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National President's Introduction

On behalf of the National Council of Museums Australia (MA) I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2011.

Strategic planning

The MA Council's Strategic Plan for 2012-2015 has provided a framework for short- and long-term implementation of the continuing Mission and Vision of MA, while also focusing on specific objectives and desired performance outcomes to strengthen MA as an organisation, both in terms of member services and achieving a sustainable financial position for the future of the organisation.

Sector-wide services

MA is acutely conscious of the need for continuity of services and advocacy for the sector. MA continues to advance sector-wide collaboration across institutions and member bodies that touch on a broad range of policy and social issues: notably cultural heritage; the environment; education; research; Indigenous issues; cultural diversity and creativity as positive platforms for nation-building; the socio-economic development of communities through cultural heritage, local identity and tourism; and the health and wellbeing of communities, given MA's unique geographical footprint across the country.

Advocacy

MA has prepared five major submissions in 2011 to federal inquiries or consultations on key issues affecting the sector. We have been communicating regularly with officers of the Australian government's Office for the Arts (OFTA), to ensure liaison and advocacy on cultural and museums sector issues at a federal level. Our State and Territory Branches have taken opportunities both for advocacy on specific matters within various jurisdictions, as well as pursuing opportunities to make direct connections with key national issues in arts and cultural heritage debates across the country.

Museum Metadata Exchange (MME) project

In 2011 the MME (Museum Metadata Exchange) collections digitisation project — a jointly auspiced project in partnership with CAMD (Council of Australasian Museum Directors) — was brought to completion under the terms of a grant provided by the Australian National Data Service (ANDS). The MME

project was long envisaged as achieving a nationally accessible platform for access to museums' collection-level data, to be more readily available to researchers and the public.

MA National Conference

Realisation of an outstanding 2011 MA National Conference (held in Perth, from 15-18 November 2011) was a peak event and highlight for the sector.

MA has now moved forward on long-range Conference planning. Strong planning is already moving concurrently on conferences in Adelaide (September 2012); Canberra (May 2013); and Launceston (likely also in May, 2014).

In relation to government support for the 2011 Conference, I particularly acknowledge the federal Office for the Arts (OFTA) for the special-purpose grant that enabled bursaries and remote-area participation in the very successful Regional + Remote Program of training workshops that has become a regular addition to the MA National Conference.

Partnerships

There continues to be a strong working relationship between ICOM Australia and MA, especially focused on fostering museum partnerships across the Asia-Pacific region. MA also continues to be a supporting partner to Blue Shield Australia in disaster preparedness planning and relief measures for museums and cultural heritage bodies in situations of natural disaster.

My final remarks are to convey to the MA membership that I will step down as National President at the 2012 AGM. It has been a pleasure and honour for three years to lead such an important national body for the museums sector. At Council's invitation, Mr Andrew Sayers AM, Director of the National Museum of Australia, will now assume the role of MA National President at the 2012 AGM. I have every confidence, on your behalf, in Andrew Sayers' leadership of MA in the next year, and his membership of CAMD will undoubtedly strengthen important sectoral links and stakeholder partnerships in the year ahead.



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National Director's Introduction

Throughout the pages of the Annual Report that follow, members and other readers will find both a broad overview and performance account for Museums Australia for the calendar year 2011, as well as some finer detailing of the work of the national association throughout this year.

On behalf of the National Office, now located within the National Museum of Australia (having moved from Old Parliament House in October 2011), brief highlights of achievements in 2011 include the following key changes in activities programs or services provision for the museums sector through the resources and agency of Museums Australia:

- Continuing upgrade and improvement in service functions (for all State/Territory branches, Networks and divisions) of the national MA Website;
- Ongoing review of MA's 22 National Networks (for specialist areas of museum work), and pursuit of a variety of member feedback surveys, forming the basis of an improved membership strategy for the association;
- Continued improvement of the quarterly MA
 Magazine and production system, its full public
 accessibility (including electronic access) with each
 new issue released; and an affirmative balance of
 content across different thematic areas, from capital
 city institutions to regional and volunteer-run
 museums, and affirmatively targeting regular inclusion
 of Indigenous subjects and colleagues, as well as
 regional and remote subjects and colleagues;
- Development of the social networking site <maNexus>
 to facilitate increased and more informal styles of
 communication suited to specific constituency needs;
 some reviewed National Networks (having been
 shown to have low capability for events delivery in a
 year) have been reconsidered by National Council as
 better maintained on the <maNexus> site to promote
 discussion groups and interaction among relevant
 groups of common interest which needs closer
 attention in 2012;

- Continued production of MA Jobs Bulletins, as requested, which remain one of the key organs for broadcast of professional employment vacancies and opportunities nationally; further service improvement was achieved through a publicly visible Jobs Bulletin Board calendar, maintained while positions are still open - which increases value for institutions advertising to fill vacancies, since it broadcasts to any visitors to MA'S website (not simply members);
- Continued partnership with the Australian National Committee (ICOM Australia) of the International Council of Museums (ICOM, Paris), to project the international associations and developmental paths for Australian colleagues accessing contacts with museums sector partners internationally; the ICOM Australia partnership, and promotion of international events through ICOM's 31 International Committees, is a regular strand of both Museums Australia's Magazine and e-Bulletin communication channels; Museums Australia has continued to administer the annual subscriptions and renewals for ICOM memberships;
- Advocacy on national issues affecting the museums sector: Museums Australia made strong and often detailed submissions to a number of federal government inquiries or policy consultations.

Further information about the work of Museums Australia in 2011 will be found in the various sections of this Report and on the MA website <www. museumsaustralia.org.au>



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National Council 2011-2013

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About Museums Australia

Background

Museums Australia (MA) was established in January 1994, arising from a planned decision to merge a number of separate museums associations long existing in Australia. A convergent desire emerged in the 1990s to strengthen the museums sector nationally (in its services delivery, policies, programs, training and interface with government): to pursue convergent objectives on a collaborative basis through one strong national body, with both institutional as well as individual membership supporting and providing direct expertise and input for the museums and galleries sector nationally.

MA draws individual and institutional resources as well as significant government and private sector support across some State/Territory jurisdictions (most strongly in Victoria and Western Australia), to support the development of museums and galleries across Australia and the communities they serve.

Scope

Museums Australia members resource, shape, provide expertise and input to ensure a dynamic national membership, development and services-delivery body, working through a constellation of eight State and Territory Branches, 18 sub-S/T Chapters, 23 specialist National Networks (previously Special Interest Groups), and supported in national administration and coordination by the MA National Office (located in Canberra).

Mission

Museums Australia is the national organisation of museums, galleries and museum professionals committed to the conservation, continuation and communication to all Australians of our national and cultural heritage, present and future, tangible and intangible.

