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

Editor



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



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To assist us in our investigations please answer our questionnaire to the best of your ability. Click on the link below to download the questionnaire.

[SOuL Searchers Questionnaire](#)

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SOuL Searchers are based in Australia, in the southern Sydney, Sutherland Shire & Illawarra areas of NSW.

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SOuL Searchers Investigations

SOuL Searchers Team



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

SOuL Searchers conducted the following investigations from July to September:

5 November 2011 Bellambi - Private House

5 November 2011 Wombarra Cemetery

26 & 29 October 2011 Miranda - Private House

14 October 2011 Sans Souci (2 - return visit) - Private House

8 October 2011 Dapto - Private House

8 October 2011 Wollongong - Private House

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

The SOuL Searchers team conducts all investigations in a professional manner, adhering to the wishes of the client; we are also considerate to the needs of the souls that are causing the problem. In

addition to utilising our various psychic talents, we use common sense scientific approaches to all our investigations as well as having an open mind to all belief systems, theories & methodologies. Click banner to see Team Bios.

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



Better to be Safe than Sorry

It is very rare these days that the SOuL Searchers Investigation team gets to go on a ghost tour or can find time to conduct our own investigations. We have been engaged almost on a weekly basis with private client investigations and follow-ups.

It is strange how a particular type of investigation seems to happen in groups, lately we have been investigating houses which have incredibly high levels of electromagnetic field emissions or are suffering from other types of geopathic stress. These types of investigations are not always easy to resolve especially when there is no quick fix solution. Often the client who is at wits end is not only in need of your investigative expertise but also your counselling skills.

Even though our prospective clients have to complete a comprehensive questionnaire before an investigation, they may not state any mental or emotional issues they have on the form. It is possible that some clients who are claiming to experience paranormal problems are susceptible to various forms of

mental illness, drug addiction, alcoholism or other factors. Many clients may also be experiencing psychological duress from the spirits that are haunting their home. There may be depression and other factors you may become aware of after you have met them and as our team has experienced from time to time, there are clients who are very lonely or have an obsession with the paranormal and just want to monopolise your time.

If you are involved with investigations in people's homes it would not hurt to think about doing a basic counselling course or having access to a qualified counsellor or psychologist. It is also important if you think a person needs medical or psychological assistance to advise the client to speak to their doctor. Do not take it on yourself to give a medical opinion.

Always document your actions in detail in your investigation's report so that if there is a problem down the track you have something noted in writing.



Katrina Cavanough

Intuitive Specialist, Psychic & Life Strategist

As seen on Channel 7's "The One"

Katrina is currently featured on Channel 7's 2011 series of 'The One'. She offers Workshops, Intuitive Readings and gatherings across Australia.

Katrina has provided Intuitive Readings with clients all over the world from the US to the UK and is the host of her own radio show 'Your Powerful Spirit' which broadcasts in the US, Australia and on the World Wide Web. She has authored several articles published in a wide array of media. Katrina has also been heard on radio across Australia including Sydney's MIX106.5FM, Illawarra's i98fm, 96.5 WaveFM, Lismore's 2LT and Melbourne's StarFM. She has been featured in New Idea, Women's Day, That's Life and the Illawarra Mercury.

Katrina is a 4th generation Intuitive. Katrina has long been interested in the metaphysical and how it can shape our lives. Katrina holds two university degrees in the field of relationships and human behaviour.

Since becoming a qualified therapist, Katrina has worked as a Child & Family Therapist, Relationship Therapist and Drug & Alcohol Clinician. She has worked as the Service Manager of a Forensic Drug & Alcohol Program and as a frontline social worker in a

busy emergency department. These years of services have given her expertise with relationships, psychological trauma, death and grief. She has provided support to over 400 families at the time of the sudden, accidental and unexpected death of a loved one.

Katrina's unique approach offers a blend of her knowledge with her profound intuitive gifts, professional qualifications and compassionate authentic nature.

Katrina is a mother of two beautiful girls and loves singing loudly in the car and 'dancing crazy' in her lounge room with her girls.

Upcoming Events

January 7 2012 - Powerful Intentions Workshop - Sydney \$195

January 15 & 22 2012 - Powerful Intentions Workshop - Embrace, Miranda, Sydney \$195

Gathering with Spirit Wollongong
196 Mt Keira Rd Mt Keira
Alchemy @ Mt Keira
Friday, 17 February 2012 - 7:00pm

Your Powerful Spirit Weekend Retreat
March 3 & 4 2012
Nan Tien Temple, Berkely, Wollongong
Saturday, 3 March 2012 - 10:00am

An Evening With Katrina Cavanough
Launceston
4 Invermay Rd Inveresk
Tramsheds, Launceston Tasmania
Thursday, 19 April 2012 - 7:00pm

Gathering with Spirit Launceston
4 Invermay Road Inveresk
Tramsheds Launceston Tasmania
Friday, 20 April 2012 - 10:00am

For more details on these and other events visit: www.katrinacavanough.com
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Geopathic Stress

Sometimes when the SOuL Searchers team gets called out for a paranormal investigation our findings relate more to geopathic stress than paranormal activity.

Geopathic Stress is the name given to natural or man made energies emanating from the earth which are detrimental to human health. In simpler terms this is negative vibrations rising up through the earth causing electromagnetic fields which can come from subterranean running water, mineral concentrations, fault lines, caverns etc.

Electro Magnetic Field Emissions

EMF or electromagnetic field emissions emanate often from faulty electric wiring, electronic equipment like computers and mobile phones, wi-fi, and blue tooth. EMF emissions are blamed for an increase in many types of cancer. Mobile phone masts, substations, pylons add further to the burden on our health emitting dangerous levels of E.M.F if one is living or working within 500 metres.

Geopathic stress is a vastly underestimated threat to our emotional and physical health and interpersonal relationships. It has been on the increase in recent years and should be checked for by anyone suffering health or relationship problems of some kind.

Some of the signs of geopathic stress include:

- the presence of ants, termites, bees, wasps or beetles
- favourite sleeping places for cats
- trees with twisted boughs and cancerous growths
- trees with limbs growing at unusual angles
- fruit trees that bloom but do not bear fruit
- cracked, crumbling, damp walls in buildings
- places where plants or grass do not grow well

- beds where young children refuse to sleep normally.

Here is an example of geopathic stress.



How can geopathic stress affect you?

Geopathic stress has been associated with health problems such as:

- low immunity
- cancer
- brain tumours
- leukemia
- arthritis
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Down's syndrome
- miscarriage, cot death

Geopathic stress also contributes to unpleasant symptoms that affect behaviour, well-being and happiness such as:

- sleep problems
- disharmony, conflict, irritability
- depression
- migraine headaches
- confusion

Dowsing for Geopathic stress - how does it work?

Most people readily associate dowsing with finding water! However you can use dowsing rods and pendulums for so much more including negative grid lines, health, medicine, allergies, chakra balancing,

archaeology, alchemy, finding hidden artifacts and minerals, spirits etc.



Dowsing is a skill that anyone can learn. Before you practice you do need to discover what the movement of the pendulum or dowsing rod means. The first step is determining what your responses mean. Your responses may vary from another person's but that is fine - what works for you is all that counts! See *Dowsing with L-Rods* and *Dowsing for the Paranormal* for more information.

To start dowsing for Geopathic stress lines draw a plan of your house. State firmly in your mind that you are looking for Geopathic stress lines; then systematically walk through each room of your house marking on the plan where the dowsing rods cross or the pendulum swings to the Yes position.

How do you treat geopathic stress?

The most effective way of dealing with geopathic stress is to move one's bed. Once the geopathic stress lines have been identified, the simple measure of moving out of the area of geopathic stress often solves the problem. The further the bed can be moved the more likely it is that one gets out of the stressed area. For some it is impossible to move their bed and in this case other methods need to be tried. These are worth doing anyway, even if it is possible to move one's bed, as a back up.

It is possible to block off geopathic stress by means of a layer of cork placed under the bed. A layer of cork tiles or bath mats, available from DIY and furniture stores can be used. It is also possible to obtain large sheets of cork from specialist suppliers.

The scientific reason for this to work appears to depend on an observed association between geological fault lines and oak trees (which produce cork). The oak tree seems to have evolved its own defence against geopathic stress which is present in cork.

How can geopathic stress be neutralised?

A variety of methods can be used to harmonise geopathic stress, including crystals and mechanical devices. Rose quartz and silicon carbide crystals are considered to be very effective in counteracting the harmful effects of radiation, so they are often placed in geopathically stressed areas of houses. There are also devices such as RadiTech Neutraliser or Bailey Stressbuster, which can remove the effects of geopathic stress.

