

Aerial photographs

The major aerial photographic collections held by the National Archives are listed below. Additional photographs may be identified by conducting a phrase search in RecordSearch using the term *aerial photo**.

Accessing some of the collections may not be straightforward because they are not always well indexed. Inquiries should be directed to the office holding the records.

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Canberra

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
The trenches in northern France	1916–18	M433
Bombardment damage on the battlefields of France	1916–18	M434
CSIRO Murray River Basin aerial surveys	1931–38	D1900
Army aerial photographs of Australia	1933–	A8514
Aerial survey of Australia	1940–60	A1579
Aerial photographic mosaic glass negatives of Darwin	1944	A2832
Aerial photographic mosaics	1950–61	A2827
Aerial photographic mosaics	1950–61	A2829
Aerial photographic mosaics	1951–58	A2828
Aerial photographic mosaics	1951–58	A2830
Large format paper and digital flight line diagrams	1951–96	B6676
Snowy Mountains, black & white aerial survey photographs	1964	M2235
Lake Mackay and Mt Rennie MacDonal (WA and NT), glass negatives	1957	A2831
Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority	1959–72	A5618
Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority	1959–71	A5672
Australia (except Tas and ACT) (access provided by Geoscience Australia)	1960–74	A5446
Australia (except ACT) and PNG	1961–	A891
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<u>The Australian Capital Territory</u>	1960–	A894
<u>South Vietnam (access provided by Department of Defence)</u>	1967	A6919
<u>Phuoc Tuy Province and Vung Tau areas, South Vietnam (access provided by Department of Defence)</u>	1971	A6830
<u>Jabiluka uranium mine site and surrounds, NT</u>	1975	A4409
<u>Lemonthyme and Southern Forests, Tasmania</u>	1987–88	C2398

Sydney

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Negative films of RAAF aerial survey photography of Australia (see also Melbourne)</u>	1928–53	B5424
<u>War Damage Commission claim files, reference maps and photographs (including Darwin, Thursday Island, New Guinea and New Britain)</u>	1942–48	SP24/1
<u>Vegetation cover in eastern New Guinea, black & white slides</u>	1943	M1744
<u>Cockatoo Island Dockyard</u>	1944–64	C90
<u>RAAF aerial photographs of South Australia and Northern Territory</u>	1946	D4630
<u>Aerial survey photographs of railway locations in South Australia</u>	1946–48	D2771
<u>Tarcoola to Alice Springs railway</u>	1947–50	D5272
<u>Army photomaps of South Australia</u>	1947–52	D5540
<u>South Australia and the Northern Territory</u>	1947–53	D4631
<u>Weapons Research Establishment, Salisbury, South Australia</u>	1947–59	D4648
<u>Woomera rocket range</u>	1950–72	D1947
<u>Railways in the Northern Territory</u>	1950–72	D2327
<u>South Australia and the Northern Territory</u>	1955–60	D4632
<u>South Australia</u>	1955–68	AP1129/2
<u>Outback South Australia</u>	1961–65	D4467
<u>South Australia</u>	1964–85	D5270
<u>South Australia and the Northern Territory</u>	1965–69	D4633
<u>Defence exercise areas (including Williamstown, Amberley, Woomera, Darwin and parts of Western Australia)</u>	1968–70	D3917
<u>Tarcoola to Alice Springs railway</u>	1971–73	D4472
<u>Tarcoola to Alice Springs railway</u>	1972	D5271
<u>Weapons Research Establishment (South Australia)</u>	1975	D4675

Melbourne

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Album of photographs – TAS, VIC, NSW & WA</u>	1920	MP390/3
<u>Negative films of RAAF aerial survey photography of Australia</u>	1928–53	B5424
<u>Aerial survey photography negatives of Australia</u>	1932–40	A1103

<u>Aerial films, CPE (Central Photographic Establishment) prefix</u>	1942–99	B3957
<u>Central Australia, photographic prints</u>	1943	M1174
<u>Allied Works Council storage depots in NSW</u>	1944–45	MP960/5
<u>Negative films of aerial survey photography</u>	1945–48	B6670
<u>Negative films, PR prefix</u>	1946	B6671
<u>Prints of aerial photography, National Mapping Division</u>	1947–93	B6675
<u>Diapositives, Australian Survey Office & AUSLIG, SO or SOC prefix</u>	1951–88	B6668
<u>Prints, Australian Survey Office & AUSLIG, SO or SOC prefix</u>	1951–88	B6669
<u>Negative films, SO or SOC prefix</u>	1951–88	B6672
<u>Large format paper and digital flight line diagrams</u>	1951–96	B6676
<u>Paper flight line diagrams (A4) of aerial survey photography</u>	1951–96	B6690
<u>Negative films, CA prefix</u>	1953–93	B6654
<u>Diapositives, National Mapping Division</u>	1956–	B6674
<u>Negative films, SCP prefix</u>	1964	B6684
<u>Test films of aerial survey photography, S prefix</u>	1967–82	B6679
<u>Laser profile charts and photographs</u>	1967–83	B1375
<u>Laser profile charts and photographs from test flights</u>	1970–72	MT2188/6
<u>Laser profile charts and photographs</u>	1970–72	MT2188/7
<u>Papua New Guinea, AP (aerial photography) prefix</u>	1977	B473
<u>Negative films, AUS prefix</u>	1987–	B6673

Brisbane

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<u>Eagle Farm aerodrome and surrounding areas, and Amberley Airfield</u>	1942–72	BP374/3
<u>CSIRO aerial surveys of NT</u>	1950–69	E1390
<u>RAAF Base Amberley, Lavarack Army Barracks, Townsville and the Clevedon Remote Receiving Station</u>	1954–69	J2781
<u>Commonwealth Rehabilitation Centre, Taringa</u>	1962–77	J1958
<u>Lavarack Army barracks site, Townsville</u>	1965	J158
<u>CSIRO aerial surveys of NT</u>	1971–86	E1389
<u>Lightstations: Bustard Head, Cape Capricorn & Sandy Cape</u>	1976	J2797
<u>Meteorological satellite weather negatives</u>	1978	BP542/3
<u>Rockhampton aerodrome and Archerfield aerodrome</u>	1978–83	J2782
<u>Dent Island, Queensland</u>	1989	J2857

Perth

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
<u>Civil aviation aerial photo maps, Western Australia</u>	1953–57	PP395/1

Adelaide

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
The Maralinga atomic test area, South Australia	1953–61	D1768

Hobart

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
CSIRO soil investigation aerial photographs of Tasmania	1946–65	P2541
Tasmanian railways	1976–97	P2705

Darwin

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
Aerial Geological and Geophysical Survey of North Australia (AGGSNA)	1935–40	NTAC1979/126

Australian War Memorial, Canberra

Title or description of record	Date range	Series number
Australian military campaigns (maps and aerial photos)	1919–	AWM195

Other sources

The [National Library of Australia](#) holds prints of approximately 800,000 aerial photographs of Australia taken from 1928–87, as well as useful information on using map indexes and flight diagrams to identify specific records of interest.

The N H (Doc) Fisher [Geoscience Library](#) holds approximately 1.4 million aerial photographs of Australia and Papua New Guinea dating from the 1940s.