As a non-government, non-profit body, Museums Australia promotes professional and ethical standards, facilitates training, advances knowledge, addresses issues, and raises public awareness through its national and international networks

Values

- MA champions its membership and the museums sector as resources for social development, based on equality of opportunity and support for intellectual, cultural and social diversity.
- MA promotes an understanding of heritage as including natural and cultural, tangible and intangible dimensions. Heritage is conserved through particular objects and people, sites and places, events and narratives, music and performance, song, dance, scientific research, history and other human activities that convey knowledge and bear cultural meaning.
- MA affirms that governments and communities share responsibility to support and resource the conservation and communication of the nation's heritage.
- MA believes that the distinctive work museums and galleries pursue in conjunction with communities in preservation, research, interpretation, education and public programming is critical to the conservation of the nation's memory.
- MA recognises Australia's Indigenous peoples as the nation's First Peoples and is committed to ensuring that Indigenous people have control and management of their cultural heritage and are active participants in any interpretation to the wider community.
- MA supports ICOM's Australian National Committee

 as MA's 'international committee' which offers
 important resources for extending the national
 museum sector's contacts and access to international
 networks for professional development, partnerships
 and exchange.

National Association Funding

The work of the Association is primarily enabled through its members (large and small Institutional Members as well as Individual Members.) Membership fees support the Association's activities across all States and Territories.

In 2011, MA National Office was granted 3-year funding provision through the 2008/09 round of multi-year Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO) program, administered by the then Department of the Environment, Heritage, Water and the Arts (DEWHA). The GVEHO grant provided up to \$30,000 annually to assist coverage of administrative costs of the national association for the three-year period ending in June 2011.

ICOM Australia partnership and resource-sharing:
MA also received some secretariat funding from ICOM
Australia, to assist the close partnership whereby
MA administers ICOM membership and renewals
for the Australian National Committee of ICOM (the
International Council of Museums, headquartered in
Paris).

Museums Australia (Victoria) and Museums Australia (WA) are meanwhile substantially funded through their state governments to provide services to the museums and galleries within their respective states.

Governance Framework and Organisational Structure

The MA National Council, supported by the MA National Office (MANO), oversees the development of operations, policies, services, national strategy and advocacy, to advance the agreed aims of the organisation.

Governance of MA as an Association is conducted in accordance with the Museums Australia Constitution and By-Laws, including some modifications for Museums Australia Divisions that were adopted in 2004, with subsequent minor amendments by Council in 2008.

National Council Standing Committees

Active National Council Standing Committees operating in 2011 covered Membership and Publications. A new Standing Committee for National Awards will be established in early 2012.

Management and Accountability

Museums Australia

- Respects the work of all parts of the organisation and will avoid unnecessary duplication.
- Is committed to effective liaison and communication within the organisation.
- Promotes and upholds the highest professional practices and ethical values in its work with Australian museums and their communities.
- Is a fair and equitable employer.

Audit

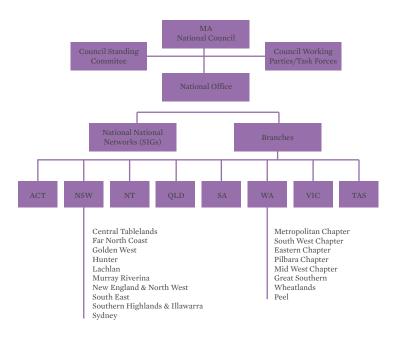
Museums Australia conducts an annual financial audit in line with the ACT Registrar-General's Office regulations. The annual audit is facilitated and consolidated by the National Office and the nominated Auditor (AccountAbility) - principal, Mr Anthony Wilson.

Ethical Standards

Staff and volunteers of the national association provide MA's most highly valued, collective repository of expertise, experience, collegial input and resources.

MA places a high priority on ensuring safe, healthy, supportive and productive workplaces. MA National Office is currently working on policies and procedures to advance workplace standards as part of an ongoing initiative to provide tools supporting development of all divisions of the association.

MA members are bound by Museums Australia's *Code of Ethics*, and Museums Australia - especially through its partnership with ICOM Australia - upholds the *ICOM Code of Ethics for Museums* (2004) as the international base-standards code promulgated by the International Council of Museums (Paris) (3rd, revedition), ICOM, Paris 2006. Museums Australia National Director, Bernice Murphy, has chaired the ICOM Ethics Committee (Paris) for seven years (2005-2011).



Human Resources Management

Museums Australia National Council performed a review of MA's national human resources management in late 2011, which will be continuing in 2012.

Staff

At 31 December 2011, Museums Australia employed 19 people across all divisions, including 3 contractors, 4 full-time employees and 12 part-time employees. Of these, 17 were female and 2 were male.

Museums Australia National Office (MANO)

The National Office (located at the National Museum of Australia) maintains two full-time employees: Manager of National Operations, Lee Scott; and Assistant Manager Communications, Stephanie Hamilton. The National Director meanwhile continued to provide externally contracted services in 2011 as a 0.8FTE position based in the National Office. In September/October 2011, the MA National Office relocated from the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House to the National Museum of Australia, Canberra.

New South Wales

New South Wales branch Executive Officer, Paul Bentley, again guided State Branch activities in 2011 on a part-time basis under the MA-NSW Executiive Committee and state President (Andrew Simpson). Paul Bentley was again been greatly involved in the maintenance and growth of the NSW Branch in 2011, including volunteering many hours in addition to the limited hours remunretaed under contract.

Victoria

MA (Vic) State Branch (working out of generous office facilities in the Melbourne Museum) supports a dynamic team of full-time, part-time and contracted positions, headed by Executive Director, Laura Miles. MA (Vic)is responsible for providing various programs and services across Victoria, including the important Museum Accreditation Program and Victorian Collections.

Western Australia

At the end of 2011, MA-WA supported 3 part-time staff. MA-WA Executive Officer, Jane King, left MA in November to take up a new position with the State Library Foundation in WA - after helping to coordinate and present the successful 2011 Museums Australia

National Conference in Perth, and providing invaluable support for the WA museums sector through MA for many years. A new EO for MA-WA starts in March 2012.

South Australia

MA (South Australia) received targeted funding from the SA Government in 2011: specifically to employ a part-time contractor to provide administrative support for the MA National Conference to be held in Adelaide in September 2012. Anne Johnson was accordingly contracted for 1 year to support the Conference Organising Committee leading up to the 2012 Conference.

All other MA divisions and sub-divisions are fully operated by colleagues acting as *volunteers* - often serving on a wide array of committees - providing steerage for the association's services outreach, national and regional collaboration, and development of all parts of the sector according to varied specialisations, goals, programs and projects resourced and national basis.

Privacy and Records Management

MA members' personal and financial information is maintained in strictest confidentiality, in line with Museums Australia's Privacy Policy Statement. MA does not keep financial information about members on file.

Financial records, including membership transactions, are maintained (electronically and offsite) for at least five years, and human resources records for seven years. MA's membership database archives are maintained electronically, and date back to the incorporation of the association in January 1994 (in line with Section 67 of the Associations Incorporations Act 1991). The current membership database is stored online using the MA Content Management System designed and maintained by Link Digital, and updated by MA Australia National Office. The database is a dynamic online system, allowing the National Office, Branch and Network representatives and members to access and update relevant information.

Museums Australia National Office will be conducting branch-wide audits on records management in 2012-13, with the aim of streamlining filing, archives and library resources, and digitising records across all offices.

Branches

Australian Capital Territory

President Carol Cartwright
Vice-President Roxanne Lamby
Secretary Kassandra Hobbs
Treasurer Glenda Smith

Committee members

Claire Baddeley Gabrielle Hyslop Roger Garland Alex Marsden Kate Morschel Lyn Beasley

The ACT Branch has spent considerable time and energy on planning for the 2013 National Conference which will be held in Canberra (17 - 20 May 2013).

