouldn't hurt to drag out the compass, digital camera, and whatever other equipment you have next time you are sitting at home during a strong storm. You may be surprised at the results.

As far as moon phases and the question of what phases are best for paranormal sightings, some investigators suggest that the full moon is by far the most conducive time to experience ghostly phenomena. There are many theories as to why this is, from the air being more saturated with positive ions, to the added gravitational pull on the earth and the tides.

The dark moon is also conducive for experiencing paranormal phenomena; from a shamanic perspective the dark moon is a period of time when one can walk between the worlds. The Dark Moon is historically a time of underworld journeys and it seems

logical that ghosts would be more noticeable at this time of the moon's cycle.

The equinoxes and solstices every year have also been known through history to be very favorable to supernatural occurrences. These events are extremely important cosmically and it is no wonder that they are considered very powerful days in supernatural terms.

It is believed by many that the whole winter season is a very active time of the year for paranormal activity. The ancients believed that winter is a time when the veil between the worlds is thinner. This thinness of the veils allows the astral beings to penetrate the physical world much easier than in warmer periods. Halloween for example is a festival that exemplifies this belief.

In order to maximize the potential of a successful investigation all of the above 'conditions' need to be incorporated into your observations to see if there is a pattern that can be identified in increased activity of the paranormal. Cases will vary, of course, and even they may be dependent upon the susceptibility or sensitivity of given witnesses to observe a given manifestation; but such manifestations do frequently occur world wide and there is too much evidence to discredit the existence of ghosts. So if you want to be a paranormal investigator, check out the moon phase, the weather and geothermic conditions, grab your equipment and head off to a haunted location! It may prove very productive.

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The Murder House

Nic Hume

Flicking through the realestate.com, advertisement reads: 'Commanding a striking street presence in a blue ribbon location, this quintessential Federation residence has been sympathetically renovated with exquisite appointments and generous proportions. Beautiful characteristics are in abundance, from stunning fretwork arches to bay windows, fireplaces, ornate staircase, decorative high ceilings to parquet and tessellated tile flooring. The extensions have been impeccably done to the finest detail - it is impossible to see where the original house ends and the extensions begin', sounds divine! What the agent hasn't divulged is the murder suicide that took place there 3 years ago. The current owner's report of being woken from their sleep by doors slamming, footsteps up and down the hall and shadow figures at the end of their bed. The property has been listed for sale for 12 months now and the price reduced several times with prospective buyers advising the agent that the house doesn't quite 'feel' right.

In 2004, L.J. Hooker Ryde were fined \$20k for selling the Gonzales murder home to a Taiwanese couple for \$800k neglecting to outline its history. In New South Wales, Section 52A of the Conveyancing Act 1919,

states that a seller of residential property must disclose defects in title and defects in quality of title by way of documents and certificates attached to the contract of sale.

This section is meant to include properties where a murder, suicide, violent crime or other horrific event has occurred at the property. The Taiwanese couple managed to pull from the sale and the property was re-listed with this - "Notice to Buyers: This property is being sold under instructions from the Trustee of the Estate of the Late Teddy and Mary Gonzales. Mr and Mrs Gonzales together with their daughter were murdered in the house on 10/7/01." The property eventually sold to a mystery buyer for \$720k after two long years on the market.

In August 1969, one of the most infamous crimes of the 20th century occurred. The Manson Family went on its first murder spree in a bungalow in Benedict Canyon, Beverly Hills. This was the home of heavily pregnant Sharon Tate and movie director Roman Polanski. In the early 90s this property was sold at full value. The new owner could not resist the stunning views of Los Angeles and not long after purchase tore the home down and built a 10,000-square-foot Mediterranean mansion. A prime example of no matter how

heinous the crime, eventually things can return back to suburban normality.

In the dusty country town of Junee NSW stands Monte Cristo Homestead. Many have heard its legend; many have spent a night under its harrowing tin roof. After a hot meal lovingly prepared by Olive Ryan, her husband, Reg Ryan takes you on the tour of the homestead and its grounds. Between the awe of the antiques and the chilling stories of death and murder it's a property that leaves an imprint for sure. A wonderful example of embracing a property with a tainted legacy and opening it for all to experience...as well as making a pretty penny...for the upkeep of course.

In 1999 police discovered the remains of eight bodies in barrels in various states of decomposition stored inside the vault of a disused bank at Snowtown, Adelaide. There were eleven Snowtown murder victims in total with one murder actually occurring in the bank itself. This was a high profile horrific case so prospective buyers would have to be living under one hell of a rock to not know what they were getting into. This property

recently sold for \$200k, with the new owner planning to live in the adjoining home and utilising the bank for a business. They have stated that they plan on placing a plaque on the vault in memory of those found there.

So it would seem that personal preference would dictate the choice of 'buyer beware', 'business as usual' or 'horroportunity'. The downside for those of us who are interested the morbid side of life is that once a location is torn down it's gone forever. The physicality of its gruesome history is nothing but a story. For those that are re-used, we can live in hope that they become available sometime in the future. Fair enough that the bio-cleansing companies do their duty of removing the various elements of persistent decomposition and the tell-tale human outline from the hardwood floor. The reputation of a murder house will linger leaving owners no choice but to make alternative solutions necessary, or, turn it into a tourist destination...being the true-crime 'buff slash paranormal' enthusiast I am, I personally prefer the latter.



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HAUNTED SITES IN SYDNEY

THE ABBEY, ANNANDALE

BY JANINE DONNELLAN



When I was a child living in the inner city I spent a good time roaming the streets of Annandale. There are lots of impressive homes in the inner city and I found I had an innate sense of knowing what houses were haunted in the area. There is one particular house that always seemed to catch my attention as I walked passed it – ‘The Abbey’ a Victorian revivalist manor which was spookily swathed in Boston ivy and stood out like a beacon at the bottom of Johnston Street. The Abbey was one of eight homes built by John Young, a builder who had migrated from England to Australia. These houses were known as the Witches houses because of their peculiar roof design that looked like Witches hats: The Abbey, Oybin, Kenilworth, Rozelle (now demolished), Greba, Hockindon, Highroyd and Claremont (now demolished).

The Abbey loosely modelled on a Scottish manor was the most outstanding of these homes. This manor contains a Gothic vault and a tower with gargoyles and it was

rumoured that Young had stolen the gargoyles from St Mary’s cathedral that he was working on to use on his Annandale homes. An interesting point is that Young was a Freemason and had decorated the manor with Masonic symbols. The manor was completed in 1882.





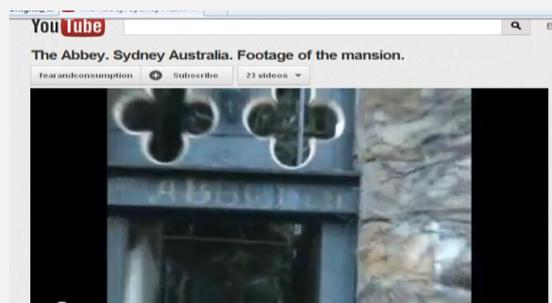
Young had built the home to impress his wife and encourage her to return from the UK. Sadly she did not return and they never lived in it. The Abbey was occupied by housekeepers while Young lived in a house called Kentville, near Rozelle Bay, which has since been demolished. From 1887, the ballroom and stables of The Abbey were used as a boarding house for private schools.

Unfortunately the mansion was subdivided and converted to flats and fell into a state of disrepair. In 1959, the property was acquired by radio engineer Lancelot Davis for his son, Sydney surgeon Dr Geoffrey L R Davis. The Davis family occupied The Abbey for 50 years. Dr Davis died in 2008. The house was sold to new owners in November, 2009, for \$4.86 million.



