

1. To investigate scientifically and with an open mind, claims and events of an apparently paranormal or pseudo-scientific nature.
2. To inform Australians about these investigations and where possible to provide rational, scientific explanations.
3. To encourage the public to take a more critical and sceptical attitude to pseudo-science and the paranormal.

*Note: The Australian Skeptics are primarily concerned with claims and events connected with Australia. They do not reject a priori any paranormal claims without inquiry.*

These aims will be pursued by;

- Establishing a network of people interested in critically examining claims of the paranormal.
- Publishing a periodical.
- Publishing articles, monographs and books that examine claims of the paranormal.
- Preparing bibliographies of relevant published materials.
- Encouraging and commissioning research by objective and impartial inquirers.
- Conducting meetings, seminars and conferences.

The Skeptical Attitude means;

- Seeking all relevant factual evidence concerning an event, claim or theory.
- Keeping an open mind until a satisfactory explanation is found.
- Maintaining a position of uncertainty where there is insufficient or ambiguous evidence, recognizing that having no explanation at present is preferable to jumping to conclusions.
- Recognizing that the paranormal is very unlikely to occur because :
  - (a) no paranormal event has ever been satisfactorily proven
  - (b) paranormal events are inconsistent with generally accepted theories of science
- Avoiding cynicism as not being in the spirit of open minded inquiry.