MA-ACT is working closely with the Professional Conference Organiser (Conference Logistics), which has been contracted to coordinate the next three National Conferences. We have consulted with the wider ACT membership about the 2013 theme and decided to conduct a tightly focussed conference that will highlight *nation*, *industry* and *workforce* sub-themes, as well as utilising the latest technologies in social media as communication tools for delegates. The 2013 Conference Organising Group has established five sub-committees, each with a clear governance structure for reporting and accountability.

MA-ACT again offered a comprehensive calendar of professional development and recreational events for members in 2011, concluding with a particularly well-attended Christmas party at the National Library of Australia.

ACT Branch offered two bursaries of \$1,000 each to assist with costs for registration and travel to Perth to attend the MA National Conference in November 2011. These bursaries were awarded to: Kate Gardener, from the Canberra Museum & Gallery; and Carlie Wilson, from the Australian War Memorial. Both made excellent post-conference presentations at an MA-ACT Branch meeting subsequently. ACT Branch acted again as a partner in the 2011 NSW IMAGinE awards, contributing \$2,000 and providing one of the judges for these awards. ACT Branch was also a partner in the National Symposium on *Museums, Memory and Ethics*, realised at the National Museumof Australia in May 2011 to celebrate International Museum Day.

The ACT Branch plan identifies four strategic priorities:

- · Undertake advocacy and communication
- Develop business practices, infrastructure and resources
- · Enhance members' programs; and
- · Plan for the 2013 MA National Conference

ACT Branch looks forward to hosting the 2013 MA National Conference in Canberra's centenary year, and anticipates a pre-conference membership drive to enable all museum workers and volunteers to have the opportunity to attend a rich event at best-possible rates.

New South Wales

President Andrew Simpson
Vice-President Vicki Northey
Secretary Geoff Barker
Treasurer Rebecca Pinchin

Committee Members

Gay Hendriksen Maree Clutterbuck
Jenny Horder Andrea Fernandes
Gina Hammond Bronwyn Coulston

Executive Officer Paul Bentley

MA-NSW's major event in 2011 was the state symposium, *Place, Space and Identity: New Directions for NSW Museums.* Organised primarily to stimulate ideas for the Arts NSW strategic review of the museum sector, the symposium also generated revenue for the NSW branch and helped to strengthen relationships with institutions, chapters, members and students. Support for the event by Arts NSW, the Powerhouse Museum, Macquarie University, the Museums Appreciation Society and other sponsors was a significant factor in the event's success.



Other NSW events and professional development activities in 2011 included a series of tours and talks in Sydney. The IMAGinE Awards, presented in partnership with Museums and Galleries NSW, Public and Regional Galleries NSW and Museums Australia ACT Branch, celebrated outstanding achievements by NSW and ACT museums and galleries. The branch also provided bursaries to the 2011 National Conference in Perth.

NSW Branch experienced a small operating surplus in 2011 (instead of a projected deficit budget of \$3000). A substantial drop in membership revenue was off-set by income from the state symposium, operational cost containment and increased voluntary effort.

On the advocacy front, MA-NSW prepared three submissions in 2011: one to Arts NSW on supporting regional and community museums and galleries in NSW; one to the NSW Office of Communities on a NSW volunteering strategy; and a third to the Federal Office for the Arts (OFTA) in relation to the National Cultural Policy. These submissions drew attention to the need for governments to clarify responsibilities, assist in transforming the use of technology, facilitate cross-sectoral mechanisms, provide appropriate levels of funding, and develop policies on other related issues.

MA-NSW gave advice to members and others on a diverse range of topics, including cleaning museum objects; local government planning and cultural heritage buildings; architectural design specifications; lists of Australian museums and public galleries; using computers to manage collections; museum acquisitions; tax incentives; cultural policy and social enterprise; finding voluntary work in museums; designing exhibition spaces; and displaying art and Aboriginal objects.

MA-NSW's branch newsletter, *Museum Matters*, carried features on NSW museum strategies, museums and the media, and the Powerhouse Museum Migrant Heritage Centre, as well as coverage of state news and international museum trends. To complement the NSW group on MA's national social media site, <maNexus>, our NSW Twitter account, now with 250 followers, offers another channel to promote branch activities and receive information. Further plans to enhance the branch website, online channels and publications are in train.

As the national association clocks up a long legacy of 75 years of working on behalf of the museum sector

nationally (since the oldest former body, the Musuems Association of Australia (MAA) was established to bring together natural history and science musuems as far back as the late 1930s), the MA-NSW branch has established an evolving history page on its website, and is planning to add supplementary pages to acknowledge the work of those who have contributed to the branch over many years, to provide insights on challenges faced by the sector over a long period.

Our chapters continued to provide valuable support to museums and historical societies in their regions, through professional development activities, networking opportunities and newsletters.

Northern Territory

President Michelle Smith
Vice-President Michael Cawthorn
Secretary/Treasurer Janie Mason

Committee members

Helen Joraslafsky Jenny Bloomfield John Bloomfield Joanna Barrkman

As part of our advocacy work in the Territory, MA (NT) followed up with the NT government on the progress of the *Building our Museums and Galleries* (BOMAGS). So far the report has not been made public.

In support of the MA National Conference in Perth, MA (NT) offered bursaries for individual members of MA who had never attended an MA National Conference, however due to a range of circumstances, the bursaries were not taken up in 2011.

MA (NT) President, Michelle Smith, was unexpectedly tasked with a major museum development project in 2011, resulting in reduced capacity to carry out planned tasks associated with Northern Territory membership services.

In 2012, MANT will continue to follow up the results of the BOMAGS consultations and lobby for the release of the final report. Hopefully this will result in some good outcomes for the regional museum sector in the Northern Territory and MA (NT) will continue to work with the division of Arts and Culture to progress the cause of the sector.

MA (NT) has agreed to support the Fourth International Congress of Women's Museums, which will be held in Alice Springs in May 2012. This is a very exciting event and MA (NT) hopes to welcome visitors from across Australia as well as internationally. Committee member, Helen Joraslafsky, at the National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame, is coordinating the event after having attended the previous three events in different countries.

Queensland

President Lisa Jones
Secretary Josh Tarrant
Treasurer Brian Tucker

In 2011 MA (Qld) continued to offer a Professional Development Bursary Program, to address the training and professional development needs of museums, their staff and their volunteers. Eight individual bursaries of up to \$500 were awarded, five to attend the M&GSQ State Conference in Mackay (Susan Purnell, Gympie Regional Gallery; Karen Barrett, Transport & Main Roads Heritage Centre; Elizabeth Gondwe, Talisah Edwards & Petrina Walker, North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum); and three (Wendy Birrell, Discover Eumundi; Ross Bower and Peter Smith, Redland Museum) to attend the SEQ Small Museums Conference at the Gold Coast. MA (Qld) also awarded a bursary to one volunteer (Alice O'Brien, Queensland Police Museum) to attend the MA National Conference in Perth in November.

2011 saw the last issue of M&GSQ's grant program for Museum Standards participants. MA (Qld) made the donation of \$50,000 for this program in 2008. Grants of up to \$5,000 per standards organisation were made available over a three-year period from 2009 to 2011.