Another simple solution that can be tried is the placement of an energetic grid over the affected area. This is a green energetic grid that is programmed to absorb all negativity and is refreshed on a six monthly basis. Please note that it may take up to six weeks for the effects of geopathic stress to clear.

It is important to realise that environments are like our physical bodies -- they are energy systems, have levels of consciousness ranging from the physical to the spiritual, have energy flows around, through, and within them, and can be in a state of balance or imbalance. The grid lines that run through an environment are like the meridians of our bodies, and like our own bodies, environments are alive and continuously impacted by the energy qualities that come into it from outside sources. Sometimes these factors vary over time, and, like our own bodies, can be in balance one day, and out of balance the next. Like ourselves, environments require some constant source of beneficial energy to maintain health and well-being. Opening of windows to allow for cross flow ventilation, smudging and energetic clearing of the home is recommended on a regular basis.

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SPACE CLEARING CONSULTATION



Sometimes your house or office can feel uncomfortable, and there is no logical reason to explain your feeling. Other times, it is a case of someone has been there that was negative, ill or had died. Perhaps you have moved into a space and just felt like someone else was there.

Janine Donnellan has been conducting house clearings and paranormal investigations for over 15 years. Janine has a certificate of Advanced Achievement in Parapsychology (1998) Australian Academy of Applied Parapsychology and is also an Energetic Healer and Reiki Practitioner.

Janine can conduct a private space clearing in your home or business, clearing away negative or stagnant energetic 'imprints' built up over the years from the accumulation of day to day living and from previous occupants, replacing them with calm balanced energy.

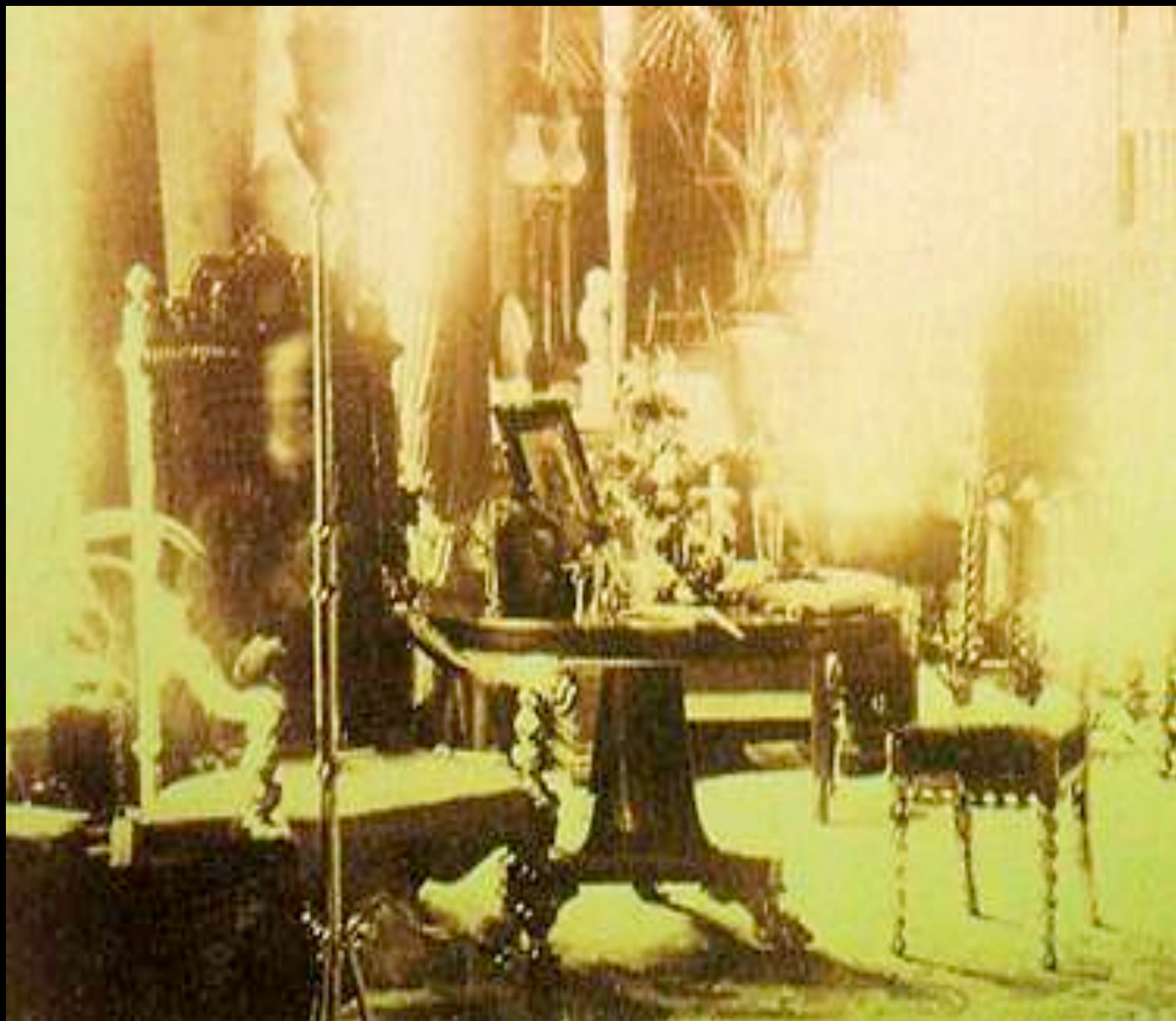
Clearing negative energy from a building space creates an atmosphere that feels clean, smells fresh, feels more light and more inviting and often allows its occupants to experience clearer thinking and happier events.

The space clearing consultation takes *between 1 to 2 hours* and costs \$80 plus travelling costs if outside the Sutherland Shire.

Space Clearing Bookings

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Paranormal Photography

By Steve Millard

As early as the 1860's people were taking pictures of alleged spirits and paranormal events.

In 1891 a photograph was taken that provided a stir and began a quest for knowledge that is still with us today. The picture taken in an old library with a one hour exposure was of a chair belonging to the late Lord Cambermere. An image is clearly seen sitting in the chair which was later confirmed

by the wife of the late lord as being him. The stir was caused by the fact that the lord had been deceased for five days when the picture was taken.

With the arrival of the 35mm camera a whole new breed of paranormal photographer was born. Suddenly cameras were available to the wider public and everyone was a potential spirit photographer. This led to a lot of what we now term as double exposure and many

claims of ghosts can be explained by this. An example is seen in next photo:

Two pictures or maybe more were taken of this boy and after processing two figures appeared when in fact there was only one. This was a common occurrence and frequently mistaken for paranormal activity.



A more interesting example of a 35mm alleged ghost photo is shown below. A clear figure can be seen to the viewer's left apparently descending the steps. Is this an example of a real ghost, or is it purely matrixing and the human eye is seeing a human form where in fact there is only wood and vegetation. I leave it for you to decide.



It is hard to believe that a Kodak engineer called Steven Sasson invented the first digital camera back in 1975.

In 1991, Kodak brought to market the Kodak DCS-100, the beginning of a long line of professional Kodak DCS SLR cameras that were based in part on film bodies, often Nikons. It used a 1.3 megapixel sensor and was priced at \$13,000. My how things have changed.

It is around this time that an old friend makes its first appearance. The "orb" or light anomaly is a bone of contention between spiritualists and paranormal investigators alike. I have my own opinion but am not writing this so as to create an argument, but to simply put the facts out there.

It is an observation that orb's are mostly present in cameras up to and including 5mp. Over this and you tend to get between less and none. I have cameras at 5mp and 12mp and rarely catch anomalies on the latter. If I do then they are generally items of interest for further review.

An example of orbs captured on a 5mp camera is below:



There are those who will view this and say it is evidence of spirit activity and those who say its drizzle. Why this phenomena did not occur prior to digital photography and then only really up to 5mp remains an argument for discussion. By all means contribute to the argument in the next issue of this magazine. Your thoughts would be welcomed by the editors I am sure.

One of the problems with cheaper digital cameras (other than orbs) is that the Jpegs images are compressed and bits are thrown away during this compression process. It is then the job of software to rebuild that image from the information it has. It is believed that during this process some abnormalities occur that could be mistaken for a potential paranormal picture. Again this is open for discussion.

So where do we go from here?

Already there are digital cameras up to 80mp and this changes annually. Like our computers, as soon as you invest in one it is out of date. Paranormal investigators are now taking advantage of cheaper and more complex equipment and some of those are listed below.

Infrared night vision is no longer only available for military Special Forces but can be bought as a camera or video recorder quite inexpensively. It is excellent for recording those night time vigils but interestingly also captures dust and moisture that makes spiritual anomalies harder to catch.