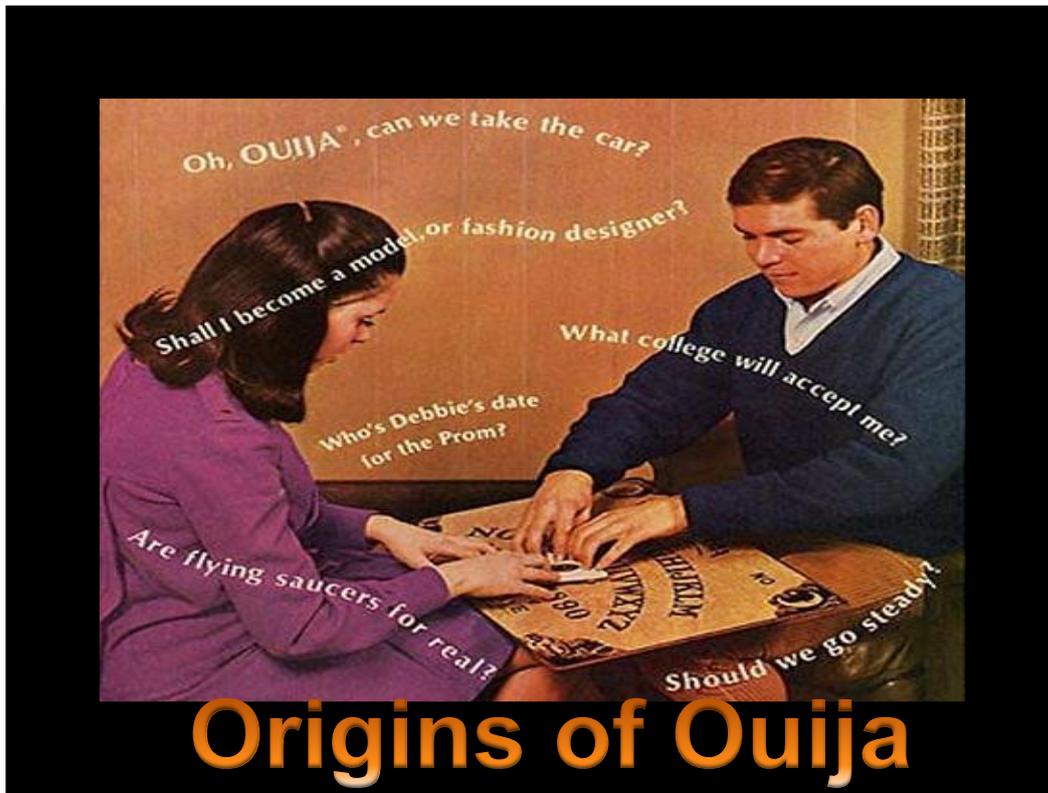
Ms Davis the previous owner claims the house is haunted. She says she has felt various presences from time to time. Doors open and windows close on their own, visitors catch glimpses of dark shadowy figures, and a Lady in White has been seen in the vault and also roams the halls. The seven children all experienced the ghosts, especially the Lady in White. The basement and the main bedroom are evidently notorious for paranormal activity.

You can see more architectural features on this youtube clip.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEOg--72WQ>

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Origins of Ouija

By Nic Hume

I laid eyes on my first Ouija board in my early teens. Scared of the unknown yet taunted by the planchette we settle in and asked questions, the board seemed to answer...spirits were talking to us. Needless to say my tender years and fear got the better of me and I backed away from the board quick smart. A lot older and hopefully a lot wiser, the skeptic in me uses the Ouija in paranormal investigating experiments.

One of the earliest forms of this method of divination was 'Fuji', from the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). This consisted of spirit-writing using a suspended sieve or winnowing tray, directing a stick or stylus, typically made from a willow or peach branch to receive messages from beyond. The Chinese Fuji spirit-writing involved a specialised vocabulary comprising mainly symbols. This form of divination ended up being prohibited by the Qing Dynasty (1644). Another historical account of Ouija origin comes from 540 B.C. where it is said that Greek philosopher Pythagoras conducted séances on a specially designed table with wheels, which would move towards signs and symbols providing messages from the next world.

In 1886 an article in The New York Times stated that Mr Charles W Kennard of Chestertown MD USA, used his wife's breadboard and a saucer to speak with the dead. This handmade 'talking board' became the craze of Ohio four years before its supposed true discovery. Kennard went into business in 1890 as the Kennard Novelty Company, and in early 1891 acquired the rights to the first 'talking board' patent, registered by Elijah J Bond. Kennard went on to sell his share of the business and the board fell into the hands of one William Fuld who renamed the business Ouija Novelty Company.



In 1927, Fuld died a mysterious death. It is believed he suffered complications from falling off a three story building. It had been suggested that Fuld's tragic death was due to the evilness of the Ouija board and he had actually suicided. The rumours surrounding his death only served to boost Ouija sales. The Ouija boards patent passed hands from the Fuld family to Parker Brothers in 1966, who's operations location of Salem, Massachusetts, further added to the boards mystery. In Parker Brothers first year of manufacturing, Ouija outsold Monopoly with over two million boards sold. In early 1999, Parker Brothers stopped manufacturing the classic Fuld Ouija board and switched to a tacky glow in the dark version. Gone is the intricate detail and the name William Fuld. The traditional Ouija boards are now prized collector items.

There are two main schools of thought on how the Ouija board operates. One is the belief that the board serves as an aid to contacting the spiritual realm. The other is the belief that it is a way to get in touch with one's own subconscious. Although commercially introduced as a harmless parlour game, a Ouija board in any shape or form is a source of criticism and controversy. Fundamental Christians say that the board is a portal to the devil. Harry Houdini himself wrote in 1924 that he knew of five people in California who were driven clinically insane by using the Ouija board. One would wonder of their mental state and level of perception before 'playing' with the Ouija board.

English physician William Benjamin Carpenter coined the term 'Ideomotor Effect' which refers to the influence of suggestion or expectation on involuntary and unconscious motor behaviour. Ideomotor Effect has been around for over 150 years but is not a commonly known theory. It can be used to explain the physiology and psychology to make divination a delusional concept. It is a classic example of how we can be misled by our senses to trust in an apparent reality. When one has a personal experience it is more real to them than any other as they trust in the perceived infallibility of their own senses. In any event the Ideomotor Effect is a good example of why, when investigating and using equipment we should use objective, scientific testing rather than rely on subjective, personal experience to work out what is real and what is not.

The intrigue and mystery of the Ouija draws many into its realm. Whether you sit right or left wing in belief, feel it's a portal for the devil, use it for divination or investigating the paranormal...bear in mind the Parker Brothers slogan: "It's only a game—isn't it?".



What is Parapsychology?

By Janine Donnellan



Defining parapsychology is not an easy task as each paranormal researcher has his or her own hypothesis. Parapsychology over the past century has been involved in a variety of studies including ESP (extrasensory Perception), mind-matter interaction (previously known as psychokinesis, including near-death experiences, apparitions, reincarnation, remote viewing and UFOs).

The modern study of parapsychology which began over 100 years ago has been undertaken by researchers examining thousands of case studies and formal experiments to come to better understanding of these paranormal events but there has been very little focus on the social impact these events have on society.

Researchers have painstakingly recorded countless thousands of attempts to apprehend, predict, or influence random events in laboratory settings. They have gathered powerful statistical evidence to validate the various paranormal hypothesis, and have developed theories and models to explain how they might occur, however, nothing significant has been done to deal with these phenomena phenomenologically (a philosophy or method of inquiry based on the premise that reality consists of objects and events as they are perceived or understood in human consciousness and not of anything independent of human consciousness).

In general Parapsychologists believe that further research will eventually explain these anomalies in scientific terms, although it is

not clear whether they can be fully understood without further developing and expanding our current scientific knowledge. There are those researchers however, that believe that the current scientific models of perception and memory are adequate to explain most or all parapsychological phenomena.



The term “parapsychology” was created by psychologist Max Dessoir around 1889, and it first appeared in an article written by Dessoir, “Die Parapsychologie. Eine Entgegnung auf den Artikel “Der Prophet,”” which appeared in June 1889 (translation: Parapsychology. A Response to the Article “The Prophet”). Researcher J.B. Rhine probably did the most to popularize the term parapsychology in English and he was one of the first to engage in large-scale, organized study of the subject.

Parapsychological phenomena can incorporate the following general categories: telepathy, clairvoyance or precognition, and telekinesis. Telepathy is the ability to communicate information across space by the power of the mind alone. Telekinesis is the ability to move objects by the power of the mind alone. Clairvoyance or precognition (from 17th century French with clair meaning "clear" and voyance meaning "vision") is used to refer to the ability to gain information about an object, person, location or physical event through means other than the known human senses, a form of extra-sensory perception.



There is also a belief system called Spiritualism that believes that spirits of the dead have both the ability and the inclination to communicate with the living. This belief system is closely related to the accepted view of parapsychological phenomena, with the ability to speak with spirits of the dead which is often accompanied by moving objects and predictions of the future.