MA (Qld) also continued to sponsor a prize for M&GSQ's Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards (GAMAA), and provided \$1,000 to the winner of the category, Individual: Volunteer. This year this category was won by Elaine Madill from the Wondai Regional Art Gallery.

Throughout 2011 MA (Qld) continued to work closely with Museum and Gallery Services Queensland, to help deliver services such as the 2011 *Mentorship, Exchange and Fellowship Program* and the M&GSQ State Conference: *Making a Difference*, held in Mackay. As part of the conference, MA (Qld) also sponsored Murray Massey from Cardwell to attend as one of the speakers.

MA (Qld) member services are administered by Museum and Gallery Services Queensland. The M&GSQ report can be accessed through their website at http://www.magsq.com.au/01_cms/details.asp?ID=1





South Australia

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Vice-President Jill Mackenzie
Secretary Regan Forrest
Treasurer Alexis Tindall

Committee Members

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Pauline Cockrill

Executive Officer Anne Johnson

MA (SA) held a number of events in 2011 but with the focus of the state committee currently on the 2012 National Conference in Adelaide, programs have been a lower priority.

MA (SA) hosted a bus tour to the Adelaide Hills in October, with a group of around 20 people visiting The Cedars (Hans Heysen's studio and residence); Louise Flierl Mission Museum (Hahndorf); Hahndorf Academy; National Motor Museum; Chain of Ponds winery; and Old Highercombe Hotel (Tea Tree Gully). Photos from the day have been posted on <maNexus>.

MA (SA) sponsored an Interpretation Australia training event with consultant Susan Cross, who was one of the MA/IA 2011 Conference keynote speakers. In exchange for the Branch's sponsorship, MA members were able to register at this full-day interpretive writing workshop at the IA member rate. The event proved so popular that a duplicate workshop was staged. Of the participants who returned an evaluation form of the event, 29% stated that they are MA members.

As in previous years the monthly breakfast meeting in December 2011 was organised as a Christmas event, with complimentary coffee and door prizes. This has proven attractive to members and was a great success. MA (SA) meanwhile continues to hold a monthly breakfast on the first Friday of every month, at a city centre café.

Planning for the 2012 National Conference in Adelaide (24-28 September) has been a priority among the SA Branch Committee. Notable progress has been made including confirming seven keynote speakers from America, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Australia. Feedback to date is that these speakers will be popular drawcards to the Conference. Other speakers have been approached and we are currently in negotiations for a variety of presentations.

Tasmania

President Chris Tassell
Vice-President Elspeth Wishart
Secretary Linda Clark
Treasurer Sue Atkinson

Committee members

Bill Seager Kate Morris Elizabeth Adkins Kirsten Brett

Museums Australia (Tasmania) had a relatively inactive 2011. Treasurer Sue Atkinson contributed a great article to *Museums Australia Magazine* in November 2011 (Vol. 20(2)) and Samuel Dix from Narryna Heritage Museum wrote an article on how winning the 2010 ABC Radio National Regional Museums Award in Vol. 19(4) May 2011. Tasmanian members can keep up to date with what is happening in the state sector by subscribing to the blog http://tassiemuseums.edublogs.org/. There are many events planned in 2012.

Museums Australia (Tasmania) will be hosting the 2014 Museums Australia National Conference which will be held in May in Launceston.

Victoria

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Secretary David Demant
Treasurer Ian Scott

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Jo-Anne Cooper
Jim McMann
Executive Director
Laura Miles

In 2011 MA (Vic) faced a challenging year of campaigning to reinstate key project funding, with a lobbying campaign to reinstate the Community Collections Training and the Museum Assistance Grants programs, involving over 60 community museums and ABC media coverage.

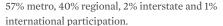
At mid-year we undertook a restructure to refocus on core services and reposition the state Branch to respond to changes and opportunities. At the start of 2011, the MA (Vic) staff comprised 8.6 FTE, downsized to 7.0 at year's end. By year's end we had applied for over \$1m in project funding, with a 27% return rate.

This targeted fundraising effort enabled MA (Vic) to continue regional training in flood-affected areas of Victoria with philanthropic support, and develop Victorian Collections, which has over 4,000 items catalogued, while pursuing discussions with three other states to standardise collections-level data. MA (Vic) also loaned out 'digital packs' of laptops, scanners, digital cameras and 3G internet connections to 36 groups across Victoria requiring hardware support to catalogue and digitise significant items in local collections.

In 2011 MA (Vic) offered a total of 68 events including exclusive member events, lectures, workshops and masterclasses, cross-referenced with museum feedback to ensure a balanced needs-based program. We also supported the hosts of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 MA Conferences in Perth, Adelaide and Canberra, through production of a new Conference Handbook.

Attendance figures are on our projected 2011-2013 growth model, with a 50% improvement on 2008 despite no corresponding increase in staffing, with figures of 1,881 in 2011 (2010: 1,515; 2009: 1,446; 2008: 1,219). Our target participation ratio is 50:50 between metropolitan and regional attendees, and in 2011 our audience comprised





Victoria's revised Digital Strategy rolled out extensive branding, navigation and context changes to MA (Vic)'s website, which attracted over 300,000 visits in 2011. Over 100 publication and collateral items with a circulation of 51,000 were produced in-house by our expert team in 2011, in line with the *National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries version 1.2.* This includes INSITE magazine, which switched to full colour digital printing in 2011.

The Victorian Museum Accreditation Program is in line with projections, with 13 site assessments conducted, five enrolments and five accreditations/reaccreditations acheived, bringing the total number of museums in the Program to 70. We congratulate both the National Sports Museum and the Dax Centre, who were newly accredited this year.

Seven Exhibition Grants were devolved in 2011, along with site visits to 26 museums, 100 venues surveyed for hosting capacity, and 27 local government arts officers interviewed to gauge their support for museums and galleries.

As the economic situation puts pressure on the arts and cultural heritage sector, MA (Vic) extends a special thank you to our major funders and supporters: Arts Victoria, the Department of Business and Innovation, Victorian Cultural Network, Sidney Myer Foundation, Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, PROV Local History Grants, City of Melbourne, Dell, Telstra, and our 23 strategic and 33 collaborative partners.



Special thanks is reserved for Museum Victoria for its enduring support of the Victorian Branch of MA in providing in-kind office space, access to utilities and IT support, meeting rooms, exclusive member events and the expertise of staff and volunteers across their four venues.

Finally the Branch is grateful for the ongoing support from Branch Committee President, Daniel Wilksch, together with the members of our Branch and Advisory Committees, panellists, mentors and volunteers who collectively support our diverse services to the community.

Western Australia

President Soula Veyradier
Vice-President Lorraine Fitzpatrick
Secretary Christen Bell
Treasurer Robert Mitchell

Committee members

Catherine CzerwCathy DayBarbara MattersPhilippa RodgersKate GregoryJude Eastwood SavageExecutive OfficerJane King (to Nov 2011)

Museums Australia (WA) had an extremely successful and busy year in 2011.

Hosting the inaugural Museums Australia/Interpretation Australia National Conference was a very exciting and challenging task, given our limited staff resources. However, the conference was a great success, attracting over 500 delegates from this state, interstate and internationally. There was a diverse and talented line-up of keynote and plenary speakers, many of whom sparked

discussion and debate not only throughout the conference but on an on-going basis.

