

Collection of Australian Patent Microfiche and Designs Registrations

IP Australia has been progressively transferring data from paper, fiche and film to electronic form.

The IP Australia Internet Home page at www.ipaustralia.gov.au is our primary mode of information delivery and public access to Australian patents, trade marks and designs documents, with residual unconverted 'hard copy' document gradually being moved from out State Offices to the State Libraries.

The items and location of the hard copy collections available in each State are listed below.

State Public holiday information:

http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/resources/officialnotices_p2006.shtml#27

Victorian Collection

There is no physical material held at the Melbourne office of IP Australia. The following material is held at the State Library of Victoria:

Of the material transferred to the State Library on 10th March 2007:

(i) the following collections will be located onsite at the State Library:-

Australian Design Registrations (Representations) – Indexes –1906 - 1998 - Microfiche

Australian Design Registrations (Representations) – Concordances -1938 - 1993 -Print

Australia Patents – Classified Subject matter Index to Specifications -1904 – 1949 - Print

(ii) the following collections will be located offsite at Ballarat:-

Australian Design Registrations (Representations) - 1907-2002 - Paper

Australian Patents - AU-A Accepted Applications - 1935 (AU-A 25/5003) –1999 (AU-A 32599)

Microfiche

Note: These collections will need to be catalogued before the library can start retrieving them either from onsite or offsite at Ballarat. The Library will further advise when they have a firm date for this.

The State Library currently holds the following collections at the Ballarat offsite store:-

Australian Trade Mark Application Collection(1906-1908)

Australian Patents (Specifications of Inventions) Collection (1906-1978)

GB Specifications of Patents (1617-1990)

Australian Official Journal of Patents (and Trade Marks and Designs) (1904+)

GB Official Journal of the Patent Office (1854-1997)

Official Gazette of the United States Patent Office (1872-1901, 1923-1985)

Currently held onsite collections at the State Library include indexes to Australian, Victorian, and some UK and US patents, as well as indexes to Australian trade marks and designs. They also hold incomplete runs of Colonial State patent indexes for NSW, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia from 1848 to 1904. Microfiche copies of Victorian Colonial Patents (1854-1904) are also available onsite.

How to access material held at the State Library of Victoria

The State Library is located at 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne, and is open seven days a week, including most public holidays. Hours are 10.00am to 9.00pm Monday to Thursday, and 10.00am

to 6.00pm Friday to Sunday and Public Holidays.
<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/about/visiting/hours.html>

The State Library is a Research Library, not a lending library, and all materials must be read onsite.

All onsite collection items can be requested from 10.00am to 5.30pm seven days a week, with delivery from internal store taking approximately 40 minutes. Requests for retrievals from onsite store closes at 5.30pm daily, and last delivery from onsite store is 6.00pm daily. Requests can be made in person, via the telephone service or via the Library's online catalogue. (Patrons need to register to obtain a registration number for ordering material out of store).

All collection items located at the Ballarat Offsite Store (BOSS) can be requested in person via the State Library's Information Desk, or via the Telephone Service (03 8664 7002). Offsite collections ordered by 5.30pm on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be available at 10.00am the next day. Offsite collections ordered by 5.30pm on Friday and Saturday will be available at 10.00am on Monday.

The State Library provides a free Extended Inquiry Service for people seeking information and research assistance on any topic. This includes details of patents, designs and trade marks, with an emphasis on historic applications and registrations. This service is available by telephone (03 8664 7002), in person, or via the Library's online Ask-a-Librarian service.
<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/services/information/ask.html>

The State Library also makes available free Internet searching and browsing on the majority of its terminals, providing online access to IP Australia, USPTO, UK Patent Office, esp@cenet and Google Patents.