

# The Pathfinders Project

An initiative of the Seniors Group, and commenced in 2001 by Brian McCloskey and Bill Moore, the Pathfinders project records the names of all surveyors "Appointed, Licensed or Registered" since 1788 by the Government in NSW, and where available, includes their biographical details.

Stage 1 of the project included the compilation of an electronic database of the names of over 4,750 surveyors, with available details of those surveyors. Stage 1 was completed in July 2005, and was officially launched in CD format by the NSW Minister for Lands at a function at the Mitchell Library on 1 August 2005. Copies of the early versions of The Pathfinders can be found in a number of public libraries.

Stage 2 currently underway, includes about 7500 pages of information recorded on 4,800 Surveyors and expands on an almost daily basis. This stage of the project aims to provide a biography, or at least some details, of each entrants' life and career. Past surveyors from the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries are being researched, whilst a number of living persons have submitted their own details for inclusion in the project.

The project continues to seek contributions about the careers and general biographical information about all included surveyors. Contributions are sought from any surveyor who has not yet provided his or her details, or details about any other surveyor who is unable to make their own contribution. People who are not surveyors could also make contributions about surveyors who they know or about whom they have suitable information.

It is intended that The Pathfinders project will be placed on the Institution of Surveyors, NSW website, for access by Members only. Information from the project will be made available to external researchers - if considered appropriate by Institution office staff – or if approved by the person being researched (should they be living).

Anyone who has submitted, or is intending to submit their details for addition to the project are reminded that their privacy must be considered, as their details could be made public.

## Further Information

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