In an innovative step, Museums Australia introduced a 'public program' component to the conference through a public 'Community Conversations' event which saw WA Museum chief executive officer, Alec Coles OBE, and Thinker in Residence Paul Collard, discussing the important role that the arts, culture and creativity play in the development and wellbeing of children and young people. This event was held in the Perth Cultural Centre and was open and free to the public. It was inspiring to see and hear so many members of the public joining in the debates and offering their views on the subject.

This was coupled with a special showing of compiled footage from cultural institutions and events throughout the state on the large LED screen recently erected in the Perth Cultural Centre

Our professional development program also saw some very well patronised workshops in our Masterclass series. Developed in partnership with the Office of Heritage in Western Australia, these workshops explored the many different and fascinating implications of interpretation. This was coupled with an education symposium that examined through our speakers the opportunities that are being opened to museums through the adoption of the new national curriculum.

The all-important regions in Western Australia were not forgotten and a special effort was made to provide timely and useful workshops for this component of our database as well as ensuring that we secured bursaries for our regional members to take advantage of the National Conference being held in Western Australia, an event that only happens once every eight to ten years.

Whilst there was a lot of hard work and a plethora of meetings throughout 2011 to bring all of the elements together, the satisfaction of receiving the many positive comments about the conference, in particular, made it all worthwhile. Museums Australia (WA) is justly proud of its achievements. in 2011





National Networks

Review of National Networks

Museums Australia's National Networks encompass the specialist areas of the sector nationally. Their activities provide important membership benefits, both within the association as a social body and in stimulating development of the sector as a whole. It is vital that the National Networks remain relevant and engaged for members.

In 2010 Museums Australia began the task of reviewing the list of currently available National Networks, to determine their status as 'active' or 'inactive', and to establish what benefits each offers to members. This review has been undertaken in consultation with the Network administrators and members. The review continued in 2011 and has resultant recommendations that will be implemented in 2012.

The major evaluation recommendation to National Council is that several of the National Networks, including one paid Network, will - at the Annual General Meeting 2012 - be disbanded as constitutional divisions of the association, in favour of becoming more informal discussion groups on <maNexus>, MA's social media site.

Museums Australia meanwhile acknowledges the dedication and expertise of so many of the Network administrators and contributors, who volunteer their time and services to members

National Network Activities

Most paid National Networks engaged with their members throughout 2011 through regular newsletters, surveys, social events, bursaries, sponsorships and dedicated conference streams. Several Networks held their own programs and events in 2011.

Council of Australian University Museums and Collections (CAUMAC)

CAUMAC continued to fund research into museums and collections in the tertiary education sector as a way of updating the 1990s Cinderella Collections Report data (see MA Annual Report 2010 for more information on this project). A total of 400 university museums and collections in Australia were identified.

This sector-wide data gathering exercise will enable CAUMAC to connect with key stakeholders and inform future advocacy efforts.

International Museum Theatre Alliance – Asia Pacific (IMTALAP)

The 2011 IMTAL conference, for people focused on museum theatre, was held over four and a half days in Melbourne and Ballarat in October. The event attracted more than 80 delegates, drawn from all over Australia, the UK, New Zealand, USA and China, and proved to be a great success.





Read about the conference in *Museums Australia Magazine*, Vol. 20(2) November 2011, and on the IMTALAP website http://www.imtalap.org/

Museums Australia Education National Network (MAENN)

The Museums Australia Education National Network and its branches hosted several events in 2011.

In March a major education event was held at the University of Canberra, which brought together museums educators and university education method lecturers to discuss common practice and how to further this important connection. A variety of education-focused sessions were presented at the Perth MA National Conference, and MAENN also continued its advocacy role in relation to the new Australian Curriculum.

The ACT Branch (IMAGE) again presented their annual program, Keys to Canberra, which connects educators with museum education programs.

Maritime Museums

The Australian Maritime Museums Council presented their 2011 annual conference in Mannum, South Australia, at the Mannum Dock Museum (23-26 March). The conference had a very successful attendance and focused on building support in Maritime Museums, especially in regional communities. The AMMC conference offers members and associates a forum to debate issues that are specific to maritime collections, to share information in practical workshops, and to provide avenues for members to build their networks. The conferences also provide opportunities for members and sectoral colleagues to visit new ports and new coastlines, with introductions provided by local experts.

The AMMC 2011 conference papers have been published on the AMMC's website http://ammcouncil.ning.com

Museum Historians

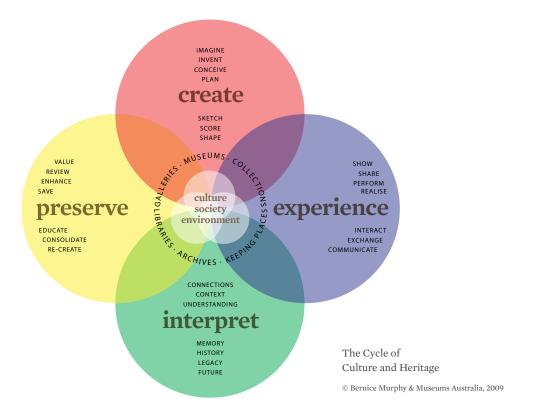
The Museum Historians National Network held their Global Curator exchange program for the third consecutive year, in association with the Curator's Committee of the American Association of Museums, and with the support of ICOM Australia. More information on the 2011 Global Curator program is available on the MA website http://www.museumsaustralia.org.au/site/museumhistorians.php

Performing Arts Heritage (PASIG)

The 2011 PASIG annual conference was held in conjunction with Australasian Sound Recordings Association (ASRA) and the Australian branch of the International Association of Music Librarians (IAML). Titled 'Raising the Standards', this event took place in Canberra, 23 - 25 November 2011. PASIG members attended a joint day on 24 November 2011 at the National Library of Australia, with papers presented by representatives from across each group. A PASIG-specific day was held on 25 November 2011 at Gorman House Arts Centre, and included presentations from members and Canberra guests, as well as an Annual General Meeting.







Advocacy

Museums Australia made strong and often detailed submissions to a number of federal government inquiries or policy consultations on key issues as follows:

- Submission to NBN Inquiry (re. National Broadband Network); House of Representatives Inquiry (Museums Australia, Canberra, 25 February 2011).
- Submission to Review of Private Sector Support for the Arts (Mr Harold Mitchell AC, Review Chair, & Review Team, Office for the Arts), for The Hon Simon Crean MP, Minister for the Arts, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Museums Australia, Canberra, 8 July 2011).
- Submission on the Exposure Draft of the 2011
 Strategic Roadmap for Australian Research
 Infrastructure, National Research Infrastructure
 Council (NRIC) and Department of Innovation,

- Industry, Science and Research (Museums Australia, 22 July 2011).
- Museums Australia Submission on Immunity from Seizure for Cultural Objects on Loan, to Office for the Arts (The Hon Simon Crean MP, Minister for the Arts); (Museums Australia, Canberra, 21 September 2011).
- Repositioning the Culture and Creativity of all Australians: Museums Australia submission to National Cultural Policy Taskforce, 2011 (Museums Australia, Canberra, 21 October 2011).

These submissions, along with those made in past years, can be found on the MA website:
http://museumsaustralia.org.au/site/whatwedo_advocacy_submissions.php

Membership

Museums Australia membership finished 2011 with a modest, but positive growth in member numbers overall, having achieved a total of 1483 members.

