

## Code of Ethics

**The Society of Australian Genealogists has adopted the following Code of Ethics and encourages all members and researchers to adhere to its principles**

Responsible family historians respect the law and the feelings of others and will always:

- Seek by all reasonably available means to inform themselves about the legal principles in force from time to time governing the protection of copyright and of personal privacy.
- Observe the legal rights of copyright owners, by copying or distributing any part of their works only with their permission, or to the extent allowed under the copyright law's *fair use* provisions;
- Be sensitive to the hurt that revelations of criminal, immoral, bizarre or irresponsible behaviour may bring to family members;
- Obtain specific consent from living people that they are agreeable to further sharing of information of themselves;
- Inform people who provide information about their families of the ways it may be used, carefully recording and observing any conditions they may impose about the use of it; and,
- Recognise that legal rights of privacy may limit the extent to which information from publicly available sources may be further used, disseminated or published.

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