Home security video surveillance also utilises infrared technology which has its uses for monitoring potential paranormal hotspots and is a part of the SOuL Searchers equipment.

One of the most recent developments for paranormal investigators is the introduction of full spectrum cameras. These cameras that are modifications of digital cameras allow the user to photograph using all light spectrums including infrared and UV light. The thought by many is that spirit activity can

be more discernable by this method of photography and can be missed by the conventional methods. I recently purchased a modified camera recently from the USA via eBay and it has proved a reliable tool when investigating. Please exercise caution however if you wish to modify your own camera. The modifications made should be considered permanent.

Below are a couple of examples of full spectrum photography in both the day and the night setting.



It seems that the world of 35mm photography was with us for ever and in a relatively short space of time the digital world has opened up a Pandora's Box of constantly changing possibilities. I look forward to seeing what new methods will soon be available for the paranormal enthusiast.

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Helensburg Tunnel Investigation



It had been raining the week prior to our Helensburgh Railway Tunnel investigation so consequently the ground around and in the tunnel was quite waterlogged. Once you moved past the actual station you had to manoeuvre yourself with gear in hand along the old tracks without stepping on the muddy ground. My balancing act wasn't quite perfected unfortunately and I landed ankle deep in boggy water on a couple of occasions.

I was certainly glad that we had undertaken this investigation in the daylight hours as the process of getting in and out of the tunnel at night could have been an OH&S hazard.



Once inside the tunnel it took several minutes for your eyes to adjust to the darkness. The tunnel is quite long and parts of it were impenetrable due to the amount of water.

What was outstanding about the tunnel was the glow worms which gave the effect of stars glistening in a darkened sky.



It had been rumoured that people had reported seeing shadow people in the tunnel and we know of one confirmed death of a miner who was run over by a train in 1895.

Several of our team commented that they had a sense of being watched but unfortunately no evidence of anything paranormal was captured on our equipment.



The team then proceeded to the No.3 tunnel (Helensburgh 1st tunnel) which is located across the road from the old station. This is the tunnel where supposedly a young man committed suicide by hanging, although we have not been able to get any confirmation that the suicide actually happened. This tunnel was easily accessible from the roadside but we were unable to access it due to steel gates on both sides of the tunnel blocking our access.



What is interesting about this tunnel is that I actually perceived a very strong energy of a grounded spirit there. The SOuL Searchers team will definitely return to this tunnel at some stage to do another investigation.

History of the Area (Compiled by Jenny Taylor)

Helensburgh was first known as 'Camp Creek'. It was mainly a tent town of railway workers who were constructing the Illawarra railway line. There are two different explanations for the choice of the name Helensburgh. The first is that the town was named after Helensburgh in Scotland, birthplace of the Cumberland Coal Mine's manager, Charles Harper. The second explanation is that the town was named after Harper's daughter, Helen. Today Helensburgh in Scotland and Helensburgh in NSW are sister cities.

Until the early 1880's there was very little settlement between Sutherland and Little Bulli (Stanwell Park) as the land was considered desolate, rugged and wild. There were some small holdings but because of the difficulty in travelling through the area it remained largely undeveloped.

In 1883 the Cumberland Coal and Iron Mining Company took a 99 year lease on 18,000 acres of Crown land and in 1884 were successful in finding coal in the area. The Metropolitan Coal Company of Sydney took over the lease in 1887 and a mine opened in 1888. A miner's camp was established and the area became known as Camp Creek.

The first residents of Helensburgh were railway workers, miners and their families. Early dwellings were tents and rough shanties built from turpentine and iron bark from Otford sawmills. In the 1890's fifty, four room cottages were built for mine employees by the Metropolitan Coal Company.

In 1884 there was a great demand for a rail service from Sydney to Wollongong and the construction of the Illawarra line was commenced. Settlements for railway construction workers were established at Otford and Cawley in 1884 and the coming of the railway in 1888 provided improved communications for the isolated Helensburgh. Helensburgh growth depended on the

operation of the Metropolitan Colliery and its establishment was due to the opening of the railway line. In October 1888 a continuous service from Wollongong to Sydney was opened.

The Metropolitan Tunnel is the 4th tunnel on



the original Illawarra Line, and is an elliptical-shaped 624m single track tunnel nestled between the Helensburgh Tunnel 1st (Tunnel No. 3), and the Metropolitan Colliery, where it exits. It opened on the 3rd October 1888 and closed permanently on the 30th May 1915. Helensburgh's original railway station operated from January 1889 until the tunnels were closed on 30th May 1915.

Like all six disused tunnels in the area, this tunnel had a very short life of 27 years of allowing trains to pass through her. After the deviation went through to alleviate track congestion, (from the trains) and lung congestion of the passengers*, the old single alignment slowly faded away as a train line. *(Asphyxiation of the passengers while trains either stalled or hauled slowly through the dark tunnels was a big problem on the 1 in 40 grade).

Tunnels on the Illawarra line near Helensburgh late 1880's:

- No.1 tunnel – (Waterfall tunnel) 221m (this tunnel no longer exists, being torn down to open up the cutting just south of Waterfall during the duplication of the line)
- No.2 tunnel – (Cawley tunnel) 381m
- No.3 tunnel – (Helensburgh tunnel) 80m
- No.4 tunnel – (Metropolitan tunnel) 624m
- No.5 tunnel – (Lilyvale No.1 tunnel) 80m

- No.6 tunnel – (Lilyvale No.2 tunnel) 322m
- No.7 tunnel – (Otford tunnel) 1550m

Some of the closed rail tunnels in the area, including the Metropolitan tunnel, were used for mushroom farming. Lilyvale Mushrooms Pty Ltd began in 1952 in a very small single tunnel at Lilyvale and in 1959 two tunnels were in operation. Mushroom farming in the Metropolitan tunnel ceased and by 2010 the Department of Lands proclaimed the Helensburgh Station Reserve for environmental and heritage protection. The tunnel is now home to a large population of glow worms which provide a spectacular display.

Death in the Railway Tunnel

On the 13th June 1895, a coal miner from Clifton, working at Helensburgh's Metropolitan Colliery took a fatal walk through one of these tunnels.

Below is the article from the Sydney Morning Herald dated 15 June 1895:

CLIFTON, Friday.

A man named Robert Hales, a native of England, and recently employed at the Metropolitan mine, met his death in a frightful manner early yesterday morning. It appears that he was in town at one of the hotels late on Thursday night, and on his way home was run over by a train in a tunnel close to the Helensburgh station. His body was frightfully mangled, portions being found a considerable distance apart.

The following is an excerpt that appeared in the "Illawarra Mercury" dated 15th June 1895:

A miner named Robert Hails was run over by a train and killed early on Thursday morning in one of the tunnels near Helensburgh railway station. He had stayed rather late in the township and on going home had to pass though the tunnel where the accident occurred. The driver of the train, feeling that something had been run over, stopped the train and went back, and found the deceased lying dead and terribly bruised. One leg was cut off and carried about two chains from the body. The stationmaster was roused, and the Helensburgh police communicated with, and the body was conveyed to a hotel for the inquest. The deceased, who was 39 years of

age, leaves a widow and six children unprovided for.

Evidence was given by Isabella Hails (wife of the deceased), William Hanley, James Gordall, Henry Jeffreys (driver of the engine) Thomas Smith (guard), and the local constable (J.H. Wilkinson). The jury returned the following verdict – 'That deceased came to his death by injuries accidentally received on the 13th of May through being run over by a passing train – No.67 – in No. 2 tunnel on the Illawarra line. We desire to add the deceased was trespassing on the line, and great credit is due to the driver and guard in calling instant attention to the accident and stopping the train'.

It is uncertain whether the accident happened in the Cawley (No.2) tunnel, as reported by the "Illawarra Mercury" or possibly in the Metropolitan tunnel which is closer to the old Helensburgh station. The date of the accident reported by the Mercury is incorrect and his surname is spelled differently in the two reports. Click here for more information.

Locations Investigated

The team investigated the No.4 tunnel (Metropolitan 1st - close to the southern end of the old railway station) where there might have been a death in 1895, as well as another tunnel nearby, No.3 (Helensburgh 1st tunnel) where supposedly a young man committed suicide by hanging. The 2nd tunnel was easily accessible from the roadside but had steel gates blocking access inside.

Investigation date: 26/02/2011

Time: approx. 5:30pm onwards

Moon Phase: Waning (last quarter) moon in Sagittarius

Investigators: Janine, Wayne, Zoe, Gabriel, Heather, Ray & Bev

History sources:

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Demonic Possession Fact or Fiction?

