FIND & CONNECT FACT SHEET
FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE SITE

A web resource for people who experienced out of home 'care'

This fact sheet has some tips on how to use the Find & Connect web resource, to find your way around the website and get the information you're looking for.

HOME PAGE

The Home page is always a good place to start. The Find & Connect Home page is organised around 4 main functions.

1. Look for Homes
A lot of people use the Find & Connect web resource to find information about a particular Home. A search on the 'Look for Homes' section will bring up information about orphanages, children's Homes and other institutions, including links to photos and records information.

2. Look for Photos
Another option is to search on the 'Look for Photos' section, which brings up images related to Homes, orphanages, institutions, events and organisations.

3. Information about Records
This page has information to help explain how to find records of people who grew up in 'care'. It has fact sheets about popular research topics and tips to assist with searching for, locating and accessing records.

4. Search this Site
On this page, you can search the entire Find & Connect website for information about Homes, photos, as well as entries about organisations, legislation, events, glossary terms and more.

1 LOOK FOR HOMES

On the Look for Homes page, you can either type something in the **Quick search** box

or

Browse lists of Homes in different States and Territories.
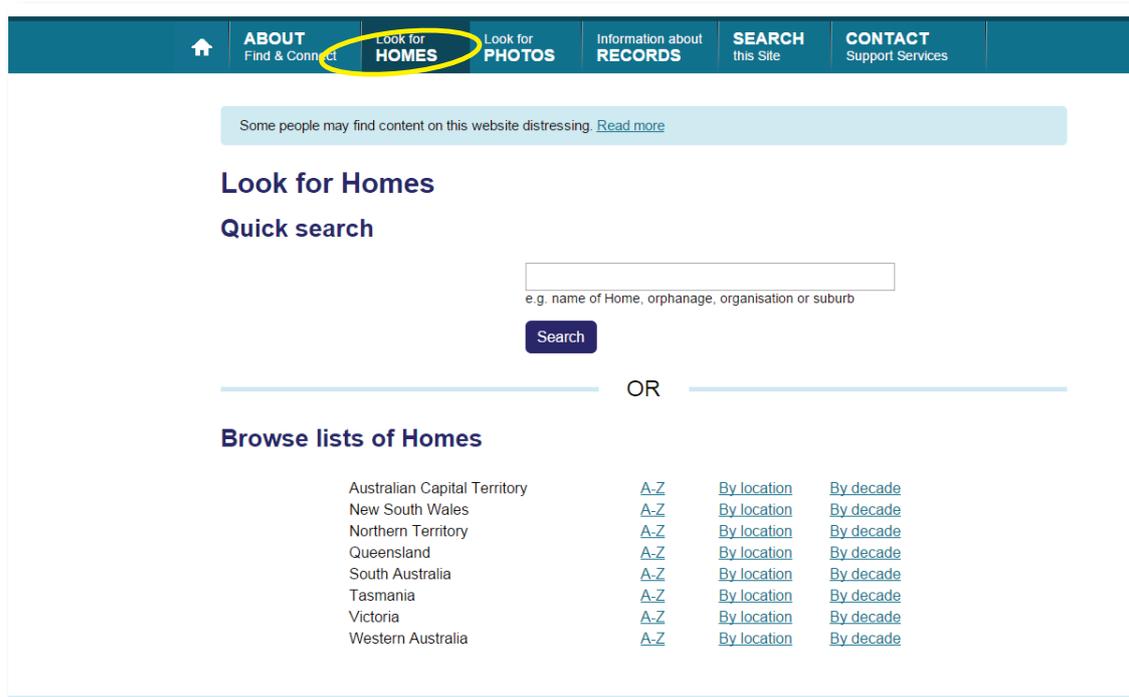
Quick search
To search simply type the search term into the search box. Options to Refine Search will be provided on the results page, you will notice the 'Homes' option has already been selected. For more information about the search and how to use it go to the Search Tips page. Once you select a result you will be taken to the Summary tab of a Home entry.

Browse lists of Homes
Instead of searching for a term, you can Browse lists of Homes. There are 3 different types of Browse lists.

A-Z
This is an alphabetical list of Homes in a specific State or Territory.

By location
This option takes you to an alphabetical list of suburbs and towns in which Homes were located in each State or Territory. (This option is useful if a person does not remember the name of the Home but does remember the suburb.)

By decade
This option shows a list of Homes that were open in decades from 1820 – 2010. (This is useful when you want to see a list of Homes open in a specific time period.)

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② LOOK FOR PHOTOS
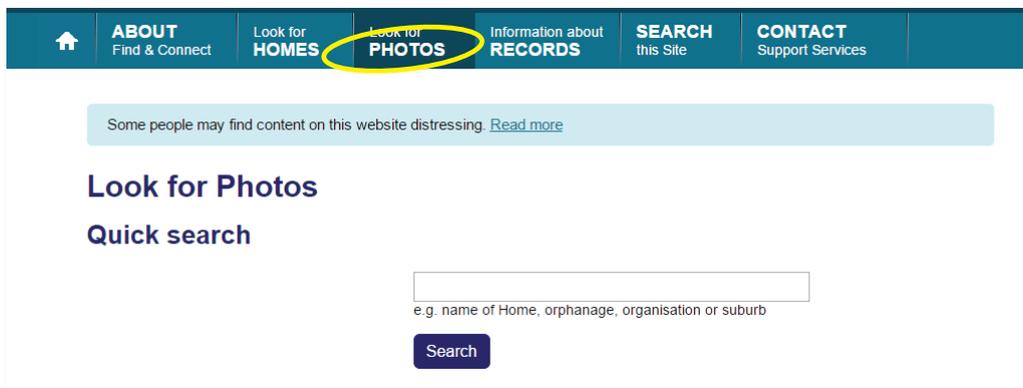
The Look for Photos page is similar to the Look for Homes page. On the search results page, you will only see images that match your search.