Snapshot of Membership

MA's Individual members range from professional and executive members across the sector to students and volunteers - from both large metropolitan museums and galleries to small regional historical societies. MA's Individual membership is drawn from a wide variety of employment backgrounds and interests, including conservation, curating, education, art and design, visitor research, marketing, museum theatre, natural history and science, local and family history, historic sites and collections of general interest. This diversity serves to enrich both MA membership and member services in a shared dedication to enhancing Australia's heritage and its conservation, as well as increasing networked access of information and resources to diverse publics.

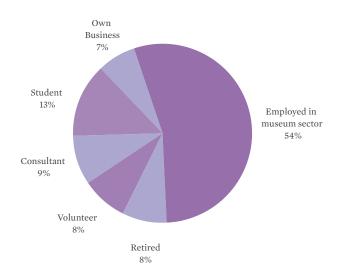
MA's Institutional membership numbers 699 Australian institutions (both large and small). However, in reality, this number represents many thousands of staff, volunteers and friends nationally.

Total Membership

Total members	1483
Institutional	699
Individual	784
New members	260
Lapsed members	274
Total renewed	1199 (81%)

New Members

Museums Australia has warmly welcomed all of our new members who joined in 2011. New memberships were spread relatively evenly throughout the year, with a small spike leading up to the National Conference (held in Perth). Branches actively promoted Museums Australia, leading to a positive growth in member numbers and responsiveness. Museums Australia also welcomes two new major state Institutional members: the South Australian Museum (Adelaide) and the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (Hobart).



Individual membership by employment

Membership Strategy and Development

In 2011 Museums Australia National Office (MANO), in conjunction with the new National Council Standing Committee for Membership, has been developing strategies for enhancing MA member services and benefits. One important benefit targeted in this work is 'membership card recognition' at Australian institutions.

MANO has received some positive responses from our largest institutional members regarding discounts offered to Museums Australia members on presentation of their member card. A list will be available on the MA website in early 2012. MANO will continue to liaise with institutions in Australia, and hopefully also New Zealand, and both increase and enrich this array of member benefits in 2012.

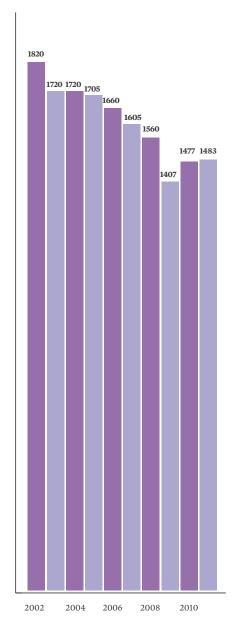
Lapsed Member Surveys continue to be sent to those who have not renewed their MA membership. As in 2011, the number of members who renew after such individual approaches is approximately 15%.

From Lapsed Member Surveys in recent years MA has determined that one of the main weaknesses of the association is a lack of sufficient diversified communication with members and the organisation of relevant events by some branches and National Networks throughout the year.

MA branches and National Networks have accordingly been encouraged by National Council to review their activities and communication policies, and there has been a positive response from members in 2011 based on this direct approach.

MA divisions will be offering members a wider range of activities in 2012 – and members are urged to make sure their email addresses are up-to-date on the national database.

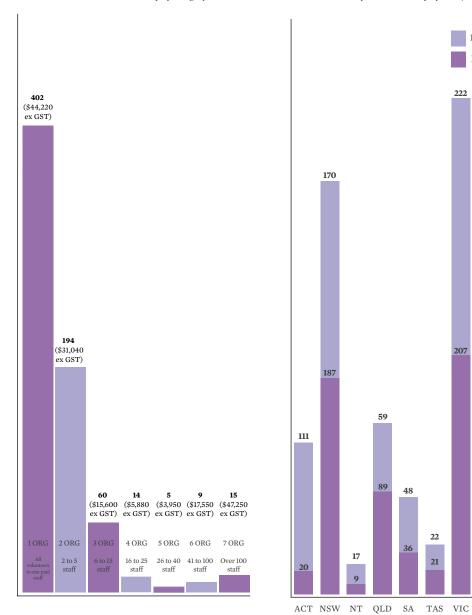
Trends in total membership by year 2002-2011





Total end of year membership by State/Territory

Individual
Institutional



Events

The following national events were held in 2011. A wide range of state- and chapter-run events were held throughout the year, details of which can be found in the State Branches section of this Annual Report.

National Conference 2011 (Perth, WA)

The 2011 Museums Australia National Conference was held in partnership with Interpretation Australia at the State Theatre Centre in Perth, Western Australia (14 - 18 November 2011). The theme for 2011 was 'At the Frontier: Exploring the Possibilities'.

The traditional 'R and R' day (presenting the Regional + Remote program prior to the Conference opening) was this year replaced by the CRS (Community, Regional and Specialist) Day, conducted on the Wednesday of the conference week. This regional program (as well as the Indigenous stream throughout the main conference program) was generously supported through bursaries sponsored by the Australian Government's Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Office for the Arts), and Western Australia's LotteryWest.

A wonderful regionally-centred program, imaginatively prepared by the Organising Committee, was well attended and much appreciated by far-travelled delegates who were treated to a range of interesting presentations, complemented by practical workshops in various aspects of museology, also highlighting some case studies of innovative projects being undertaken in the regions

across the nation.

Completing the 2011 National Conference package in Perth, a number of specially tailored 'Conference public programs' were presented. These included the 'Community Conversations' initiative, which involved Paul Collard, the Thinker in Residence for the Commissioner of Children and Young People; and Alec Coles OBE, Chief Executive Officer of the WA Museum. Both events explored the important roles that the arts, culture and creativity play in the development and wellbeing of children and young people, laying down tracks for life-long learning. An appreciative and interactive audience lined the Wetlands Stage in the Perth Cultural Centre Precinct to discuss this topic – with some high-value insights offered by both audience members and the speakers.

Museums Australia would especially like to thank its sponsors and supporters for their generous contributions to the success of the 2011 National Conference – in particular the conference's Principal Sponsor, the Government of Western Australia (Department of Culture and the Arts).

A selection of conference papers is available on the Museums Australia website: <www.museumsaustralia.org.au>.

The 2012 Museums Australia National Conference will be held from 24-28 September 2012, at the University of Adelaide, South Australia. The theme is *Research and collections in a connected world*.



Museums, Memory & Ethics

Museums Australia National Symposium, 19-20 May 2011, National Museum of Australia, Canberra

International Museum Day (IMD), set by the International Council of Museums (ICOM), was themed in 2011 around 'Memory and Museum'. To coincide with this event on 18 May, and Museums Australia's own Annual General Meeting, Museums Australia held a two-day national symposium, with workshops, entitled 'Museums, Memory and Ethics'. Museums Australia decided to link this important memory theme for museums worldwide in 2011 with an equally compelling and topical theme for museums: a broadening ethics of practice affecting all areas of museums' work – from their collections and exhibitions to a more vibrant public interface and engagement with diverse audiences.