Interestingly, parapsychological research grew out of numerous attempts to scientifically investigate the performances of spiritualists and mediums.

Many scientists broke away from traditional spiritualists point of view: while the spiritualists insisted that their activities proved the existence of an afterlife and the soul, the scientists insisted that their activities were actually evidence of previously unknown powers of telepathy, telekinesis, and clairvoyance. Even today this split between the two remains, despite their common origins.

Much of what lies behind parapsychology is the belief that the mind is independent of the body and that the field has the means of proving the truth of a non-materialistic conception of life and the universe — the same premise that drives spiritualism.

What is interesting, and what makes parapsychology and so-called psychic phenomena so difficult to research, is that each of these categories are often viewed from a non believers or skeptics perception and therefore is usually defined in a negative terms.

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SOuL Searchers Parapsychology Certificate Course



This comprehensive course is ideal for those who would like an in-depth knowledge of the paranormal and would like to learn the necessary skills to become a Professional Paranormal Investigator.

All of the classes will be highly interactive and experiential, focusing on participation and engagement of the students. There will be practical exercises throughout the course and also interaction with SOuL Searchers Investigators. This course will be facilitated by Janine Donnellan who is the founder of SOuL Searchers and Steve Millard Case Manager of SOuL Searchers Paranormal Investigations.

Course Payment: \$250 per weekend - this includes manual, lunch and morning & afternoon tea.

For bookings and detailed information about this course please refer to the website:

<http://soulsearchers.spheresoflight.com.au>

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July 2012 Class



The Edinburgh Vaults

by Steve Millard

During September of 2012 the SOuL Searchers team were lucky enough to be able to spend some time in Edinburgh. Auld Reekie, as it used to be known has a tragic and murderous past; a far cry from the beautiful city that greeted us with its cafe's, boutique shops and restaurants.



However under the streets of this vibrant city lurks a dark past that remains to this day.

The poor and downtrodden of the day, unable to stand the stench of above ground living turned to the vaults under the South Bridge. Built in the 18th century this subterranean slum was a place for storage but proved too tempting for those with nowhere else to go.



It soon became a place of easy pickings for those darker sides of society. Murder, rape, theft, bodysnatching were commonplace in an environment where even the local police (who were hired thugs themselves) were too scared to go.

The area also has a darker side to witchcraft and many practices were thought to occur. Practices that would not have been tolerated outside of the slums.

Today the Niddry street vaults are a must to do for anyone interested in the history and the paranormal. The "auldreekitours" provided an excellent opportunity to explore the narrow passageways and storage rooms that housed so many people.



The pictures above were taken on my full spectrum camera. The tour was set up so that very few people were present and this helped gain a sense of the presences that

were tangible down there. The guide also allowed photography so both canon digital and full spectrum was used.

My first experience was also my most profound as a paranormal investigator to date and came as always at a most unexpected time. During the guides discussion within a storage room I was able to see beyond into the next room leading to a corridor. As I looked from the guide to the room beyond a man was standing looking towards our group. He had long hair and a white loose cotton shirt although the legs were not clearly visible. He looked briefly our way and then moved out of view into the corridor. The whole experience lasted about four seconds and made my hairs stand up on end. I raised

my hand and interrupted the guide to ask if there were any other groups in the vaults. He said no and I explained what I had seen by which time he was looking into the corridors only to find that there was no-one there.

All the time that we had been in the vaults we had been taking a large amount of photographs and interestingly nothing was captured on the standard digital cameras.

While reviewing the pictures taken with the full spectrum however I came across two pictures that were noteworthy and worth further investigation. Both I have added below but note that reproducing in this magazine format will make it harder to discern.



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Looking through the doorway above a mist can be seen at approximate head height. I leave this for others discuss and welcome feedback.



The picture above has not been modified and shows something in the doorway. Again I will leave it for others to discuss.

The overall experience in the vaults will stay with me for a very long time and I would love to visit again.

References

<http://hotels.tv/blog/edinburgh/edinburgh-vaults>

www.auldrekitours.com

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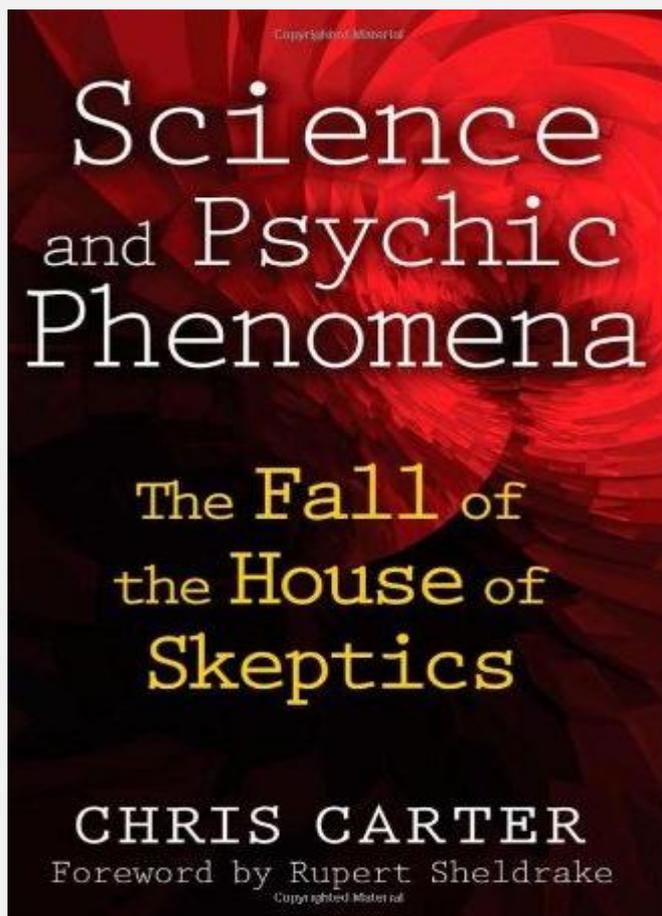
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Book Review



Chris Carter

**“Science and Psychic Phenomena:
The Fall of the Property of Skeptics”
ISBN: 159477451X | 2012**

A factual and conscientious argument against materialism’s vehement denial of psi phenomena

- Explores the scandalous history of parapsychology since the scientific revolution of the 17th century
- Provides reproducible evidence from scientific research that telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, and psychokinesis are real
- Shows that skepticism of psi phenomena is based more on a religion of materialism than on hard science

Reports of psychic abilities, such as telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, and psychokinesis, date back to the beginning of recorded human history in all cultures. Documented, reproducible evidence exists that these abilities are real, yet the mainstream scientific community has vehemently denied the existence of psi phenomena for centuries. The battle over the reality of psi has carried on in scientific academies, courtrooms, scholarly journals, newspapers, and radio stations and has included scandals, wild accusations, ruined reputations, as well as bizarre characters on both sides of the debate. If true evidence exists, why then is the study of psi phenomena--parapsychology--so controversial? And why has the controversy lasted for centuries?

Exploring the scandalous history of parapsychology and citing decades of research, Chris Carter shows that, contrary to mainstream belief, replicable evidence of psi phenomena exists. The controversy over parapsychology continues not because ESP and other abilities cannot be verified but because their existence challenges deeply held worldviews more strongly rooted in religious and philosophical beliefs than in hard science. Carter reveals how the doctrine of materialism--in which nothing matters but matter--has become an infallible article of faith for many scientists and philosophers, much like the convictions of religious fundamentalists. Consequently, the possibility of psychic abilities cannot be tolerated because their existence would refute materialism and contradict a deeply ingrained ideology. By outlining the origin of this passionate debate, Carter calls on all open-minded individuals to disregard the church of skepticism and reach their own conclusions by looking at the vast body of evidence.

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One of the many things you will find unique about the SOuL Searchers team is that we undertake our investigations from a shamanic perspective. One of the functions of a SOuL Searchers member is to act as an intermediary between the physical and the spiritual realms. During our investigations we conduct in-depth evaluations of spiritual activity from our own unique perspective in order to help grounded souls move on to higher realms and to further our own understanding of the nature of spirits and the afterlife.

Our mission is to investigate all logical explanations of environments that are associated with paranormal activity. We use a common sense scientific approach to all our investigations but also have an open mind to all theories & methodologies. Our SOuL Searchers team is composed of individuals with a variety of talents both scientific and psychic, including skeptics and believers.

