

# Ryerson Index Incorporated

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## Mission Statement

Ryerson Index Inc has evolved over the years since its founding in 1998 to now become a multi-faceted organisation with four key objectives:

1. To establish an index of death notices, funeral notices and obituaries published in Australia, so that any user, anywhere, is able to locate the original notice.
2. To maintain and expand this index by including ongoing data from a range of sources, primarily from contemporary newspapers as they are published; from back-dated newspapers as and when we are able to access them; and from other sources available to us which relate to deaths in Australia.
3. To publish the Index on the internet, so that it is available free of charge to any researcher who is seeking to locate the published death information of an individual. We see our primary audience as genealogists, family history researchers and local historians in Australia, in particular because of the 30-year embargo applied on access to death registration information by the various state Birth, Death and Marriage Registries.
4. To make our data available free of charge to any organisation which can use it in a socially responsible manner. We envisage such uses as, but not limited to,
  - a. Assistance to medical research organisations which have a need to track a particular cohort of research subjects
  - b. Assistance to educational establishments to keep track of their alumni
  - c. Cleansing of direct marketing mailing lists to remove the names of deceased persons
  - d. Assistance to solicitors and similar organisations which need to cull their holdings of wills and other probate-related material

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