The MA symposium, held on 18-19 May 2011 at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra, brought together nationally and internationally renowned experts and colleagues to speak on current projects and innovations in the areas of history, exhibiting 'memory' in museums, and the important issues surrounding ethics and museum practice. On the second day, delegates participated in workshops, facilitated by Dr Jennifer Barrett (University of Sydney), Dr Andrew Simpson (Macquarie University), and Dr Jonathan Sweet (Deakin

University). These workshops were designed to lay the groundwork for a review and revision of the Museums Australia Code of Ethics (1999).

Acknowledgements

Museums Australia greatly appreciates the generous sponsorship for this national symposium by Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, MA (ACT), and ICOM Australia, and for the support of National Museum of Australia.





Awards

Museums Australia offers congratulations to all winners of the 2011 Awards programs, and salutes the sector for its continued repositioning of museums, galleries and cultural creativity through the strong impact of such successful awards programs.

MAGNA 2011

The Museums and Galleries National Awards

(MAGNA) were established in 2011 by Museums Australia to celebrate and reward excellence in museum practice across the cultural heritage sector, highlighting the success of Australia's museums, galleries and cultural organisations, from small volunteer-run associations to the largest state and national institutions.

The Awards program encourages excellence and recognises the significant positive impact of our highest achievers in contributing to the sector, by establishing benchmark excellence in Exhibitions, Public Programs, and projects and developments that promote ethical and sustainable practices.

The 2011 MAGNAs were presented at the Museums Australia's National Conference dinner held in the historic Hackett Hall Gallery, Western Australian Museum in Perth on Thursday 17 November 2011.

The NATIONAL WINNER of the 2011 MAGNAs was the Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material for this body's *Development of Guidelines for Environmental Conditions for Museum and Galleries*. The Judges commented that 'This project holds great significance for the cultural and heritage sector throughout Australia as it builds knowledge, skills, understanding and standards for keeping collections safely into the future, both in storage and whilst on display. These guidelines will become the well-thumbed or bookmarked resource that remains on every gallery, library, archive and museum professional's desk.'

Information on all the winning MAGNA entries can be found on the Museums Australia website http://www.museumsaustralia.org.au/site/magna2011_winners.php

Acknowledgements

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MA (VIC) Victorian Museum Awards

Proudly presented by Museums Australia (Victoria), the 17th annual **Victorian Museum Awards** were announced on Thursday, 4 August 2011, at the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, with special guest host, Rod Quantock, presiding over the buoyant event.

The Victorian Museum Awards celebrate the value and strong diversity of the museums sector in Victoria and they aim to promote best practice in all elements of museum operations. Awards are offered in a range of categories, including individuals (volunteer and paid) and institutions (volunteer-run, small, medium and large).

Further information on the 2011 Victorian state winners and highly commended awardees can be found at the MA (Vic) website http://www.mavic.asn.au/awards

MAPDA 2011

The Museums Australia Multimedia and Publication Design Awards (MAPDA) for 2011 once again celebrated excellence in design in the museums and galleries sector across Australia and New Zealand. 2011 was a 'bumper year' for entries, and the overall standard was outstanding.

The 2011 Awards were presented as part of the Museums Australia National Conference, at a ceremony held at the State Library of Western Australia. This was the third time the MAPDA awards have been presented in Western Australia.

All the Highly Commended, Website and Multimedia Winners can be viewed on the MA website http://www.museumsaustralia.org.au/site/whatwedo_awards_mapda.php>

- The 2011 'Best in Show' for print publications was awarded to Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery (NSW) for their poster *Carnival* (Designer: Stephen Goddard (Stephen Goddard Design)).
- The 2011 'Best in Show' for multimedia publications was awarded to Sydney's Object: Australian Centre for Craft and Design's website, Spring Series http://www. object.com.au/springseries (Designer: Canvas Group).
- The 2011 Judges Special Award Winner was Gertrude Contemporary (Melbourne) for their *Corporate Branding Suite* (Designer: Fabio Ongarato Design).

Acknowledgements

The MAPDA Committee would like to thank our supporting partners: National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery of Australia, National Library of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Art Gallery of New South Wales, and State Library of Western Australia. And special appreciation is due to MAPDA sponsors: BlueStar Print, Interactive Controls, and Australian Book Connection.







Communications

Museums Australia Magazine

Museums Australia Magazine (MAM) is released quarterly, and contains relevant and informative content for the sector. MAM is beautifully designed and thoughtfully edited (and published using sustainable, recycled stock) to provide members and subscribers with a truly enjoyable and enriching experience.

MAM is now available and viewable online, free for all readers for the current issue, and then archived for members only.

Museums Australia Website

Museums Australia's national website continues to grow as a national tool for members. The online renewal functions incorporated in 2010 have proven highly successful.

A feature launched in 2011 is the Magazine Rack, where members can access an index of all past issues of *Museums Australia Magazine* on an article level, and download individual issues.

Museums Australia e-Bulletins

MA's e-Bulletins are distributed electronically by the National Office on a weekly basis to all members. The e-Bulletins detail national and international news, events and opportunities.

State branches and National Networks also distribute regular newsletters by email and/or post to their members.

Jobs Bulletin

Museums Australia's online Jobs Listing and emailed Jobs Bulletin are highly popular for jobseekers and advertisers.

maNexus

<maNexus> is MA's online social media and networking hub, available to members and non-members with an interest in the collecting areas. <naMexus> continued to grow and evolve in 2011 as a forum through which to discuss a variety of interests and concerns, a blog, event notices and photo sharing.

New features have been added that allow quick status

updates, users to link from <maNexus> to their own Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as chat facilities which will be explored further as a tool for online 'virtual' events in 2012.

<maNexus> is an ad-free environment, with only one featured advertisement from a Museums Australia Magazine advertiser ever on display at a time.

State Publications

Several of MA's state branches publish comprehensive periodicals for their members. In 2011, MA (Vic) continued to produce its excellent *Insite* publications; meanwhile MA-WA similarly produced its fine Musings, and MA(NSW) its *Museum Matters*.

Partnerships

Museums Australia has developed many strong partnerships with other national and international organisations. MA's key ongoing partner is ICOM Australia (the National Committee of the International Council of Museum, Paris). Museums Australia National Office provides secretariat services for ICOM Australia.

One MA partnership that has significantly strengthened in 2011 has been with the Council of Australasian Museums Directors (CAMD) through the Museums Metadata Exchange projects (funded in 2010 by the Australian National Data Service).

Museums Australia National Conference, held in Perth in November, was successfully hosted in partnership with Interpretation Australia.

MA is also an affiliate (and financially supporting member) of BlueShield Australia (BSA).

MA has sought to increase strategic partnerships in 2012 and into the future, including again working closely with the Gordon Darling Foundation on promotion and administration of the 2012 Museum Leadership Program.

MA would also like to thank our generous supporters and sponsors who have in 2011 contributed financial and in-kind resources that help MA continue to provide quality services and developmental opportunities for the Australia museums and galleries sector.