Each investigation is conducted in a professional manner, addressing any concerns such as privacy,

safety and security. Adherence to the wishes of the client is paramount in every case study.

PLEASE NOTE: We conduct ALL investigations free of charge and therefore all members are volunteers.

The SOuL Searchers paranormal investigation team is based near Engadine and conducts paranormal investigations, house-calls, space clearings and removal of unwanted entities and entity attachments mainly in Southern Sydney, Sutherland Shire, St George district, Illawarra and surrounding areas of NSW, Australia.

For general inquiries or to request an investigation and clearing in your home please contact Steve, our Case Manager, at...

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Australian Paranormal Phenomenon Investigators

**To search for indisputable evidence of the survival hypothesis,
with our core objective being to investigate locations
of cultural importance, for the education and
enjoyment of the community.**

APPI is an all female Paranormal Investigation unit, which is very unique in this industry. We bring many different levels to Paranormal Investigation from technical skills to an eye for a great photo, mediumship and psychic abilities.

We conduct Investigations with the highest level of respect and professionalism.

We approach each Paranormal Investigation with an open mind, and take all factors which could be construed as "Paranormal" into account - be they natural or scientific.

We collect evidence during an Investigation using state of the art equipment, which includes digital sound and video recorders, digital cameras, infrared thermometers and electromagnetic field meters. We also like to incorporate the spiritual aspect into our investigations, including a professional Spirit Medium on all we investigate.

Once all evidence during an Investigation has been compiled, we examine it methodically and rule out anything which has a logical explanation.

Any unexplained evidence we are left with could conceivably be a "Paranormal Phenomenon". We at the Australian Paranormal Phenomenon Investigators are committed to providing the most comprehensive and least intrusive investigation possible.



Paranormal Equipment

The list below is of online stores and companies selling paranormal equipment here and in the United States.

Australia

Ghost Shack

Also one of the members of Eastern States Paranormal (E.S.P) Robert Coble is also selling ghost hunting equipment!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ghost-Shack/208778072534059>

WDP - Western District Paranormal

WDP produces a small range of ParaProducts including IR illuminators, EM Pumps, Vibration Detectors and Electrostatic Field Detectors in Australia. WDP ParaProduct are available for sale to the public on a made to order basis. WDP ParaProduct is a sideline to a full time job for Craig (WDP's Founder), hence the made to order nature of sales, no stock is carried. IR Illuminators can be customised to individual customer requirement.

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Western-District-Paranormal/182634478488164>

Apparition Technologies

Providing top quality Ghost Hunting equipment with realistic price tags!

We are an Australian Based Ghost Hunting Equipment Manufacturer, specialising in IR Illuminators, UV

Illuminators, EM Pumps, Static Detectors, Vibration Detectors, Magnet Field Pumps and more.

https://www.facebook.com/?ref=tn_tnmn#!/ApparitionTechnologies

Overseas

The EMF Safety Superstore

Best selection, great prices on Electronic Paranormal Investigation Equipment

Offering EMF Meters, temperature Sensors, Motion and Vibration Sensors, Geophones, EVP Listeners, Ion and Geiger Counters and much more!

Website: <http://www.lessemf.com/ghost.html>

GhostStop - Ghost Hunting Equipment

We have supplied equipment for shows such as Ghost Adventures, Ghost Hunters International, Fact or Faked and teams around the world like yours. Just ask anyone who has used GhostStop and you'll hear our customer service and quality is unbeatable in the industry.

As paranormal investigators ourselves, use the equipment we have in stock, make some devices ourselves and test new gear regularly. We are happy to answer your questions via email, phone and even Facebook

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

Ghost Hunting Source.com

At GhostHuntingSource.com we pride ourselves on providing you with a superior shopping experience; from your first click to the arrival of your desired Ghost Hunting and Paranormal investigation items. Our competitively priced Paranormal produces include all the most recent state-of-the-art tools that are a must when Ghost Hunting or conducting Paranormal Investigations.

Website: <http://ghosthuntingsource.com/>

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

New South Wales

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.

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

Campbelltown Paranormal

Our team consists of sensitives, empaths as well as our skeptic. We investigate and document all aspects of the paranormal and we often unite with other teams on large investigations using specialised equipment. This includes full spectrum and IR cameras, still cameras and video, spirit boxes, EMF detectors and EVP recorders. We also specialize in house clearings as each member of our team have experienced hauntings and the feeling of being isolated and alone. We are local to Campbelltown and are always here to help!

<https://www.facebook.com/campbelltownparanormal>

Eastern States Paranormal (E.S.P)

Experienced Paranormal Investigative team dedicated to search for evidence of the paranormal and helping others with paranormal problems.

Friendship and honesty are important aspect of our team. Be sure to check out the website for other tours, our forum, photos and equipment!

<http://www.easternstatesparanormal.com.au/index.htm>

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

Our aim is to investigate places not for the purpose of labelling 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>

Feminine Spirit Paranormal Investigators

Feminine Spirit is a paranormal Investigative team. Our teams vision is to provide our clients with professional and confidential service.

The girls in Feminine Spirit respect the sensitive issues that often arise when dealing with unexplainable events that can disrupt our daily lives, and believe that our clients **well-being is of the utmost importance.**

Email: FeminineSpirit@hotmail.com.au

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/FeminineSpirits>

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.

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

Lakes Investigators of the Paranormal

L.I.P.S is the brainchild of husband and wife team Nathan and Fay Johnson. As Lakes Investigators of Paranormal Suggestion, we endeavour to find answers, both for ourselves and our clients.

Parramatta Paranormal Society

PPS (Parramatta Paranormal Society) is an organisation of Paranormal Investigators who focus on discovering the paranormal using scientific knowledge. We also like to maintain historical buildings and land. PPS was started by Sarah Sloan and Michael Sloan who also have a committed team who we appreciate and enjoy working with.

Based in Parramatta NSW we investigate throughout the state and we also conduct private investigations. PPS use a range of "Ghost Hunting equipment" to back up peoples experiences and encourage them come along and monitoring our investigations.

With the use logical theories we debunk things that occur on our investigations such as sounds and pictures so we can be sure that something is

Paranormal rather than jumping to the conclusion that something is Haunted.

PPS work with a medium who knows nothing about the location prior to the investigation so we can get an understanding on how the psychic mind works.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/parramatta-paranormal-society/164927327119>

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.

<http://saint-prs.blogspot.com/>

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 produce a quarterly Paranormal eMagazine.

<http://soulsearchers.spheresoflight.com.au/index.php?page=SOuL-Searchers-Magazine>

<http://soulsearchers.spheresoflight.com.au/index.php?page=main>

Sydney South West Paranormal Investigators

We employ scientific and proven investigative methods to obtain indisputable evidence of the paranormal. We will investigate anywhere from private residence to historical sites, and this is at no cost to our clients. This service is free and always will be as it is our mission to help people in need and also educate about the paranormal world. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SSWPI>

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 Judgment"

http://www.facebook.com/gettingstarted.php?step=cont_act_importer#%21/pages/Sydney-Spirit-Stalkers/160614330659716

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.

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

or <http://www.projectufo.org/>

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>

Queensland

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>

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.

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

Brisbane Amateur Paranormal Investigators

We perform investigations using up-to-date technology and equipment. Think you have a haunting? We may be able to provide alternative explanations for phenomena, or capture proof that what you have is real. We can perform investigations of locations upon invitation to do so. We are a completely not-for-profit organisation and the cost of all our equipment and our time in both performing investigations and analysing data is done at our own expense. All investigations are conducted with complete respect for the location as well as anything paranormal which may be present. Feel free to contact us via Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneAmateurParanormalInvestigators?sk=info>

or via email BrisbaneAPI@gmail.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.

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

Ghosts-Inc

Ghosts-Inc are a Gold Coast, Queensland, Australian based group who have a goal to gather information that will lead to a better understanding of ghosts, hauntings and other paranormal activity.

We also encourage people to share their stories with us, because a good ghost story combines real history and local urban legends!

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Ghosts-Inc/157842384226548>

Paranormal Paratek Queensland

Queensland paranormal investigations & historical researching. Paratek is a State Government registered, fully insured not-for-profit incorporated association.

paratek is committed to conducting successful paranormal investigations. We investigate the site history thoroughly before commencing any investigation.