By Janine Donnellan



Not so long ago I was listening to a radio program on the paranormal where a 'ghost hunter' stated that all supernatural activity was demonic and people subjected to paranormal activity was in danger of becoming possessed. Of course I was alarmed at such an erroneous statement and also concerned that this antiquated attitude on demons and demonic possession still exists in the paranormal community.

Having been involved with the paranormal for most of my life I have come to an understanding that the majority of paranormal activity encountered comes from human spirits and that the occasional case of spirit attachment is predominantly a human spirit attachment.



Demonic possession is held by many belief systems to be the control of an individual by a malevolent supernatural being. Interestingly, many cultures and religions contain some concepts of demonic possession, but the details vary considerably. The oldest references to demonic possession are from the Sumerians, who believed that all diseases of the body and mind were caused by "sickness demons" called gidim or gid-dim. The priests who practiced exorcisms in these nations were called ashipu (sorcerer) as opposed to an asu (physician) who applied bandages and salves. Many cuneiform tablets contain prayers to certain gods asking for protection from demons, while others ask the gods to expel the demons that have invaded their bodies.

Indigenous shamanic cultures also believe in demon possession and shamans perform exorcisms. In these cultures, diseases are often attributed to the presence of a vengeful spirit (or loosely termed demon) in the body of the patient. These spirits are more often the spectres of animals or people wronged by the bearer, the exorcism rites usually consisting of respectful offerings or sacrificial offerings.

Abrahamic religions and Christianity in particular holds that possession derives from The Devil, i.e. Satan, or one of his lesser demons. In many Christian belief systems, Satan and his demons are referred to as fallen angels.

Medicine and psychology

Fortunately, belief in the possibility of demonic possession has waned since the advent of advanced and more technological based medical and psychological knowledge. What had previously been considered to be examples of control of an individual by a demon is now commonly accepted as a form of mental illness. As all types of behaviour are usually generated by the brain, there leaves limited potential for the phenomenon of spirit attachment or demonic possession to exist. However having said that, neuroscience has not yet been able to explain all of the characteristics common to purported cases of spirit attachment or demonic possession.

Characteristics of Possession

A possessed individual is typically characterized by having the following strange physical ailments or disfigurements:

- verbal outbursts, mostly obscene or sacrilegious in nature
- violent and vulgar behaviour; bodily spasms and contortions
- ability to speak languages never before studied
- self-mutilation
- "superhuman" abilities such as psychic abilities, abnormal strength, or an ability to perform behaviours out of the realm of human possibility such as levitation; cessation of normal bodily functions for periods of time, including breathing and heart beat; and a

pronounced revulsion to symbols, places, people, objects, and ceremonies having any religious context.

- Other phenomena associated with the presence of a demon include an acrid stench; marked decrease in the temperature of the room which a possessed individual occupies; writing appearing out of nowhere; sounds and voices arising from nowhere; and objects moving on their own and destruction of objects in the room, without anyone having laid a hand upon them.

The above descriptions may appear to be demonic possession but with the expansion in the fields of medicine and psychology these symptoms can mostly be explained in terms of abnormal functioning in the brain and nervous system.

There are many psychological ailments commonly misunderstood as demonic possession, particularly dissociative identity disorder. In cases of dissociative identity disorder in which the alter personality is questioned as to its identity, 29% are reported to identify themselves as demons, but doctors see this as a mental disease called demonomania or demonopathy, a monomania in which the patient believes that he or she is possessed by one or more demons. There are various disorders which may mimic demonic possession; these include schizophrenia dissociative identity disorder, and Tourette syndrome.

Schizophrenia is characterized by the presence of delusions, hallucinations, disorganized speech, disorganized or catatonic behaviour. General psychotic episodes can also closely simulate a state of demonic possession by hallucinations or delusions. The delusions can be ones of thought insertion, thought broadcasting, delusions of guilt, delusions of grandeur, such as being God (or a demon), or delusions that God (or a demon) is speaking to the person and giving commands for a special mission.

Psychosis is generally thought of as a break with reality; society will frequently consider individuals who believe themselves to be possessed as delusional and not "in touch with reality." An individual who appears to be possessed and claims to be a demon may be

viewed as suffering from a delusion of grandeur. Family members and friends caring for such individuals can become extremely disturbed by the state in which the individuals present themselves and due to the influence of religious dogma often request an exorcism as a last resort.

Often religious dogma contributes to the paranoid thinking present in many instances of psychosis, consequently an individual who is suffering from a psychotic episode may react violently to the presentation of anything with a religious context, out of fear that harm will come to them; the reaction is elicited merely from being exposed to something such as a Bible or a priest. The disorganized thinking and speech that often occurs during periods of psychosis may also resemble the seemingly nonsensical speech a possessed individual may show.

The superhuman strength often exhibited by individuals who are possessed might be explained by the presence of a bipolar disorder; bipolar disorders are frequently accompanied by psychosis, particularly during the manic episodes. Manic individuals exhibit abundant amounts of energy and often have abnormal strength, similar to what can be seen in an individual who is possessed.

Another disorder which has frequently been misdiagnosed as demonic possession is **Dissociative Identity Disorder**, formerly known as multiple personality disorder. The criteria for this disorder is the presence of two or more distinct identities or personality states, each with its own way of perceiving, relating to, and thinking about the environment and the self; at least two of these personalities or identities recurrently take control of the individual's behaviour; and an inability to recall important personal information that is too extensive to be dismissed as ordinary forgetfulness. The separate identities involved in this disorder and the physical changes that denote dissociation could certainly reflect the abrupt change in personality manifested by those who appear to be victims of demonic possession.

Another disorder that has probably been mistaken for demonic possession throughout time is **Tourette Syndrome**, characterized by multiple motor and vocal tics. Motor tics can range in complexity from eye blinking to sticking out the tongue to rapid jerking of the body and writhing. The vocal tics can be sounds such as coughing, barking, growling or repeating words and phrases over and over again. Perhaps the most well-known symptom of Tourette syndrome is coprolalia, the screaming of obscene and foul language. It is obvious how these behaviours can be misinterpreted as demonic possession; possessed individuals are often described as flailing and thrashing about and shouting obscenities, sexually aggressive phrases, violent threats, and sacrilegious statements.

There is also a high rate of comorbidity (presence of one or more disorders) with obsessive-compulsive disorder in individuals who have Tourette syndrome. It seems likely that there would be a high frequency rate of obsessions with religion in individuals who claim to be possessed by a demon.



Despite our advancements in medicine there is quite a bit about supposed possession which cannot yet be fully explained by biology or psychology. This category includes such phenomenon as levitation, wounds appearing upon the victim that have not been inflicted by the self or another concrete source, knowledge of languages never before studied, sometimes never even heard, and

psychic abilities such as knowing facts about other individuals that have never been met. In addition, the accompanying situations related to the area around possessed individuals do not seem to be explainable in terms of the brain or any aspect of biology; science cannot yet explain the distinct decrease in temperature of the room the individual occupies, the appearance of writing and sounds from an unseen force, and the movement of objects on their own.

The possibility that spirit attachment or demonic possession is a real occurrence cannot be totally rejected; no thoroughly decisive evidence exists to the contrary. What is currently known about science cannot fully explain every situation reported to be a case of possession, at least not by the methods which science currently employs.

Warning to Paranormal Investigators

Exorcisms can result in severe psychological and health problems to the person being exorcised.

Paranormal investigators should NOT engage in exorcisms.

Paranormal Investigators are not equipped to make decisions of that nature and the allegedly affected person should be advised to seek medical advice by a qualified medical practitioner.

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Photo - Saint Francis Borgia performing an exorcism painting by Francisco Goya

Maitland Gaol

By Steve Millard



As a paranormal investigator and Clairvoyant I was thrilled to recently visit Maitland Gaol, not as part of an official investigation (although that would be great) but just as a wet weekend thing to do. So armed with my digital camera and voice recorder I paid the lovely man at the entrance and hoped that once the tour was over he would let me out again.

The self-guided option is definitely the best and the audio story book tells a good story as you go around. What was also good was that due to the weather being more like my native England's my wife and I pretty much had the place to ourselves.

The overwhelming feeling was not surprisingly one of misery and negativity. Interestingly not felt by my wife who was at times some distance away listening to the audio commentary.

The first place that "hit" me was the cells that housed females in their own wing. I sat in one particular cell alone in the subdued light and tried to connect. I called out quietly on several occasions but heard nothing. Later when I was reviewing my data from the DAS RT-EVP recorder a shiver travelled the whole of my spine when I heard a single female voice say "help". I was alone at the time this was captured and there were no other members of the public around.



