BUILDINGS & STREET SCAPES		
Architectural styles/eras	 Old Colonial (1788-1840) Victorian (1840-1890) Federation (1890-1915) Inter-War (1915-1940) Post-War (1940-1960) Late 20th Century (1960-present) 	
Australian Residential Styles	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_non-residential_architectural_styles	
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NSW Heritage Database	http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_04.cfm	
Book	A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architectural Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present by Apperly, Irving and Reynolds	
Building Signs	 can help identify streets check old directories (Sands for Sydney and Sands & McDougall for Melbourne) for business names 	
Street views	 Google Maps - http://maps.google.com.au/ Old maps see Trove http://trove.nla.gov.au/ - streets can change considerably over time 	
Telegraph poles	Dating old photos from light poles - http://www.telephonecollecting.org/lightpoles.htm	

CARS (NSW)		
Useful dates	 1912-> license plates included "NSW" pre-1924 - license plates were black lettering on white background pre-1937 - license plates contained numerals only 	
Vehicle registration	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vehicle registration plates of Australia#New South Wales	
Book	Australian Number Plates by the Blue Mountains Family History Association	
Examples of number plates	http://www.worldlicenseplates.com/world/AU_NSWX.html	
Tyres/Wheels	 basically skinnier profiles and bigger diameters are earlier visible badging or hubcap emblems – looking for manufacturers unique style and shapes 	
Body Style	 some body styles are uniquely Australia – the early utilities and the "sloper". is the bodywork an example of bespoke coachbuilding or mass produced – does it match any particular builders style of coachwork? 	
CLOTHING		
How to date old photos by costume	http://www.fashion-era.com/	
Australian fashion	http://www.eurekacouncil.com.au/Australian-Culture/australian-fashion.htm	
Book	Dating Family Photos 1850-1920 by Lenore Frost	

PHOTOGRAPHERS & PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESSES		
Look for a name/initials	Are there initials or a name written on the photo that can identify the photographer?	
Books	 Australians behind the camera: directory of early Australian photographers, 1841 to 1945 The Mechanical Eye in Australia by Alan Davies and Peter Stanbury The Care and Identification of 19th Century Photographic Prints by James M. Reilly 	
Albumen photographs	mostly out of use by the early 1900s - replaced by silver gelatine	
Examples of processes	• http://www.photoconservation.com - provides example images of different processes as well as a brief history and tips on how to identify them	
RAILWAYS & TRAMWAYS		
(AHRS) Library	Australian Railway Historical Society - http://www.arhsnsw.com.au/portal.htm	
Railway Commissioners Annual Reports	http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/result?q=Railway+Commissioners+Annual+Report	
Locomotives	check when locomotives (and sometimes wagons and passenger cars) went into service to narrow down a date	
Stations	check when a railway station opened (as well as additions/extensions to the station)	
Books (<i>Tramways</i>)	 by David Keenan on the Sydney Electric Tramway (many available at AHRS bookshop) The Greatest Public Work: the NSW Railways 1848-1889 by Robert Lee 	

OTHER RESOURCES		
TROVE	• http://trove.nla.gov.au/ (National Library of Australia) is a great place to start. You can search, among other things: old newspapers, maps, photos, books as well as some digitised archives	
Picture Australia	http://www.pictureaustralia.org/	
Books	Australian pictorial history books	
Ask the locals	Family/Local History Societies	