Quick search

To Look for Photos simply type the search term into the search box. Options to Refine Search will be provided on the results page. Photos has already been selected because the Look for Photos search box was used. For more information about the search and how to use it go to the Search Tips page. Once you select a result you will be taken to the Image entry, on that page any related organisations, glossary terms, events, legislation and publications are available.

③ INFORMATION ABOUT RECORDS

The Information about Records page has a number of resources to help explain how to find records of people who grew up in 'care'. It has fact sheets about popular research topics and tips to assist with searching for, locating and accessing records.

The Information about Records page has general information to help with the search for records. To find information about what records exist for a particular Home, search for that Home on Find & Connect, and then click on the Records tab (see the Finding your way around a Home entry fact sheet for more information).
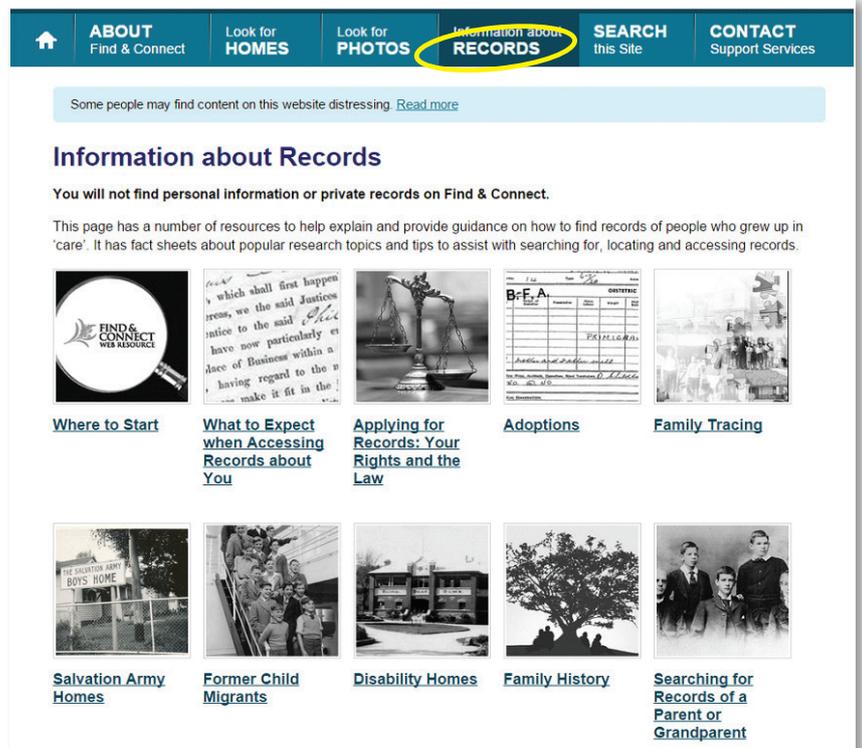
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4 SEARCH THIS SITE
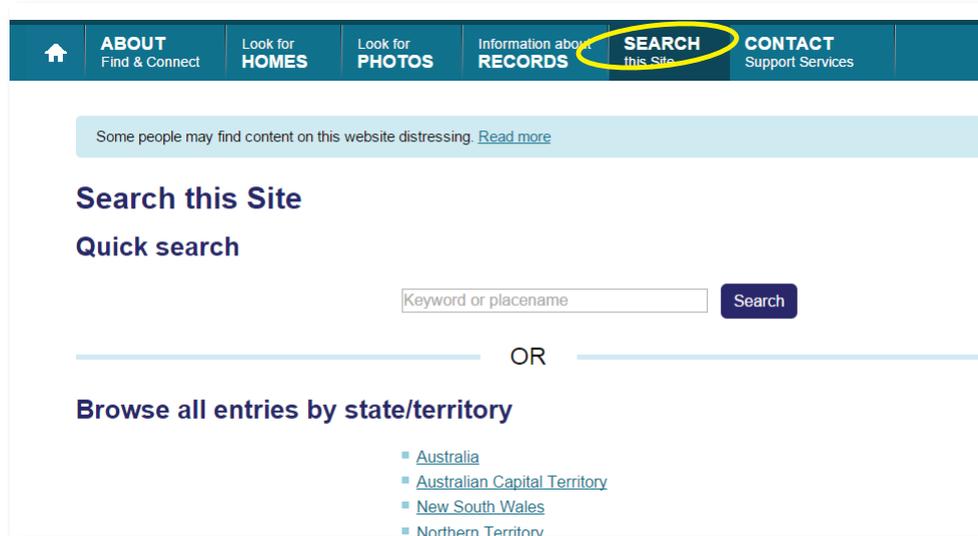
On the Search this Site page, there are 2 options – you can search directly via the search box, or if you prefer you can Browse lists of all entries by state/territory.

Quick search

To search simply type the search term into the search box. The search on this page searches Homes, photos, records information, organisations, legislation, events, glossary terms and publications. Options to Refine Search will be provided on the results page. No options have been pre-selected using this search. For more information about the search and how to use it go to the Search Tips page.

Browse lists of all entries by state/territory

This option takes you to alphabetical browse lists for all the entries in each state and territory. For each state and territory there are alphabetical lists of organisations, events, legislation and glossary terms. The category lists allow you to see all entries from a particular category e.g. Catholic, Babies' Home, Hostel, etc.