The shower room was for me the least of my favourite rooms energetically. The room has showers on both sides of the room with a central spot for changing and undressing. At the top of the room in one corner is a single bath tub. This spot was occupied by the “top dog” of the time and he decided who stayed and showered and who did not. There were no security cameras in this area due to privacy issues (strange in a prison I know) and as such violent disturbances and even murder have occurred. The energy in this area was dense and I was almost thankful it was daytime.



During the review of my audio I was delighted to have captured a male voice in the area of the bathtub. It is hard to make out clearly but in an area where only my wife and I were sitting quietly we found this most compelling and without any easy explanation.

The last area I felt I had to single out was one of the newer wings and a cell where an inmate hung himself after a failed attempt at escape. The energy was so strong near the windows of this cell that I felt this had to be the site of the suicide and the impression of a person hanging from the bars was overpowering.

My wife joined me in the cell at this time and I explained my feelings. We left and thought no more until once again on reviewing my audio a voice in this particular cell can be heard which neither of us heard at the time.

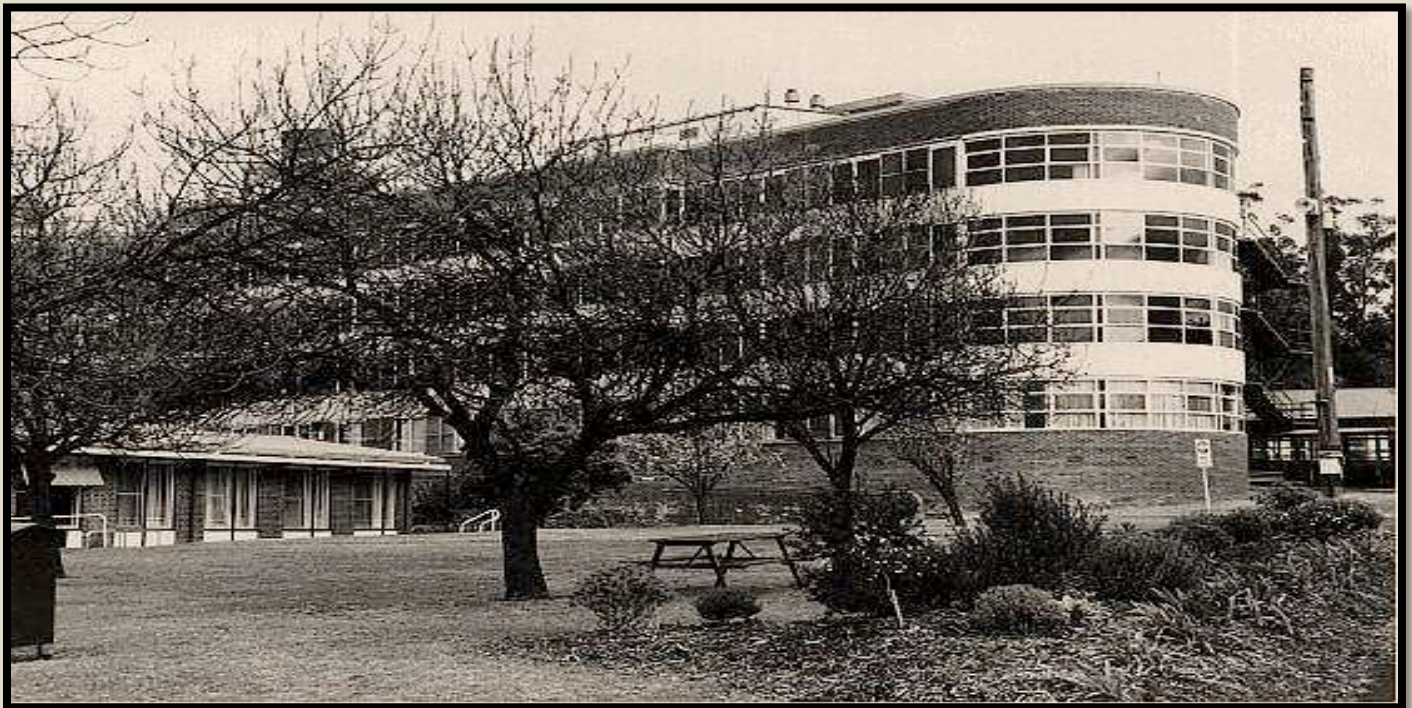
To summarize Maitland Gaol appears to be a fascinating destination which holds interest for a family trip out, paranormal investigators and psychics alike. It is a shame from a paranormal view that serious investigation teams do not appear to be catered for unless they join a large (and potentially noisy) group.





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YOU CHECK IN, BUT YOU DON'T CHECK OUT..... Greenvale Hospital & Sanatorium



For some reason, old abandoned buildings hold a fascination for me, especially when those places used to be bustling and full of life. So when I come across an abandoned hospital or asylum, I really want to go and see what these places look and feel like after years of not having any human activity and energy.

The old Greenvale Hospital and Sanatorium was definitely one of those places. Closed down in the 1990's, the buildings sat to rot for quite a few years, and only in the past five years have the buildings all been demolished

and the grounds cleaned up. I often wonder, what happens to the energy contained in the building when it is demolished? Does the energy remain, trapped on the land, or held within the fenced border? All I know is that Greenvale, for lack of a better word, haunted me for two years before I finally got my chance to see for myself – is the energy still there?

If you weren't aware of its past, you would simply drive by the old hospital site. All that remained was the main gate, which had securely locked the property; still, there was a walking track running beside the fence.

Hoping the fence line would bring me close to the site at some point, in the bright sunlight I headed off to explore the Greenvale site.

The site itself was quiet as it was out in the middle of nowhere. The suburb of Greenvale was a good five to ten minute drive away, and the site was quite desolate. I couldn't help but wonder....why put a hospital so far away from people? A little inconvenient in case of an emergency! Within fifteen minutes of walking along the fence line I heard a deep rumbling sound and looked up to see a plane taking off right over head. So not only was the old hospital in the middle of nowhere, it was very close to the Melbourne airport and directly under the flight path. So much for quiet recuperation! (Looking back now it makes sense; the airport was not built until 1970, the hospital pre-dating it by 70 years, and the location was specifically chosen for elevation and fresh air for optimal healing.)

After walking for twenty minutes or so, I came to a corner in the fence line, and away it stretched, seemingly for miles, off to my right. I approached the fence and peered through; sure enough, I was very close to the old hospital grounds here, with the old roads very visible, although decaying rapidly. Upon closer inspection, I could see large concrete slabs, the only remaining feature of the buildings that once stood there. And then movement caught my eye; a mob of kangaroos had overtaken the site. This was quite some mob too, with perhaps fifty members, and they were some of the biggest kangaroos I had ever seen. I couldn't help but think; "Humans had this land for so long and I'm glad the locals have it back." They looked very happy to have all that land to themselves. Good for them!

On I walked, around the perimeter of the grounds, stopping every now and then to peer through the fence again and "tune in" to the energy. And every time I did, all I felt was sadness. Maybe from myself, with my fascination of old buildings and such, seeing this land that was once so important now forgotten or perhaps this sadness is from the land itself. Let's face it, being an old hospital and asylum pretty much adds to a lot of sadness in its history. Apart from that, the site was pretty quiet.



Walking around to the far end of the property, I stopped to talk to my husband and noticed that, quite suddenly, I was finding it hard to breathe. Thinking it may be the beginnings of a slight asthma attack, I asked my husband if he had brought the ventolin inhaler and then he, too, said he was having a little trouble breathing. And in the exact same spot. This must be some kind of residual energy, I thought, so I quickly asked for us both to be cleared of anything that was affecting us and magically, we could both breathe normally again. Energy was definitely the culprit! Later on, upon doing more research of the site, I learned that the hospital was used as a quarantine centre for Tuberculosis, and some of the symptoms of "Pulmonary Tuberculosis" are "fever, dry cough, and abnormalities to the chest, resulting in a lot of difficulty breathing. Seeing as this hospital was built for the treatment of Tuberculosis in the early 1900's meant that no matter how much time had passed, the energy of multiple patients with breathing difficulties still remained.

I continued my tour of the boundary, with no other noticeable events taking place. I wondered why had this site had been such a source of fascination for me? It seemed very quiet on the spiritual front, with only those two feelings invading me at some point. I shrugged it off as I turned the last corner to

walk the remaining stretch of the site boundary.

Getting to the very last corner, I stopped. Although there had been many holes in the fence along the border, I did not want to trespass, so stayed on the perimeter. But here, on the last corner, was a large hole, did I dare? No, I did not....but I did approach the hole, and knelt down to take some photos and feel the energy. Not much there, so feeling bold, I stuck my head through the fence and still not much there. Feeling reluctant, like something was missing, I stood to take in the site one last time before leaving.

