

## Here's a preview of SAG's new MIDAS online catalogue Home Page

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We suggest you start with just one word such as a surname, then add more words later or use the Advanced Search options to limit the number of records displayed         The Basic Search will show your results from the Library Catalogue as well         Accessions - Old and New (1)       Listening to Letters - MIDAS Mystery UPDATE (1)       News (1)							
MEMBERS CORRESPONDENCE - SAG Members correspondence 1932-1985 RESEARCH REQUESTS - Correspondence 1950-1968 re requests RICHARDS, SPARROW, MORRIS - Letters written in 1800s to or from T ROOKWOOD CEMETERY NSW - Transcriptions from gravestones at Ro WAVERLEY and SOUTH HEAD CEMETERIES NSW - Transcriptions from gravestones at Wa MACQUARIE PARK CEMETERY NSW - Transcriptions from gravestones at Ma VICTORIAN CEMETERY CARDS - Transcription of data on cards. The d	CLICK THE IMAGE TO SEE MORE. TO RETURN USE THE BROWSER BACK ARROW	Welcome to MIDAS. COVID 19 restrictions mean our Archives are open only on Wednesdays by prior arrangement. If this means you cannot visit us then we may be able to provide digital copies of some Items so please ask. Use the icon in the right hand box to see more on our MIDAS Mystery featured in September 2019 Descent. We hope you'll have some fun reading the letter and deciding what Mary Brown is really saving.					

What's new in MIDAS for Members and Public?

This is stage 1 of a major upgrade. The changes have been made to accommodate a new underlying system software for both catalogues.

The screens handle our data in a slightly different way in anticipation of offering a useful mobile phone or other small device display in the future. Most of the changes you will notice are cosmetic but there are some functional changes as well.

Here's a quick list of the main changes:-

- The Menu has moved from the left hand side and now appears as Buttons in the SAG banner area or as the Blue Tabs beneath the banner.
- The Tabs show you exactly where you are in the MIDAS system with the active screen indicated by a white tab.
- Login is now in the SAG banner area but is otherwise the same.
- News on the Home page has moved to the bottom of the screen.
- The Local Help icon is now blue <sup>1</sup> rather than bright pink.
- A new option Number per page allows you to choose how many records to display on a page.
- Search areas have changed slightly but function is mostly the same.
- There are some <u>new icons</u> which appear on many screens. If you are using a normal large screen then these icons are accompanied by explanatory text; on smaller devices they may appear as an icon only.



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- Return to top of page \_\_\_\_\_ found on bottom right of most screens.
- Users will find it easier to see how many results there are, and to control page display.

97 Records found | Results: 1 - 97 Results: 1 - 25 of 640

1 2 3 4 5 ... 26

- Selection of a row/record on a screen is now by tick box on the left rather than by highlighting a row. This allows you to select items for later review and/or to Save, Email, Print etc.
- Selection/Deselection is controlled via two functions Select/Clear and Show/Show Off

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Clear selected Items Show selected Items

Here's a bit more detail

#### SAG Banner Area Buttons and Display areas

SAG Website	will take you to SAG Home page	
Log in (here)	SAG Members should log in to make the best use of the catalogue	
Library Catalogue	will take you to SAG Library Catalogue Homepage	
Guides/Help	displays our main Help document(s)	
Contact Us	opens an email allowing you to contact us	
Public Access Members should log in	displays the name of a Member if they have logged in	
Items: 1 Total: \$20.00	Reference to shopping basket displays if you have made a request to view or have a copy made of an Item	

#### **SAG Home Page**

**MIDAS uses BLUE TABS** – SAG Library uses **RED** tabs, so you always know which catalogue you are searching.

In MIDAS there are four fixed tabs (below) and four others that appear as required.

The <u>active</u> tab will display in white to show you where you are in the search processes.

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Advanced Search	Additional search options are available in the Advanced Search
Results Summary	This is where the counts of records "matching" your research criteria are shown. It remains available to view until you initiate a new search.
Results Display	This is where the list of matching records chosen from the Results Summary is shown.

Tabs which appear as required (white when actively displaying their content)

Accession Record	Displays the Accession Record and its list of Items
Item Record	Displays the Item Record and its list of Item References
Reference Record	Displays if you selected a Reference record and chose to Show the record(s) to Save, Email, Print
My Profile	This only appears for logged on Members and displays your Saves, Requests and other personal data

#### New functions, screen changes, renaming of options

The screens and options in the Accession Record, Item Record and Request system, are very similar to the current MIDAS system.

A new option, **Number per page**, applies to the display of records in the search results screens. We suggest you set this initially at 25 (all rows will fit on one normal size screen) and use the larger limits for when you are familiar with the system.

The limit you choose will remain until you change it.

A new option, **Filter By**, appears only on the Reference Names and Notes results screen and offers the same filters as in current MIDAS **Limit Search To**.

Most columns of data may be **sorted** by clicking on the column header – the **sort** icon **i** will appear indicating that the column is sorted. A second click will reverse the sequence of the sort.

In the Record screens you may also **Search** across one or more columns using the row with blank fields at the top of the list. Within a field you may search with more than one contiguous word. This search is limited to the rows displayed on the screen at the time. It does not include other pages.

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80/000015	A37 AMEY 1964 - SAG Member Correspondence; 1974	

#### Within the Record screens (Accession, Item and Reference records)

These records use the same blue tabs as in the current MIDAS catalogue. The main difference is that the **count of relevant records** appears within the individual tabs.

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As with the search screens, the white tab indicates which view is being displayed.

### **Requests to View or Copy**

There are a few cosmetic changes but functionality is the same as current MIDAS.

One change is where the shopping basket appears – it's now in top right of the banner area and looks

