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Nearly 200 years of valuable land information now online

Western Australia's land development industry will now have online access to more than 400,000 files containing land information dating back to the 1800s.

Landgate today announced that all field books, Crown Plans/diagrams, key sheets and survey index cards would be available to registered customers through its My Landgate web service.

Landgate Chief Executive Grahame Searle said the online conversion supported Landgate's move into the new digital environment and marked an exciting stage in the Agency's proud history as WA's trusted authority on land information.

"Landgate's records underpin much of the State's major sources of revenue from the mining, farming, residential and property development sectors," Mr Searle said.

"However, until now the surveying and development industries have had to visit our Midland office to view these records on microfiche.

"There has been a demand for better access to this information and Landgate is happy to announce that our field books and crown surveys will be accessible from the home or office – meaning greater data flexibility for our customers.

"Importantly, making this information online will also improve the timeliness and quality of work the development and surveying industries provide because it means our customers can search in greater detail online."

Landgate field books are made up of field notes from completed land surveys, showing the relationship between the survey pegs and the surrounding features. Copies of Crown Plans are made available to private surveyors when Crown land is to be granted for future developments.

Mr Searle said the digitisation project had involved more than 40 people throughout Australia, including Landgate staff, industry experts and consultants and had taken nearly two years to complete.

"The project was part of Landgate's Customer Interface Renewal Project which has also seen the redevelopment of the Midland office," he said.

Licensed surveyors who have registered with My Landgate can now access Crown Plans and field books at www.landgate.wa.gov.au. To sign up for a My Landgate account, or for further information, please contact the Landgate customer contact centre on 9273 7341.

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