Suddenly, I was not alone. Behind me stood a man and this man had a tangible presence. For a split second I thought my husband had walked up behind me and in another split second I realised this was not his energy. Turning quickly, I saw my husband at least 20 metres away from me so who was standing right at my shoulder, saying hello?

Tuning in, I was saddened to see it was a ghost. I could “see” his old fashioned hairstyle, like something from the 60's or 70's, and I could feel his energy and it didn't feel right. He ducked his head away shyly, clasping his hands and rocking slightly. And that's when I knew this ghost had been a patient here when it was a Sanatorium; he was mentally disabled. The funniest part of all? He actually knew me and had been waiting for me.

He “felt” so happy to see me, like he knew I'd be here at some point to help him. Was this why I had been fascinated with this place? Psychically, had I sensed this? I had the feeling that this went much deeper than I thought. But I had to deal with the matter of hand, assisting this ghost who came through and he said his name was “Charlie”. Normally I would help spirits on-site, calling in Archangel Michael to help them cross into the Light but this was different. I almost couldn't believe it myself when I said to Charlie mentally, “You don't have to stay here anymore come with me.” And, very gladly, he did.



It was quite the strange drive home. I would turn my head every now and then, and I could “see” him in the back seat, beaming. He was free, and so happy. It was almost like he couldn't believe it himself, which made me wonder how many years had he waited for me? I didn't want to think about that too much – all I knew was that I had to gain his trust and then I could cross him over.

We arrived home, and again I invited Charlie in. I was amazed at my own actions; anyone out there doing paranormal investigations would say “you never invite them home with you!” But this was a completely different case and I was hoping I would learn more of why I had done what I had done in the very near future! He shuffled in behind me, still clasping his hands and muttering to himself. But his energy was so pure, almost like a child. So I didn't feel threatened by him; in fact, I felt a very warm, motherly feeling toward him instead.

By that evening, Charlie and I had spent enough time together for me to fully gain his trust. So when I asked him to cross over, and called in Archangel Michael to help him, he eagerly held out his hand and allowed Michael to lead him into the Light. I breathed a little sigh of relief; he had gone, and gone happily after all these years, Charlie was finally Home.



Heidi Meissl
Animal Communicator



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

Demons and Animals

Thinking of 'demonic possession' I dare assume the majority already has a rather negative presumption of 'demonic', which leaves the 'possession' as the rather inoffensive part in comparison. What picture could we paint looking at it from a totally

different perspective and, just for the fun of it, adding also a connection to animals?

To give it a slightly different twist I would like to disregard history's so far quite successful demonisation of very powerful energies. Energies so helpful to mankind's development that they posed a real threat to various religious beliefs, which did not necessarily have peoples' advancement to self-sufficiency at heart. So what works better than instilling fear in people to make sure they do not utilise certain help? Voila, demons' image as we now know has been created. Needless to say that exactly those, who made sure common folk would not dabble in those areas, were still very actively involved with the same.

No doubt working with demons can create situations a bit more difficult to handle than let's say gentler energies of angels. But this is also the advantage of demonic energy - it is fast, it is extremely efficient and it does not discriminate. You are to choose what's right and what's not, without a safety switch attached. You get what you ask for. It is already obvious that the state you are in, when asking for demonic assistance, is of great importance. Or so called possessions may occur. (Universal Disclaimer)

At this note I'd like to get animals into the mix. It is nothing new that pets take on their owners' issues; out of unconditional love and to help. As we have already established in the previous issues. Imagine a pet owner who's intention to achieve a goal are of the 'whatever it takes' attitude, without any considerations and now imagine this person with some additional mental issues or on mental disorder medication. This might sound harsh but in other realms imbalances, such as widely spread depression, and treated with according medication, creates just that environment leading to unpleasant experiences. Not every person who fits these criteria will even come close to a demonic possession though. The factor of consciously or subconsciously being aware of the existence of such and the calling on it plays the key role. Resulting in 'another episode' at best? If that person has a pet, chances of the pet sharing the demonic load, which will display the inner turmoil of the owner, are



likely. Should the pet be a cat it is one of the more favourable situations. Cats are capable of walking both the 'dark' and 'light' sight (to stick with commonly known terms) simultaneously, downloading energies into realms more suitable or where they came from initially. Cats have control over portals, not unlike bouncers at bars. So while a depressed, medicated person, in the attempt to escape his circumstances, channels just such erratic energies, his cat already channels them back. This way cats offer a convenient circuit as a helpful solution for both the person and demon. Demons are not so much attracted to negative energies as they have been deployed to assist us in our needs, at times mirroring our despair. While angelic energies will adjust to one's life purpose and seem to have a way of deciding if they assist or not, Demons are assisting when called, no questions asked. For someone to be possessed as portrayed in movies, a substantial involvement in magical or alchemical thought processes is essential. The possessed part displayed thereby is then most likely the darkest corner of that person's mind being brought to the surface.

Getting back to animals, certain ones will assist its owner as described while others will help establish a healthy connection to demons, preventing harsh and overpowering

experiences. Any animal, one has an affinity with, can do this. Demons are by far more approachable than other assistance out there. It is utterly important though to have the right and relaxed mindset. Animals can work with you to balance the energies. It is important to remember that you will attract the exact energy mirroring your mindset.

Another reason for unpleasant encounters is the lack of manners. Just because demons are willing to assist doesn't give anyone the right to summon them as if they were their slaves. This attitude already shows a certain mindset which in return – yes, you guessed it – will create the same. Literature listing incenses, ingredients, sigils and chants are to be understood as invitations or calling cards for particular demons, not as means to force. If you consider them as powerful energies assisting you and treat demons with respect and don't get fear involved, you will not ever become possessed.

In times, before demons became demonised, they were an active part in people's lives. The idea of having to sacrifice living beings to them is a product of some human, twisted minds and helped in branding demons as evil in the process.

To strengthen a bond to one or several demons or to ease communication, animals can be the missing link. As this is a personal journey enjoy being guided by your intuition to find the suitable animal. To give an example, if you wish to travel another realm accompanied by the demon of your choice and you already have established a connection, follow the demons lead. If you made contact with a demon who wants you to choose the other-realm vessel yourself, feel what it represents to you. You might want to be able to easily slip between worlds on soft, silent paws and choose the cat form. Maybe you are a less daring personality and want to feel strong to defend yourself with the same attributes as before, so go and be a panther.

If you understand the ways of snake nothing is stopping you from slithering into another realm as that. Wasp is an excellent choice if you need to navigate on different altitudes in dangerous territory.

To communicate and to recognise your demon/s in everyday life it is tremendously helpful to have an animal link established. The beauty of working with demons is their fantastic interaction. Signs are usually strong and they don't leave any room for second guessing whether you imagined it or not. The flame won't lightly flicker but display a powerful outburst. The snake crossing your path looks you straight in the eye and then moves on.

You might choose to work with one animal only to simplify interpreting incoming messages. An all-time favourite and most inconspicuous of course is your pet, known as familiar amongst witches. Cats not only stride yin and yang but are also fiercely independent, which gives them the freedom to retrieve information if needed. Dogs can be more of a problem as the owners tend to get hit with hefty fines if they are not at the end of their leash, limiting the pets' fielding. Cats are also more alert to intruding energies compared to physical intrusions noticed by dogs. Demons are not intruding, but as you are aware of their essence you will also have to acknowledge other entities, which presence you want to be alerted of. Working with demonic energies it is helpful, especially in the beginnings, to have your cat hint you

have company. Once a relationship with your demon has been established you know immediately and unmistakably if and who is there.

As demons frequently mirror your own mind it can be beneficial to have a pet as interpreter. For this purpose a goldfish is as suitable as a cat or a snake, as long as you have a good link and connection with it.

Misunderstandings with demons usually result in misunderstandings of your own mind and nature. A close knit friendship with your pet will help prevent that as much as possible, as your pet will neutralise wrong intentions you might send out. Demons are not robots simply following instructions but one of the reasons for their enormous efficiency is not to change what you request but give what you ask for. If you don't know exactly what you want yourself, which is most of the time if we are honest with ourselves, it is extremely beneficial to have a pet's aid to rectify any misunderstandings. Unwanted results are not the demons' inability but our own.

