

**Harry Daly Museum  
&  
Richard Bailey Library**

*History of Anaesthesia*



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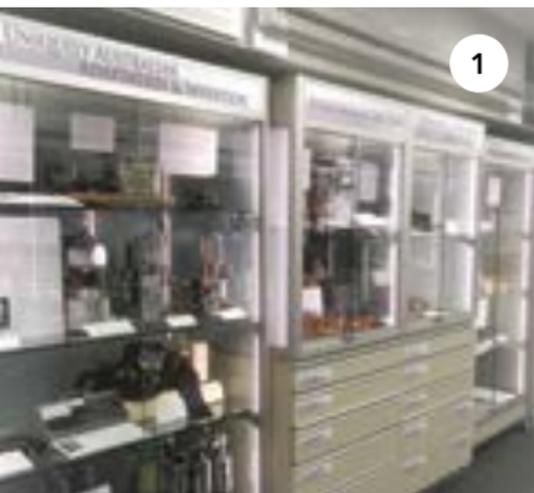
*Australian Society of Anaesthetists*

# Harry Daly Museum

Our museum allows visitors to explore humanity's quest for the relief from pain.

From the use of the poppy and mandragora in antiquity, to the discovery of anaesthetic effects of nitrous oxide, ether and chloroform and thence to today's highly advanced pharmaceuticals, visitors can explore the complex history of our search for pain relief and insensibility during surgical procedures.

Highlighting uniquely Australian advancements in the science and practice of anaesthesia, the Harry Daly Museum will enlighten all.



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*Dr Robert Jefferis administering anaesthesia by open drop, Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. Max Dupain, 1959*

1. Harry Daly Museum
2. Open drop anaesthesia
3. *Practical Instructions in Animal Magnetism*, Deleuze, 1879
4. Harry Daly Museum: Ethyl chloride
5. Harry Daly Museum: Open drop masks
6. Richard Bailey Library
7. Hadley's Orient Hotel – Murray Street, Hobart (Photographer – Anson Brothers) Archives Office of Tasmania PH10/1/6







## Richard Bailey Library

Our library is a specialty collection of over 3000 items covering the history of anaesthesia providing a unique opportunity in Australia for research specifically into evolution of the profession.

Whilst perusing a volume from within the **Richard Bailey Library** one sometimes discovers more than the published text. Many of the volumes contain inscriptions or autographs and some have inserted associated letters, reviews or articles.

Our collection has a variety of books, from early textbooks to rare volumes such as an original copy of John Snow's monograph *On the Inhalation of the Vapour of Ether in Surgical Operations* to more recent international journals.

A highlight of the library is a rare collection of over 300 books on Mesmerism and animal magnetism (hypnotism).

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# Preserving the past for our future

## **The historical collections of the ASA**

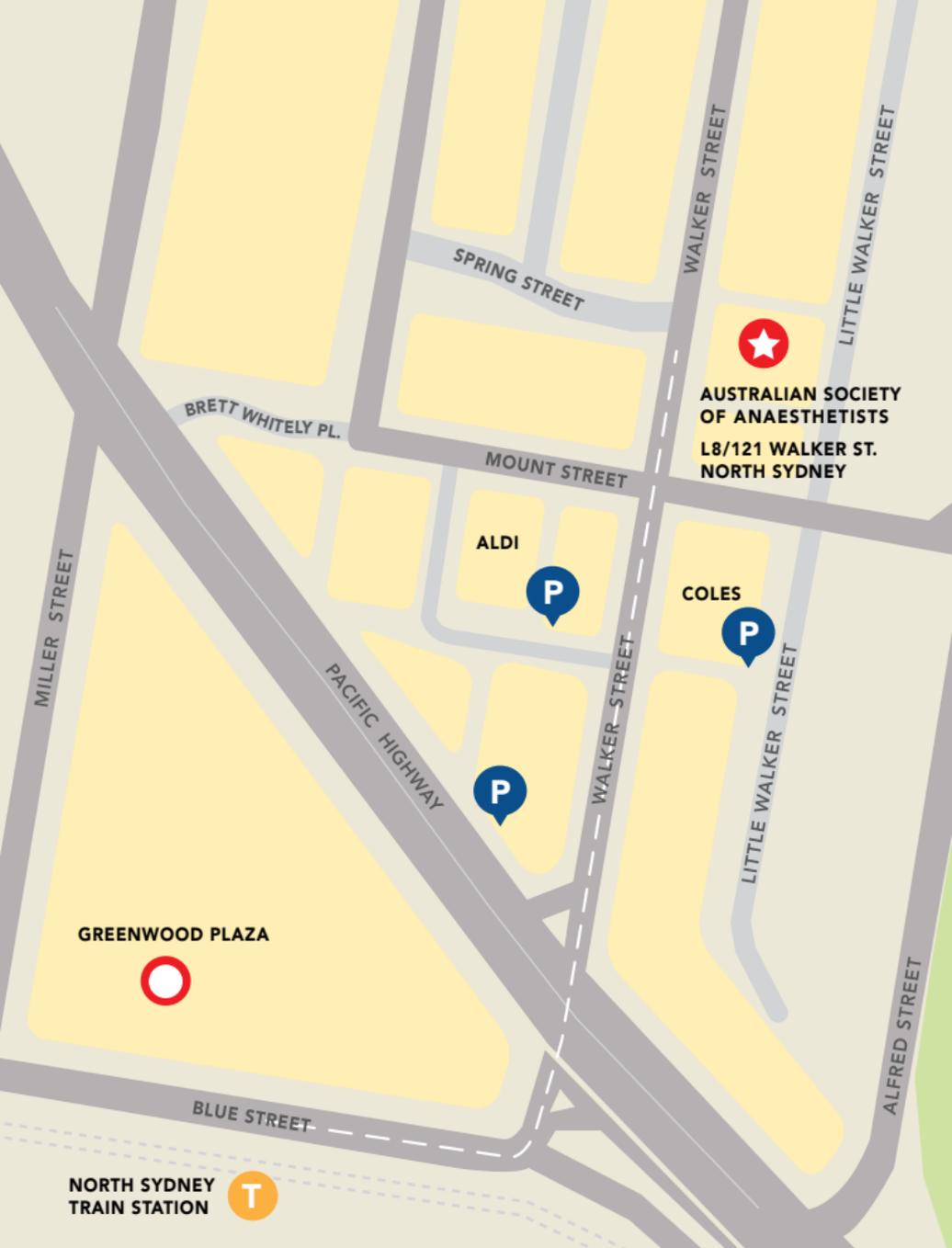
Formed in 1934 at a meeting in Hadley's Hotel, Hobart; the Australian Society of Anaesthetists is a not-for-profit member funded organisation dedicated to supporting and connecting Australian anaesthetists.

We work with and for our members to ensure the high standards of the profession. We primarily focus on the economic, workforce and professional interests of our members.

By securing the history of our profession we are investing in our future.

Our historical collections are a treasure trove, our gift and resource for both our members and the public.





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