Mission statement:- "Seeking Truth By Evidence". Utilizing state of art detection equipment used in this field of research within Australia. Paratek will scrutinize all obtained data carefully & thoroughly before a comprehensive report is presented on the conclusion of our paranormal investigation. Paratek is Queensland state wide & has undertaken several high profile heritage site investigations to date.

Web: <http://www.paratek.net.au>

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

Eidolon Paranormal

A South Australian Paranormal Investigation Team. Investigating hauntings, UFOs, Cryptids and everything else deemed "Paranormal".

Eidolon Paranormal can also be found actively interacting within the community at SA Paranormal meet-ups.

We aim to find the truth about urban "ghost" legends. We also investigate private and business premises to advise clients if their building is subject to a haunting. Offering free paranormal investigations and advice on hauntings. Privacy and discretion and professional conduct is assured. Contact us at: eidolon@live.com.au www.eidolonparanormal.net

Murraylands Paranormal

We are Toni, Neil, Barry and Ann - a fledgling group of Paranormal Investigators based in Murray Bridge, South Australia. Please feel free to e-mail us at: mpi.sa.ghost@internode.on.net

Paranormal Field Investigators

We are a small group of researchers based in Adelaide, South Australia. Our group study, research and investigate most aspects of the paranormal. We have been interested in this subject, as individuals, for many years and some of us have been investigating for over 20 years. People who join our team consist of people with knowledge in such skills as photography, tech and electronics plus individuals who are prepared to sit and research the history of an area being investigated. All investigations are treated in a professional manner, with respect and confidentiality to all persons and properties involved. We try to conduct our investigations in a technical manner, relying on electronic equipment to monitor the situation. We are open-minded to different theories and methods as this is not an exact science. Our services are free of charge.

<http://paranormalfieldinvestigators.com/>

SA Paranormal

SA.Paranormal is 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.

MEET-UPS - S.A.P. Meet-ups are hosted by the teams of Eidolon Paranormal and Adelaide Spirit Chasers. They are frequented by many local S.A. teams who are willing to share their stories. We have guest speakers and presentations about equipment, spiritual items and other paranormal related subjects

The meet-ups will now be hosted at The Clare Castle Hotel in Kapunda South Australia one Sunday a month - dates and times will be posted on the wall here and at

<http://www.eidolonparanormal.net/saparanormalmeetups.htm>

The Paranormal Guide

The Paranormal Guide (TPG) is a new website that explores the world of the paranormal through different forms of multimedia presentation. The bulk of the website is devoted to the videos the TPG team have created focussing on different aspects of the paranormal. All topics of the paranormal are covered ranging from Ghosts and Hauntings to UFO and Aliens, Cryptozoology to Unsolved Mysteries, True Crime is also covered too. As well as video presentations TPG has a fortnightly podcast to keep people up to date with what the team is doing as well as presenting topical discussions and answering listeners questions. TPG also has a user forum through which people can share their experiences,

information and tell a good story or two. The video and Photo galleries are open for all to browse as well as to upload their own images and videos. Soon TPG will begin hosting their public meetings for like-minded individuals for a more personal contact experience. Although The Paranormal Guide is based in South Australia it really is a nation wide website covering all states and territories. the Paranormal guide is:

Ashley Hall: Founder and Head Administrator

Debbie Williams: Lead Researcher and In the field reporter

Pavle (Paul) Topic: Lead Investigator and Tech Head

Tash MacDonald: Sensitive and Forum Administrator
www.theparanormalguide.net

www.facebook.com/theparanormalguide

R.U.P.I - Riverlands Unexplained Paranormal Investigators

This is a new paranormal group we are called R.U.P.I

Kathy Messenger - Spirit Medium

Richard (whisper) - Ghost Whisperer

Mandy Scidone - camera and EVPs

Peter Nikolis - Technical director, Researcher and jedi master

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/183859181726929/>

Fleurieu Paranormal Research

We are a small group of individuals with an interest in the paranormal. Fleurieu Paranormal Research is a non-profit organisation undertaking research into possible paranormal activity on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Our mission is to investigate and research paranormal activity in and around the Fleurieu Peninsula. We are searchers of evidence, seekers of truth, and analysts of beliefs. No scientific proof of life after death? No scientific proof that there isn't either. For more information email fleurieuparanormal@y7mail.com or phone 0479 184 180.

Website: <http://fleurieuparanormal.blogspot.com.au/>

Victoria

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/>

UPI - Undercover Paranormal Investigations

UPI - Undercover Paranormal Investigations is a paranormal group located in the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne dedicated to research and investigation into the unknown. We have been investigating locations for 5 years and I myself (Lionel) have experienced paranormal events all my life. Our investigations have yielded some very strong evidence and our investigation style is a mix of a scientific approach and feeling. We are currently looking to investigate any site with valid claims of the paranormal and would love to be contacted if anyone is interested in hosting us for an investigation.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Undercover-Paranormal-Investigations-UPI/365375210142514>

Australian Paranormal Society

The Australian Paranormal Society (A.P.S) - founded and owned by Bill Tabone and Amanda Wright-Tabone, and co-ordinated by Bill, Amanda, Emily Tabone and Will Tabone - run a professional team of paranormal investigators who are located in Melbourne, Australia.

The A.P.S - is a 'not-for-profit' organization - that consists of a professional team of individuals 'with varying skills and a broad range of expertise' who are dedicated to researching and understanding unexplained phenomena worldwide - and we provide a 'free onsite assessment' for residential and commercial customers -Just email us with your enquiries.

The Australian Paranormal Society does not encourage nor will it condone trespassing at any time and it will only investigate a location if proper permission has been granted by the appropriate authorities.

The A.P.S aim is two-fold: to create a team of 'dedicated paranormal researchers' as well as an extensive online resource center that will cater for varying levels of interest and understanding.

Our mission is to extensively investigate and empirically document all types of 'unexplained phenomena' within Australia, utilizing the most advanced equipment and methodologies.

We approach each reported incident with sensitivity , fully respecting the person's worldview and religious beliefs , while maintaining full confidentiality. Any

evidence gathered on location will remain private and confidential and any public disclosure would remain at the full discretion of the client.

An A.P.S. requirement of any investigation is that a full 'debrief' and feed-back session will be scheduled with the client to whom all findings will be made public.

The A.P.S will initially consider various rational explanations for alleged 'paranormal phenomena' and will continue to assist our clients until a satisfactory conclusion about any phenomena is reached.

All investigations proceed with no preconceived assumptions and will remain unbiased by allowing any evidence uncovered to guide the direction of the investigation.

Occupational Health and Safety issues affecting the A.P.S team are critical during any investigation. If for any reason members of the A.P.S feel the investigation should cease for personal or safety reasons, the investigation will be postponed or terminated.

Through their investigations the A.P.S hope to gain a more concise understanding about the nature of unexplained phenomena through extensive data collection, experimentation and empirical documentation

The A.P.S. also offers a specialised team for the clearing of premises/spirit rescue. This team is separate to the investigative team although still part of the A.P.S. This team will only attend when a thorough investigation has taken place. All contact is through our email.

We are open to any questions the public may have and to support other fellow paranormal investigation groups.

Our aim is to also build a more open and united paranormal community.

An evidence analysis service for the public and other P.I. groups is also available.

Website: www.australianparanormalsociety.com

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Email: aps_contact@rocketmail.com

Colonial Paranormal

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 or visit

the website www.colonialparanormal.com or you can find us on Facebook "Colonial Paranormal".

Carmar Paranormal Investigators

Carmar Paranormal Investigations is a non-profit group founded by Marty and Caroline Veenstra. Our aim is to show people around us and the media of strange occurrences while also debunking the fake or natural phenomenon.

We document all paranormal and physical evidence and present our findings to our client. Our aim is to help to achieve balance and bring peace back into your environment.

We at Carmar are experienced Paranormal Investigators who have 20 years collective experience between us in the field of Paranormal Disturbances and deal with both investigating and dealing with paranormal activity.

Our team of Psychics, Mediums and Sensitives use with our combined abilities help locate and communicate with the spirits that are troubling your home or business. Over the years we have had great success in dealing with Paranormal Phenomena combining a Scientific and a Spiritual approach to our investigations.

Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/carmarparanormalinvestigators/info>

Western District Paranormal (WDP)

WDP is a paranormal investigation group, located in Miners Rest Victoria. Currently sporting a team of 3 dedicated investigators, WDP uses both logic, specialist equipment and scientific methods to investigate and question paranormal phenomenon across Victoria.

WDP's investigative services are free to the community and they can be contacted via email. WDP also produces a small range of ParaProducts including IR illuminators, EM Pumps, Vibration Detectors and Electrostatic Field Detectors. WDP ParaProduct are available for sale to the public on a made to order basis. WDP ParaProduct is a sideline to a full time job for Craig (WDP's Founder), hence the made to order nature of sales, no stock is carried. IR Illuminators can be customised to individual customer requirement.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Western-District-Paranormal/182634478488164/>

Western Australia

The Albany Paranormal Research 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. A team member will be in contact with you as soon as possible.

Email: albanyparanormal@hotmail.com or Website: <http://www.albanyparanormal.com>

Twilight Paranormal Investigators

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, non-judgmental and handle with the utmost care and respect, At T.P.I we believe in all things paranormal. Email: trishmoulton@y7mail.com
<http://twilightparanormalinvestigations.yolasite.com/>

West Australia Paranormal Research

We endeavour to raise the profile of this field of research in the local community and be there for those people who have issues that no one else wants to touch. If you have issues within your home or work place that are out of the normal or in some cases quite disturbing, we are here for you whether it is just for someone to talk to without being laughed at, or if you prefer we can send out investigators to have a look around and see if the case warrants a full team investigation. We work with reputable local psychics who can offer guidance and support, we also have worked with a local "exorcist" in the past when the situation required it. We are working to find an understanding of what this thing called the "Paranormal" actually is and how it can affect the living world around it.

Website: <http://www.waparanormal.com.au/home.html>

Perth Ghost Hunters

Formed in 2002 Perth Ghost Hunters offer free investigations to owners of both business and residential with reported paranormal occurrences to find out whether they have a haunting or not. We cover north to Geraldton, east to Kalgoorlie and south to Albany.

We use some of the latest ghost hunting technology available and also own a Flir thermal camera in an attempt to get the best evidence.

We respect peoples privacy and offer fully private investigations without bringing any unwanted attention to the owners and location of the haunting.

Contact us at perthghosthunters@yahoo.com

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/#!/PerthGhosHunter>

Website - <http://www.perthghosthunters.webs.com>

Tasmania

Team Strigois Paranormal Investigators

The name of our team came from Romanian mythology, where the strigois are the troubled souls of the dead rising from the grave. We investigate known and unknown locations around our historic state. We investigate all types of locations including private residences in a respectful and professional manner; our goal is to capture phenomena using cameras and other recording equipment. Team Strigois never charge for any investigations and can also do confidential investigations as well. Our other aim is to put another spin on tourism in Tasmania and hopefully generate extra interest in the wider world and encourage more visitors to our beautiful state Tasmania.

Team Strigois are Drew McClelland, Jodie Newton and Mike Phillips.

We investigate cases of Hauntings, UFO's, Urban Legends and Cryptozoology free of charge, confidential or published on our site.

Website: <http://teamstrigois-unnatural.com/>

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The Paranormal Team

Team Paranormal Australia is a group of like minded people seeking the truth about the paranormal and bringing it to the world in a documentary styled show played exclusively on YouTube. The group has done investigations in to several private residences and most notably the Penitentiary Chapel Historic Site where evidence of the famous spirit Ivy's ghost was captured in the form of footsteps after one of our cameras mysteriously turned off.

<http://crazewolfmedia.com.au/>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/TeamParanormalAus>

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 and accessparanormal@gmail.com

Workshops, Courses and Events - QLD, NSW & VIC

West Sydney Paranormal Research

Paranormal Workshop and Investigation - Inverell

Date: Saturday 24th November

Time: 11:00am to 4:00pm. Investigation from 8:30pm onwards

Price: TBA - tickets sold from Mystic Moments. Ph: 02 6722 1001

Website: <http://www.westsydneyparanormal.org/>

Location: Inverell Easts Bowling Club, Glen Innes Road, Inverell, NSW

Hunter Paranormal Australia

Intro into Paranormal Investigation

Date:TBA

Time: 9:00pm - 10:30pm

Price: \$30.00

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

Location: Pioneer Village - Minmi Cemetery, Minmi Road, Minmi, NSW

Come and join Hunter Paranormal Australia at Minmi Cemetery, we will supply you with basic equipment to use and explain how to use it so you can conduct your own paranormal investigation.

For more information please e-mail hunterparanormal69@gmail.com

Newcastle Ghost Tours

Halloween Fundraiser

Date: Wednesday 31st October

Time: TBA

Location: Monet's Restaurant, 72 Watt Street, Newcastle, NSW

Price: \$60 per person

Our Halloween Fundraiser is coming up this October 31st at Monet's restaurant on Watt Street Newcastle. Maybe we might try to contact Harry ourselves and continue in the tradition that has been happening since 1927. Tickets are available now!!! P.S. It's fancy dress with prizes for the best ghostly outfit for the night. Email your interest at info@newcastleghosttours.com.au

Fort Scratchly Night Time Tour

Date: Friday November 23rd 2012

Time: 7.30pm to 10pm

Location: Fort Scratchly, Nobbys Road, East Newcastle, NSW

Price: Special opening price - Adults at \$45 per person, Children 12-16 at \$35 per person

This tour will include an escorted tour into the dark tunnels of the Fort Scratchley complex hosted by the volunteers of the Fort plus entry into the Museum areas.

Tea/coffee and cake will be served at the end of the evening in the Barracks Room overlooking Newcastle Harbour.

Bookings are now open for this event and will only be locked in with your payment. Also we will be capping the event at 20 people.

Bring your cameras and torches for an amazing night time experience.

info@newcastleghosttours.com.au

Weekly Tours

Date: Weekly

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Muster point - The Lock Up on Hunter street, Newcastle (between Bolton street and Watt street)

Price: \$45.00

Link:

http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=64

Join us on a private walking tour of the East End on a Friday or Saturday night.

Do you have a group of friends who would like to share a very unique experience?

We can provide a private tour for you and four friends (minimum 5 people). A private tour gives you more time at certain hot spots and allows us more time to answer all of those questions you have always wanted to ask. 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!

History and Mystery Day Tours

Date: Weekly on Thursdays only

Time: TBA

Location: Muster point - The Lock Up on Hunter street, Newcastle NSW (between Bolton street and Watt street)

Price: \$45.00

Link:

http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=64

Historic walking day tours are available for small groups (minimum five people). Bookings are available on Thursdays only – this allows us entry into The United Servicemen's Club on Watt street and includes a Devonshire Tea at haunted "Monet's" Restaurant at James Fletcher. Tours commence at 12 noon taking about 2 hours.

Newcastle Police Station Lock Up Sleepover

Date: Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th November

Time: 9:30pm to 8:00am

Location: Newcastle Police Station, 90 Hunter Street, Newcastle NSW

Price: \$60.00

Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/251111485007855/>

Are you after the ultimate ghost hunting experience? Then we challenge you to a sleepover at the old Newcastle Lock Up, Hunter street Newcastle. The Lock-Up is the Newcastle Police Station which operated from 1861 until its closure in 1982. Stay in this historic facility overnight – as that is when the real action starts to happen! You will begin your evening around 9:30pm on Saturday with an Introductory Overview of the LOCK UP provided by your hosts from Newcastle Ghost Tours. Listen to a 1 hour presentation and introduction of this historic facility. Hear real accounts of grizzly occurrences in the gaol cells where you will be laying your head down to sleep... You will then be "locked down" into the building to spend the rest of your evening in the company of your friends and the ghosts of the previous inmates (and there are many of them) Like all prisoners held in this facility in the early 1900's – there will be no comforts here! You will have to sleep on the cold bare floors of the cells and bring all of your own food/ snacks for the evening. There will be strictly NO ALCOHOL (any found will be liable to see the offender flogged and placed into solitary confinement) will have

to make your own entertainment and it's BYO everything for your own comfort. Young offenders can also find themselves at the LOCK UP for misdemeanors BUT they must be under the supervision of a parent or guardian at all times. Age limitations restrict children under the age of 14 years. Your time in incarceration will finish at 8am Sunday morning when you will be given your Ticket-of-Leave and been shown the front door.