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

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

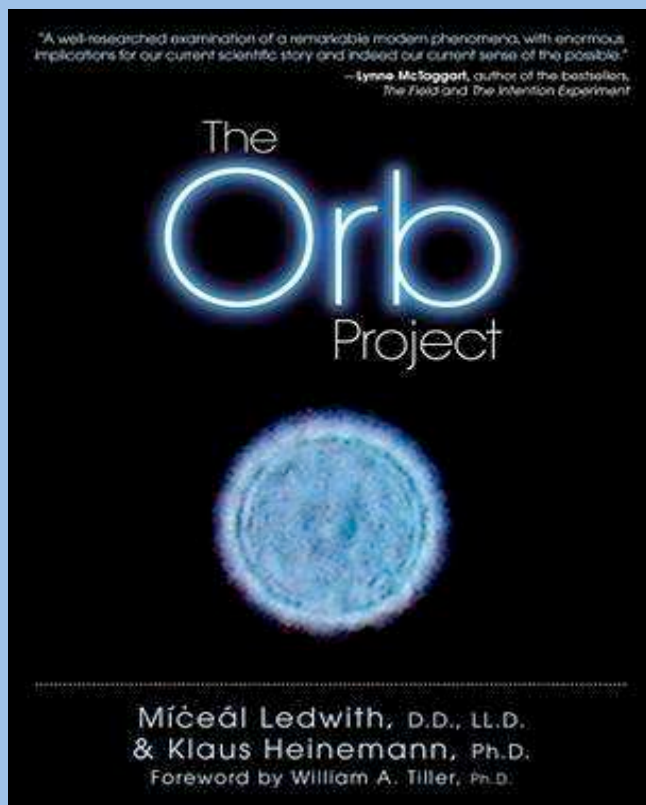
Wild animals and pets alike teach us, and also try to help us. It is only a matter of wanting to hear and understand them. They communicate with all their senses.

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

Book Review

The Orb Project

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After literally stumbling into orbs appearing as bright as light bulbs in photographs he was taking at a spiritual retreat, Dr. Klaus Heinemann immediately sensed that he was onto something profound. There was no choice but to convince himself that his notion was on solid grounds. Heinemann looked at thousands of pictures he had taken earlier, and thousands more would be taken to test the hypothesis that these light circles are nothing less than emanations from Spirit beings.

Dr. Míceál Ledwith had a similar experience after the orb phenomenon was first made

known to him through the teachings of Ramtha. He began an intense and systematic study of orbs in all sort of situations, day and night, and in all sorts of atmospheric

conditions, in order to discover all he could about their nature, the situations in which their presence could be most easily detected, and what implications they might have for our understanding of our own place in the cosmos. To date, he has amassed a collection of well over 100,000 images.

In *The Orb Project*, Ledwith and Heinemann present their fascinating discoveries, along with practical tips that amateur digital photographers can use to photograph orbs and properly distinguish them from "false" orbs that are really dust or water particles. They offer guidelines on deciphering the orbs' various patterns, features, and characteristics, based on their extensive research.

As Dr. Ledwith points out, once you develop a keen and sustained interest in photographing spirit entities, some quite interesting things begin to happen: the brain stops censoring these images, and you can begin to see with orbs with the naked eye -- in more color and detail than is visible to even a digital camera.

Ledwith and Heinemann also explore communication with orbs and what their existence means to our lives. The implications of a realization that we are "surrounded by a cloud of witnesses" are enormous and incredibly hopeful for the world at large.

<http://www.booktopia.com.au/product-view.ep?PID=15631901>

Haunted Toowong Cemetery





Toowong Cemetery at Toowong, Brisbane was established in 1866 and formally opened in 1875. It is Queensland's largest cemetery and is located on forty-four hectares of land at the corner of Frederick Street and Mount Coot-tha Road approximately four and a half kilometres west of Brisbane. Toowong Cemetery is a true necropolis - literally a city of the dead.

In 1861 200 acres (0.81 km²) of land was set aside for a new cemetery at Toowong.[3] In 1870 a Cemetery Trust was established with trustees James Cowlishaw, John Hardgrave, William Pettigrew, Samuel Griffith, George Edmonstone, Alexander Raff, John Petrie (Chairman), Michael Quinlan and Nathaniel Lade the trustees to search for alternative sites as the Toowong site was considered by some as inappropriate.[4] Colonel Samuel Blackall, Queensland's second Governor, had been a supporter of the Toowong site and in his ill health indicated his desire to be buried there — this was done when he was buried on the highest knoll on 3 January 1871.[3] Even though Blackall had been buried, the search for an alternate site continued. The search was unsuccessful however and the Toowong site was eventually was accepted as the final location. Six more burials were performed before the official opening of the Cemetery in 1875.

In April 1975 the Cemetery was full with all plots having been sold. The Cemetery was closed to new burials except for family graves. The Brisbane City Council started a

project to remove hundreds of worn, forgotten headstones in the three major city cemeteries. Old, neglected monuments were removed from Toowong, Lutwyche and South Brisbane cemeteries and trees and shrubs planted. The long term aim of the scheme was to return the cemeteries to open space with a parkland atmosphere. It is thought approximately 1,000 memorials were removed from Toowong.

The Cemetery was reopened for further burials in 1998 with approximately 450 plots available for sale. Currently, the Cemetery is a popular place for joggers and dog walkers, with its over-hanging fig trees and winding pathways. It has also earned a reputation for being haunted.

Spread over the hills and steep slopes are tens of thousands of gravestones, tombs & crypts. There are many parts you would not go alone. Generations of local people have been drawn to explore it; ghost stories and tales - real and imagined - abound. Now locked to the public at night to prevent vandalism it is even more isolated and empty than before. Brisbane Ghost Tours conduct regular guided tours through the grounds of the cemetery on Saturday nights.

In August of 2008 Toowong Cemetery made world news with the revelation that Jack the Ripper may well be buried there. According to Queensland Historians Jack Sim and Paul Tully, Walter Thomas Porriott was in the Whitechapel area of London at the time of the murders and later migrated to Australia. The headstone over his grave is only engraved with "Bessie - Died 25th June 1957 - And her Husband".

Toowong Cemetery has a number of ghostly tales, Edward McGregor, Spook Hill, and bodies that have not decomposed. Strange smells, temperature changes and voices are sometimes witnessed and heard here. This is the burial place for Andrew Petrie who started the Stone Masonry business in 1840, carried on by his son John. This is still situated across the road from Toowong Cemetery. In 1903 there were 969 people buried here, 331 of them were children. This was the year of 'life and death' at Toowong Cemetery.

<http://liannamaye.webs.com/cemeteriesinbrisbane.htm>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toowong_Cemetery

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

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

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

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

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

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

APPI - Australian Paranormal Phenomenon Investigators

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

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

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

SOuL Searchers

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

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

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

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UFO and Paranormal Research Society

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hunter Paranormal

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

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

Validate

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

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

In essence, Validate deals with highly controversial areas that are considered as fringe science. Here, even the most qualified scientists who have invested time and risked their academic careers to pursue phenomena research, find it extremely difficult to understand and draw solid conclusions. Validate acknowledges these difficulties through experience. Although Validate operates on strict guidelines, it appreciates the fact that certain events are beyond our academic textbooks. In other words, Validate will not be dissuaded no matter how extraordinary the claim may be. Validate is also dedicated to assisting and coaching groups within the field with the aim of bringing unity to the paranormal (including UFOlogy) community.
<http://www.paranormalnation.com.au/>

Sydney Spirit Stalkers

We are a Group of 4 Paranormal Investigators in Sydney's West area.
Our team members specialise in, Tech & Equipment, Photography, Safety, Location Finding, Research and Mediumship.
We are always up for an adventure and love looking into haunted areas.
We have come across some strange discoveries in various locations, which makes us determined to continue our investigations.
If you have anywhere you would like us to check out feel free to have a chat to one of us."Personal Experience Over Rules All Others Judgement"
http://www.facebook.com/gettingstarted.php?step=cont_act_importer#%21/pages/Sydney-Spirit-Stalkers/160614330659716

Australian Ghost Adventures

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

tours and private group bookings for 20 people and over.
Website: <http://www.ausghosts.com.au/>

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

Queensland

Haunted Australia

Our group is currently researching any locations brought to our attention and we are intending on traveling overseas end of this year to research some sites. Our location is just out of Brisbane but will cover all areas.
<http://www.haunted-australia.com.au/>

Australian Paranormal Investigators (API)

Australian Paranormal Investigators (API) are a small team of dedicated researchers primarily based in Brisbane, Qld. We operate on a logic first basis and approach from a scientific point of view and our combined knowledge and experience allows our clients the benefit of a thorough and in-depth investigation. We understand that not all things are explainable by science but our vast range of experiences allows us to provide our clients with the necessary support based on their needs.
Location: Brisbane and surrounding areas (extensive travel available from anywhere between Maryborough to Coffs Harbour)
<http://www.australianparanormalinvestigators.com/>

Downunder Paranormal

We are a small team of paranormal researchers and investigators, based in Brisbane, Qld. We support clients across southern Queensland and Northern NSW who experience unexplained phenomenon. Using a wide range of scientific equipment, we conduct logic-based paranormal investigations and historical research for private and business clients on a no-fee basis.
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Downunder-Paranormal/114653708629278>

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

S.A Paranormal

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

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

Eidolon Paranormal

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

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

Paranormal Field Investigators

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

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

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

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

Murraylands Paranormal

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

We are seeking local stories of urban legends, haunted locations and possible investigation sites in

the Murraylands area to help our neighbours to feel more comfortable in their homes and businesses and also to document any local paranormal activity.

