

Instructions for completing an affidavit

Please complete the following form using the notes in the left-hand margin for guidance. More guidance on making affidavits can be found at www.justice.vic.gov.au.

When making the oath or affirmation for the affidavit the deponent must say aloud:

Oath: I, [name of person making oath], swear [or promise] by Almighty God [or the person may name a god recognised by the person's religion] that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct.

Affirmation: I, [name of person making affirmation], solemnly and sincerely affirm that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct.

Affidavit

1 Insert the name, address and occupation (or alternatively, unemployed or retired or child) of person making the affidavit.

I,¹ David Charles Reid, [REDACTED] Minister of Religion and Accountant

2 If you are completing this form by hand, you may circle as applicable rather than deleting as applicable.

- 2 make oath and say:
1. The historical records of UAM were placed into storage in premises at Techno Park Drive, Williamstown, in April and May 2011.
 2. These records consisted of paper files, mostly in folders contained in archive boxes. The dates of the documents ranged from 1930s to late 1970s. Most of these files were federal office files and would have related to all areas where the Mission had activities. Very few files produced by the NSW, SA and WA offices were in the archives in Melbourne. Those which did come to Melbourne were mostly copies of correspondence relating to the operations in those states. The federal office did not have files for the children's homes run by the Mission in NSW (Bomaderry) and SA (Colebrook) as these were State Council responsibilities.
 3. The date of the flooding at Techno Park Williamston cannot be identified, as it occurred during a period of Victorian State Government imposed lockdowns, when no one was able to visit the premises. To the best of my knowledge it would have been in July 2020.
 4. A virtual inspection via Facetime with an assessor was conducted on 19 August 2020. A physical inspection was conducted by an assessor on 25 or 26 August 2020, who advised of serious contamination of the contents and the associated health risk. On 15 September 2020 a plumber attended the premises and disconnected the water supply. The cleanup proceeded on 21-23 September 2020, with the premises being cleared of all contents and timber fittings. The owners corporation, PS 31056U, held the insurance for the premises, and the owners corporation's agent, Excel Strata Managers arranged the cleanup. The Mission paid for the disposal of contents not covered by the property insurance.
 5. A small number of files are located in the State Library of South Australia, and Aboriginal Affairs NSW. I am not aware of any other UAM historical records.

3 Set out statement to be sworn or affirmed in numbered paragraphs.

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5 Place (City, town or suburb)

6 Date

7 Signature of person making the affidavit

8 Signature of authorised affidavit taker

9 Date

10 Name, capacity in which authorised person has authority, and address (writing, typing or stamp)



The contents of this affidavit are true and correct and I make it knowing that a person making a false affidavit may be prosecuted for the offence of perjury.

⁴Sworn/ at ⁵ Glen Waverley



*in the State of Victoria

On⁶ 2nd November 2023

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Before me,⁸



On⁹ 2nd November
¹⁰ 2023

A person authorised under section 19(1) of the Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018 to take an affidavit.

* delete if not applicable