This experience is not for the faint-hearted and numbers for each tour are strictly limited. Tea/Coffee facilities will be provided. Bring sleeping bags/ fold up chairs and all of your own ghost hunting equipment. Breakfast will be available (at your own cost) at SPROCKETS COFFEE ROASTERS on corner of Watt & Hunter Streets on Sunday morning.

Expressions of interest in booking your spot are now open - email info@newcastleghosttours.com.au - This is a small facility so numbers will be kept to about 15 people per night... last lock up of the year!

Miss Porters House

Date: TBA

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: TBA

Price: \$55 per person

Link:

Join us in another intriguing investigation night at this heritage listed building in the West End of town. Our night start at 7pm with a short historic tour around the area and then we head back to the house for a talk about ghosts and how to hold an investigation. Then you will get to explore the house and then you can experience what its like to be an investigator for yourself.

Cost is \$55 per person.

Investigation Nights

Date: Sunday 25th November 7.30pm start

Time: 25th November 7.30pm start.

Location: Miss Porter's House – King street, Newcastle West, NSW

Price: \$75.00

Link:

http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=63

We have very special permission to conduct paranormal investigations at Miss Porter's House – situated in King street Newcastle West. Herbert Porter and his family moved into their new house in 1910. His two daughters Ella (born 1911) and Hazel (born 1914) remained single and lived in the house until Hazel's passing in 1997.

The Edwardian terrace house contains 100 years of collectibles, 1909 – 1940 furniture, unique architectural features as well as the ghosts of family members, including Mr. Herbert Porter himself, who has stayed on in spirit to take care of his beloved home. Your night will commence the Muster point in front of Miss Porter's House directly across the road from McDonalds King street Newcastle West. It will include an historical overview of the area including Cottage Creek which was the most remote "civilized" point of the township of Newcastle and the house standing on what was known as "Lock's Paddock – a stonemason's yard. Learn aspects of paranormal investigating from an intuitive viewpoint. Learn how to

heighten your psychic abilities and become more sensitive to the energies around you. 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! We may even have another "spirit board" session and connect with the ghosts of the house.

Grand Tour of the Civic Theatre

Date: TBA

Time: TBA

Location: 375 Hunter Street, Newcastle NSW

Price: TBA

Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/#%21/events/320212864681440/>

We have another opportunity this year to showcase one of Newcastle's most amazing buildings and share all of its deep dark secrets! Join us on this 3 hour tour with our special host Mr. Richard Laws who has worked at the Theatre for many years and who will take us for a ghostly journey through this building. Last year we had some crazy experiences. More information to come soon - mark this date in your calendar and don't miss out!!!! Maybe you are part of a paranormal investigative group who might like to join us on this night? Yes...it is a tour but it is also a great opportunity to snoop around this old haunted theatre - you will have plenty of opportunities to take photos and set up equipment as we have the theatre all to ourselves.

East End Tour

Date: Friday 5th October and 9th November

Time: July to September - 7:00pm, October - November 7:30pm

Location: East End of Newcastle, NSW

Price: \$45.00

Private Tours for small groups available (TWO people minimum – flexible to suit your needs but no entry into sites are available on private tours).

Please be aware that you will be walking up hills during this tour and need sensible footwear. We will operate the tour in MOST weather conditions – if it is drizzling (slightly raining) the tour will be going ahead so bring an umbrella/raincoat as these are not supplied.

We will take you down the first streets of King's Town (later renamed Newcastle).

Walk the path of the first convicts sent to hard labour, hear the true stories of gruesome murders and untimely deaths. Visit what remains of the oldest cemetery in Newcastle.

See one of Newcastle's best kept secrets – the oldest building in Newcastle. Listen to the history of the old Police Lock Up and roam through the cells. See the padded cell where one inmate took his life into his own hands!

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).

*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.

A percentage of all of our tour charges goes back to the community! 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.

Get a group together and join us on a ghostly tour of the East End of Newcastle!! The tour will include entry into the LOCK UP Museum on Hunter street. Call 0411 357 519 or email info@newcastleghosttours.com.au

Stanley Park Sleepover

Date: 10th November from 4:00pm to 11th November 8:30am

Location: Stockton House: 77 Fullerton Cove, Fullerton Cove - just outside of Stockton on the road to Nelson Bay- you will be turning left on the roundabout where the sign says "Fullerton Cove".

Price: \$100 per person (Includes dinner and breakfast as well as tea and coffee)

Newcastle Ghost Tours is very pleased to have secured this amazing homestead dating back to 1897 for an overnight sleepover.

The home is currently being used as a bed and breakfast and we have been allocated the date of SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11th 2012.

Arrival will be in the afternoon of Saturday approximately 4pm with a chance to look around and enjoy the location. We will enjoy an easy dinner together and then you will have the rest of the evening to explore the grounds and rooms at your leisure.

Dinner and breakfast are included and departure time will be at 8.30 am Sunday morning.

You may bring sleeping bags etc if you wish to try and catch some zzz's and also any snacks. Tea/coffee with also be available.

Cost is \$100 per person and we will cap it at 20 people. A non refundable deposit of \$25 is required to secure your spot as this will be the only opportunity to investigate this site in 2012.

Join us by emailing info@newcastleghosttours.com.au for more details.

"Phantoms of the Theatre" Lock down event

Date: Friday 1st February 2013

Time: TBA

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

Price: approximately \$100 per person

Newcastle Ghost Tours have secured the opportunity for a full overnight lock down at the CIVIC THEATRE on Hunter street Newcastle. The tentative date will be 1st February 2013 (Friday overnight). First priority will be for paranormal groups or members of paranormal groups who might like to come to Newcastle and co-operatively work alongside other paranormal teams.

This is a big theatre with plenty of room for everyone to set up equipment. This is a rare opportunity as the CIVIC is a fully functioning working theatre and we know that there is plenty of activity.

If there is any extra space the event will be opened to the public/enthusiasts so that they can come and learn from the experts.... so stay tuned!

More info to come after final details are negotiated - please lock this into your paranormal diaries and NGTt

me know if you are interested to take part so that you booked can be secured.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/400070283378481/>

Norfolk Island - Investigation

Date: Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th January 2013

Time: TBA

Venue: Norfolk Island!!!

Price: Approx. \$1,450 per person

The itinerary and prices are almost set - this will include accommodation, dinners, breakfasts and tours including a mystery and history dinner and another ghost tour dinner!!!

A minimum of 16 people is needed to secure the price and you can either do twin share or single.

You will need a passport and bookings will be secured with deposits only - first to pay a deposit will be first to go, then a wait list will be created.

A thank you to Flight Centre for such a great price and itinerary - more details will follow shortly.

For more information, you can email info@newcastleghosttours.com.au

Paranormal Investigation "Boot Camp"

Date: Saturday 3rd November

Time: Commencing at 1pm to 6pm, break for supper then investigation 7pm to 9pm

Venue: TBA depending on number of students (held locally in Newcastle)

Cost: \$60 per person (Course and Investigation included in the cost)

Newcastle Ghost Tours and Apparitions Ghost Tours will be combining to present a basic "how to" in paranormal investigating. Murray Byfield from "Apparitions" and Renata will give you a run down on subjects including tools of the trade, scientific and psychic approaches to paranormal investigations, with lots of hands on exercises and discussions ending the day with an investigation at a local site to let you experience everything you have learnt.

Afternoon tea will be included but supper will be at your own costs.

For more information and to book in please email Renata on info@newcastleghosttours.com.au - must be fully paid for by Friday October 12th to secure your placement in this course.

UFO-PRSA

Valissa Bentley - Clairsentient Psychic Medium

Date: Wednesday 10th October

Time: 6:45pm to 10:15pm

Venue: Arts Centre, Campbelltown

Psychic Medium Valissa Bentley will present and conduct an interactive evening of trance channeling. Valissa specialises in trance and has, from a very young age, dealt directly with the paranormal. After many years of struggling with her psychic gifts and ghostly experiences, out of sheer desperation she sought the counsel of a spiritual teacher at age 25. Over the next 5 years Valissa took sabbatical, where through meditation and reiki began to unlock who she truly was. "I see myself not just as a channel, but as an ambassador...I do not encourage clients to think that they can only receive messages from a psychic, but

that they can begin to remember how to do this for themselves. This is very important to empowering others." Valissa believes in offering the highest quality of spiritual mediumship to her clients, and knows the key to this is in practising her spirituality daily and in aligning herself with her Higher Self in all ways.