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

Email: mpi.sa.ghost@internode.on.net

Facebook:

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

Tasmania

Team Strigoi

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

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

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

Victoria

Spookspotters Paranormal Research

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

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

Colonial Paranormal Investigations Australia

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

the website <http://www.colonialparanormal.com/> or you can find us on Facebook "Colonial Paranormal".
Link: <http://www.colonialparanormal.com/>

Western Australia

Twilight Paranormal Investigations

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

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

West Australian Paranormal Researchers

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

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

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

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

Albany Research Paranormal Society

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

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

Disclaimer

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

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



Workshops, Courses and Events

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

WORKSHOPS

Adelaide's Haunted Horizons Adelaide Gaol All Night Workshop

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

http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/adelaide_gaol_workshops.html

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

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

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

Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Price: TBA
Link:

http://www.ausghosts.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=19&Itemid=23

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

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

Hunter Paranormal Australia Workshop for Introductory Paranormal Investigation

Date: TBA

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Price: \$25.00

Website: www.hunterparanormalaustralia.com.au

Venue: Within the local area of Newcastle

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

COURSES

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

Date: Start 26th September

Via web with the guidance from Dr Ciaran O'Keeffe

Duration: 10 weeks

Price: Roughly around \$380.00 Australian

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

This is a broadly focused course that introduces you to university-level study in Parapsychology across a range of subject areas including history (history of psychology and of science), psychology, magic, psychical research, spiritualism, critical thinking and other sciences. The course is presented in three themes that guide you through some of the basic concerns and interests of parapsychologists.

Intermediate Parapsychology

Date: Start 26th September

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

Duration: 10 weeks

Price: Roughly around \$380.00 Australian

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

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

EVENTS & GHOST TOURS

Australian College of Mediumship Ghost Tours & Investigations

Date: TBA

Time: 7:30pm

Price: \$52.00

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

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

Members of the Southern Highlands Ambassador program.

Paranormal Investigator Tour

Date: TBA

Time: 7:30pm

Price: \$70.00

<http://www.psychicmedium.com.au/categories/201105>

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

Newcastle Ghost Tours

East End Tours

Dates: Friday 18th November and Wednesday 7th December,

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

http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=55

This tour includes entry into the old Newcastle "LOCK UP". Group bookings available! This tour is a walking tour – please be aware that you will be walking up hills and need sensible footwear. We will operate the tour in MOST weather conditions – if it is drizzling (slightly raining) then please be aware that the tour will be going ahead so bring an umbrella/ raincoat as these are not supplied. Bring a torch and camera – you may catch one of the poor souls that still haunt this end of town by surprise...or they might just follow us around for the night wanting to see what we get up to (it happens all the time). Afterwards, share a drink with us at the Great Northern! You will be standing on the very spot the first settlers got their rum at the first Inn in the settlement "The Ship Inn". The Great Northern has kindly offered us a half price drinks voucher for all tour participants to use on the night! *Tour charge includes entry into all heritage listed buildings, staff member payments (not employees of Newcastle Ghost Tours) and any council fees that are incurred

Weekly Tours

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

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

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

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

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

Join us on our Friday night walking tour during the winter months of the historic and ghostly East End. Join our tour guide in a walk around the first streets of the settlement of Newcastle. Maybe you will encounter the ghost of James Hannell, publican and auctioneer on Hunter Street! We might also take you up to the site of Gaol where public hangings took place. We could walk past the site of the old Royal Hospital where the ghost of the matron can still be seen walking the old

corridors. We will definitely be visiting the old Cathedral cemetery! You never know what old soul we shall encounter along the way. Have your camera ready! We also finish our weekly tours with a drink at the United Serviceman's Club on Watt Street – this will give you an opportunity to look inside the old Council Chambers and also view the amazing collection of WW1 and WW2 artefacts as well as supporting the club. This site a real "gem" and we are sure you will find it totally amazing!

Investigator Nights

Date: Sunday Sunday 27th November

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

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

Price: \$75.00*

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

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

Minmi Cemetery Tour

Date: Saturday TBA.

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

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

Price: \$35.00 (group bookings welcomed)

http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=45

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

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

and proper behaviour while on tour. A percentage of all of our tour charges go back to the community!

Monet's Soup and Screamer Tour

Date: TBA

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

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

Price: \$60.00

http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=87

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

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

Miss Porters House

Date: Sunday 27th November

Time TBA

Venue: Miss Porters House, 434 King Street, Newcastle

Price: TBA

Contact info@newcastleghosttours.com.au to book your spot!

Civic Theatre – Newcastle

Date: TBA

Time: 7:30pm - 10:30pm

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

Price: \$65.00

http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=87

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

Australian Ghost Adventures

Old Geelong Gaol - Sleepover

Date: Postponed til later in the year - TBA

Time: 11:00pm - 8:00am

Price: TBA

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

http://www.ausghosts.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18&Itemid=21

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

Private Tours

Date: Contact Australian Ghost Adventures to register your interest

Time: TBA

Price: From \$500.00

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

http://www.ausghosts.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=22&Itemid=25

What's available:

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

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

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

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

Private Tours are available for limited times and dates, enquires 0421 835 or email admin@ausghosts.com

Adelaide's Haunted Horizons

Tailem Town Ghost Tours

Date: Weekly (private bookings also available)

Time: TBA (2 hours duration)

Price: \$25.00

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

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

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

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

Tailem Town Paranormal Investigation Tour

Date: Contact Adelaide's Haunted Horizons to register your interest

Time: TBA

Price: \$65.00

Venue: Tailem Town, Princes Highway, Tailem Bend,

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

These tours are slightly different from your run of the mill ghost tours as YOU get to try your hand at a bit of ghost-hunting! Come and hang back after your tour with guides, some of who have also been in or are still in the paranormal research field. Let them tell you of their own experiences as well as reported experiences of others. Listen to stories of strange shadows and unusual photographs taken by the public. Hear about some of the characters that once resided in these very buildings before their death and before the buildings were transported to the township plank by plank. Once the two hour tour finishes, get to experience for

yourself just what it is like to sit quietly in reportedly active areas of the township for an hour or two. Over 110 buildings to choose from! This is a great opportunity for the paranormal enthusiast, whether a beginner or an experienced investigator, to be able to get access to Tailem Town for a short time under supervised conditions.

Adelaide Gaol Paranormal Investigation Tour

Date: Every Friday night (private tours also available)

Time: 9:00pm - 1:00am

Price: \$75.00

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas at Tailem Town Pioneer Village

Date: Throughout December excluding Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Time: TBA

Price: 2 hour Ghost Tour \$28.00, 4 hour Paranormal Investigation \$65.00

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

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

If you are looking for something different to do this festive season, book in to one of our Christmas ghost tours at the Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village. What better way to celebrate Christmas with your work colleagues/friends or family then to spend it in a very dark and creepy village looking for ghosts!

Saint Cecilia Ghost Tour/Investigation Night

Date: Saturday 19th November

Time: 5:00pm to 10:00am

Price: SOLD OUT!

Venue: Saint Cecilia Mansion, 2 Callary Street, Peterborough, SA

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

pend a whole night in this dark, and very imposing Mansion and try and find out for yourself if it is haunted. Why, after Bishop Nortons death, did his replacement refuse to live in this house? Why does the present owners daughter not want to live in this scary, haunted home? What nearly knocked a P.F.I. Investigator down the old staircase? Will you wake to find the Bishop standing at the foot of your bed like a couple did who slept there one night? See if you can find the answers to these questions and more! This is a whole night of investigation and includes a bed, 3 course dining, tea/coffee, full cooked English Breakfast and a night of entertainment

Colonial Paranormal

Date: Saturday 19th November

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UFO-PRSA

Work Presentation and Discussion

Date: Thursday 17th November

Venue: Urchin Books, 238 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

<http://www.ufosociety.net.au/page75.html>

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