Please note: There will be different fees and guidelines to the public who wish to attend this evening. We strongly recommend that you register your interest in this event in advance by contacting the Secretary and reserve your seat.

Website: www.ufosociety.net.au

Monthly Meeting

Date: TBA

Time: 6:45pm to 10:15pm

Venue: Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW

This meeting we will be presenting the evidence, including imagery, in support of extra-terrestrials visiting Earth in our remote past. For more information go to

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

Australian Paranormal Phenomena Investigators (A.P.P.I)

Date: 20th October, 16th November and 21st December.

Time: varies as per tour

Venue: Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, 1 Casula Road, Casula NSW

GHOST TOURS - 2 Hour Duration. Walk through the Casula powerhouse Arts Centre and grounds, reliving the stories of paranormal activity. \$45pp (Maximum 40 people) includes a light supper. Normally run on the third Saturday of each month.

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATORS NIGHTS - 4 hour duration. \$90pp (Maximum 20 people). Bookings are via consultation only.

SEANCE NIGHTS - 2 hour duration. \$125pp (Maximum 10 people). Bookings are via consultation only

Come and be an investigator for the night! Using viewing monitors, EVP and ghost box sessions, EMF meters, ghost meter pro, dowsing rods, pendulums, experiential tactics and much more. APPI will attempt to find evidence of paranormal activity within the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre grounds.

All this and it includes light supper!
Be quick to book your spot! Go to <http://www.casulapowerhouse.com/booknow/>
Scroll down to the 9 June and you'll see the Paranormal Investigators option.

Australian Ghost Adventures

How to be a "Ghost Hunter" Seminar

Date: TBA - contact Australian Ghost Adventures to register your interest

Time: TBA

Location: TBA - VIC

Price: TBA

Link:

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".

Old Geelong Gaol Ghost Tours

Date: TBA

Time: TBA

Location: Cnr Myers and Swanston Street, Geelong VIC

Price: Ghost Tour (90 mins) \$30 adults - \$25 concession - \$20 children

(aged 8 to 15.... please note, customers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult) \$90 family (2 adults, up to 3 children) Investigation Tour for 2 hours is \$40.

Link:

<http://www.geelongghosttours.com.au/bookings.php>

Are you brave enough to join us as we investigate and tour one of Geelong's most haunted buildings? Many stories have been told about its deceased inhabitants and their present day appearances. Experience the last few steps of former prisoners from their cold, dark condemned cells to the gallows where they were hung for their crimes.

Even today, people talk of the strange feelings they've had of ghostly apparitions, from condemned prisoners walking aimlessly about, to bodies still swinging from the Hangman's noose. Do you have what it takes to become part of these stories; to experience the sights and sounds of Ghostly encounters. Come along and "Dare to be Scared!" On our Ghost Tour.

Aradale Ghost Tours - Ararat Lunatic Asylum

Date: Fridays and Saturdays

Time: 8pm

Location: Heath Street, Ararat, VIC

Price: 3 hour investigation tour - \$70

Very limited seating.... Paranormal investigation!

Explore buildings never been shown to the public. 10 people group maximum.

Imagine... 5 buildings not otherwise open to the public. Want to go ghost hunting?

Ararat Lunatic Asylum is the ultimate!

Top range equipment provided, or bring your own. Phone 1300 856 668 to book!

Email: info@aradaleghosttours.com.au

OTHER

The School of Parapsychology (SCOP)

This online institution provides a rare gateway to the scientific enquiry into a world seemingly without answers. As you enter the cyberschool gates, you will realise that Parapsychology is a science comparable to other sciences such as chemistry, physics, biology and psychology. By this, I mean within this domain you will come across a multitude of positions, theories, facts, figures, arguments, and, perhaps more so for parapsychology than any other science, controversy. By opening its gates to the international community, the School of Parapsychology seeks to disseminate knowledge, from the basic foundations to the complex discussions, normally only the domain of the enthusiastic bookworms and parapsychologists.

Website:

<http://www.theschoolofparapsychology.org/SCOP/index.php>

Workshops Courses and Events - TAS, SA, WA, NT & ACT

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

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 nights 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.

Adelaide Gaol

Date: Tours on hold at present

Time: TBA

Location: 18, The Goal Road, Thebarton, SA

Price: TBA

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

These tours are currently on hold. Please check back for more updates.

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.

Tailem Town Investigation Tours

Date: TBA

Time: TBA

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

Price: \$65.00

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

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Tailem Town Ghost Tours

Date: TBA

Time: TBA (2 hours duration)

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

Price: \$28.00

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Phone 0407 715 866 or email
alison@adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au.

Saint Cecilia Ghost Tour/Investigation Night

Date: Saturday 6th October
Time: 5:00pm – 10:00am
Location: 2 Callary Street, Peterborough SA
Price: \$180.00

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Burra Burra Ghost Tour/Investigation Night

Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Location: Burra, SA
Price: TBA

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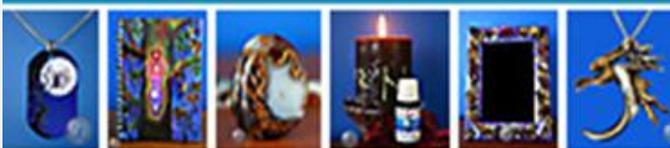
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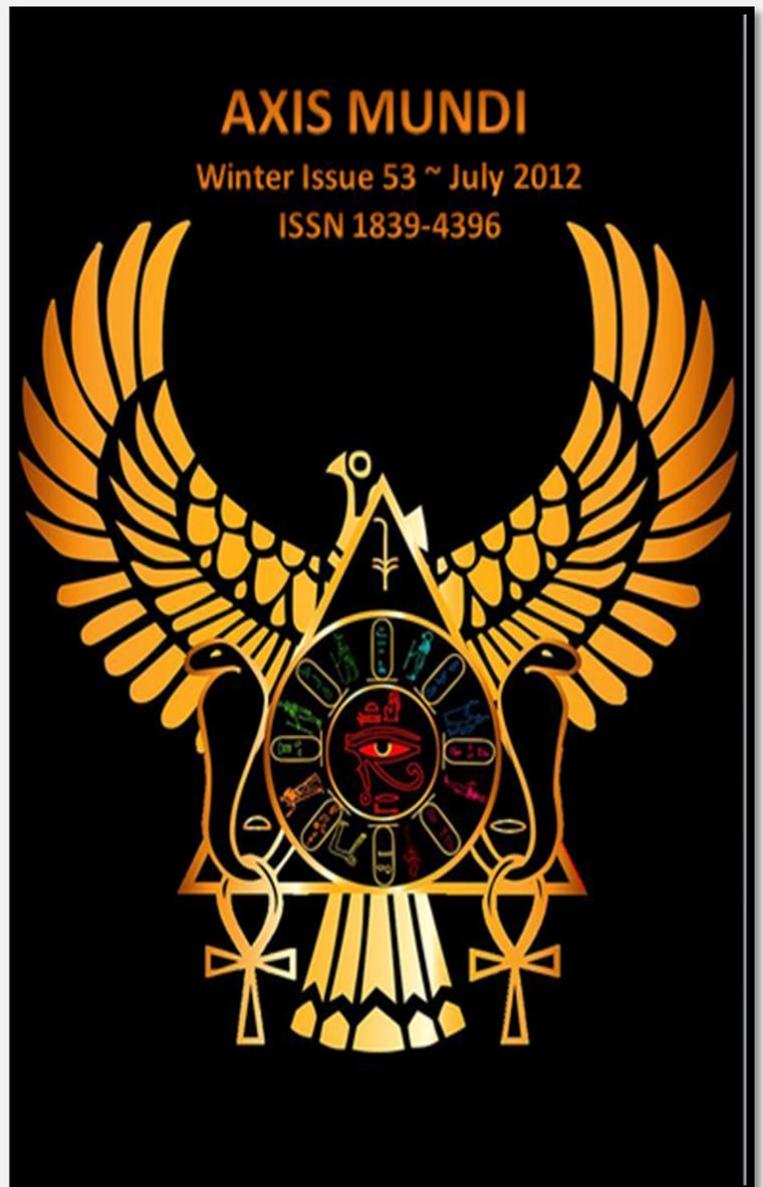
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