Institutional Members

Australian Capital Territory

ACT Historic Places

Australian Council of National Trusts

Australian Customs & Border Protection Service

Australian Federal Police Museum

Australian National Museum of Education Australian National Wildlife Collection

Australian War Memorial

Canberra Institute of Technology

Canberra Museum & Gallery

Craft Australia Designcraft

Discovery - CSIRO Exhibitions Branch

Friends of the National Museum

Museum of Australian Democracy Old Parliament House

National Capital Educational Tourism Project

National Film & Sound Archive - Collection Development &

Outreach Division

National Gallery of Australia National Museum of Australia National Portrait Gallery

Royal Australian Mint - Gallery & Education Section

New South Wales

A M Rosenblum Jewish Museum

Abbotsleigh Archives Age of Fishes Museum

Albert Kersten Mining & Minerals Museum

Albury City Cultural Services Armidale Folk Museum Art Exhibitions Australia Ltd

Art Gallery of NSW

Art Gallery of NSW Library

Artbank

Arts Access Australia

Australian Army Military Police Museum

Australian Army Museum of Military Engineering

Australian Aviation Museum Bankstown Australian Centre for Photography Australian Country Music Foundation Australian Credit Union Archives Australian History Museum

Australian Museum

Australian Museum of Clothing and Textiles Australian National Maritime Museum Australian Society of Marine Artists

Australian Tennis Museum

Barker College

Bathurst & District Historical Society

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery

Berrima District Historical & Family History Society

Berry Museum

Bingara District Historical Society

Bishops Lodge Historic House - Management Committee

Bland District Historical Society Brisbane Water Historical Society Brunswick Valley Historical Society

Bundanon Trust

C. B. Alexander Foundation

Camden Historical Society Museum Canowindra Historical Society & Museum Casino and District Historical Society

Casino Folk Museum

Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre

Central West Libraries

Cessnock District Historical & Family History Society - Endeavor

Museum

Charles Sturt University Art Collection Coffs Harbour Regional Museum Collection of Red Rock History Conjoint Museum of RANZCO Cootamundra Heritage Centre

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Corowa District Historical Society

Cowra and District Historical Society & Museum

Cranbrook School Archives

Cultural Collections - University of Newcastle Cundletown & Lower Manning Historical Society

Diocese of Maitland - Newcastle Dungog Historical Society Eden Killer Whale Museum

Evans Head Living Museum & Community Technology Centre

Fairfield City Museum and Gallery Fighter World Incorporated - RAAF Base Forbes & District Historical Association Fort Scratchley Historical Society Gallipoli Memorial Club Museum Merimbula-Imlay Historical Society

George Hanna Memorial Museum Millthorpe & District Historical Society

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Glen Innes & District Historical Society Morpeth Museum

Glenalvon Museum Mosman Art Gallery & Community Centre

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery Mosman Library

Grafton Regional Gallery Mt Wilson & Mt Irvine Historical Society

Great Lakes Historical Co-operative Society Ltd Heritage Centre Mt. Victoria & District Historical Society

Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Museum of Australian Currency Notes

Grenfell Historical Society Museum of Fire

Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Museum of Freemasonry
Gulgong Historical Society Museum of Human Disease

Gundagai Historical Museum Museum of the Riverina

Gunnedah Rural Museum Studies - University of Sydney

Harden-Murrumburrah Historical Society Museum Narrabri & District Historical Society

Harry Daly Museum Narrandera Parkside Cottage Museum

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery & Hawkesbury Regional Museum Naval Heritage Collection

Hay War Memorial High School Nepean District Historical Society

Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre Newcastle Maritime Museum Society

Henry Lawson Society NSW Newcastle Museum

Historic Houses Trust NSW Newcastle Region Art Gallery
Hurstville City Museum & Gallery Norfolk Island Museum

Illawarra Historical Society North Coast Institute of TAFE - Creative Industries

Iluka History Group NSW Hall of Champions

Jerilderie & District Historical Society NSW Lancers Memorial Museum

Junee & District Historical Society NSW Schoolhouse Museum of Public Education

Kandos Bicentennial Industrial Museum Object Australian Centre for Craft & Design

Kangaroo Valley Historical Society
Old Dubbo Gaol - Dubbo City Council
Kiama & District Historical Society
Orange & District Historical Society

Knox Grammar School Archives Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor

Lady Denman Heritage Complex Parkes & District Historical Society

Lake Macquarie & District Historical Society Parks and Recreation Services - Goulburn Mulwaree Council

Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery Parramatta Visitor Information and Heritage Centre

Lambing Flat Folk Museum Port Kembla Heritage Park

Lightning Ridge Historical Society Port Macquarie Historical Society Inc

Lightwell Port of Yamba Historical Society

Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum

Port Stephens Historical Society

Liverpool City Library and Museum Services

Powerhouse Museum

Liverpool City Library and Museum Services Powerhouse Museum

Maclean District Historical Society Preservation Australia

Macleay River Historical Society Prince Henry Hospital Nursing & Medical Museum

Maitland City Council - Maitland Gaol Queanbeyan Library

Maitland Regional Art Gallery Rail Journey Museum

Manning Valley Historical Society Raymond Terrace & District Historical Society

Mary MacKillop Place Museum

May Gibbs Nutcote

Richmond Main Mining Museum

Richmond River Historical Society

Richmond Vale Railway Museum

Royal Australian Infantry Corps Museum

Royal North Shore Hospital Centenary Museum

S H Ervin Gallery

Salvation Army Heritage Preservation Centre

SCEGGS Darlinghurst

Scone & Upper Hunter Historical Society

Singleton Historical Society & Museum

Sir Edgeworth David Memorial Museum

Sir William Dobell Memorial

St. Catherine's School Museum

Stanton Library

State Library of NSW

Sydney Cricket Ground Museum

Sydney Harbour YHA and Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre

Sydney Heritage Fleet Sydney Jewish Museum

Sydney Tramway Museum

Sydney University Museums

Tamworth Base Hospital & Health Service

Tamworth Historical Society

Tamworth Regional Gallery & Tamworth Power Station Museum

Tenterfield & District Historical Society

The Army Museum of NSW

Temora Rural Museum

The Australian Golf Heritage Society

The Australian Motorlife Museum

The Glasshouse - Port Macquarie-Hastings Council

The Hills Grammar School

The Prospect Heritage Trust Inc

The Rocks Discovery Museum

Thredbo Historical Society

Tongarra Museum

Trustees of ANZAC Memorial Building

Tweed River Art Gallery

Tweed River Regional Museum

UNE Heritage Centre Uniting Care Burnside

University of Technology - Sydney

Uralla Historical Society - McCrossin's Mill Museum

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

Walgett & District Historical Society Association

Western Plains Cultural Centre

William Clarke College

Willoughby City Council

Willoughby District Historical Society Museum

Wing Hing Long Museum

Wollondilly Heritage Centre

Wollongong City Gallery Yanco Powerhouse Museum

Yass and District Historical Society

Zoology Museum - UNE

Northern Territory

Charles Darwin University Art Collection and Art Gallery

Katherine Museum

Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame

Northern Territory Library

NRETAS Parks & Wildlife

Nursing Museum - Charles Darwin University

Patakijiyali Museum

Strehlow Research Centre

Oueensland

Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology

Artspace Mackay

Australian Society of Archivists

Beenleigh Historical Village

Brishane Girls Grammar School Archives Cairns & District Chinese Association

Cairns Museum

Cairns Regional Gallery

Central Queensland Military & Artefacts Museum Association

Cobb & Co Store Museum

Cooktown Historical Society

Crows Nest Historical Society

Cultural Heritage & Collections Unit

Cultural Services Unit - Redland City Council

Diamantina Health Care Museum

Discover Eumundi: Heritage & Visitor Centre

Discovery Coast Historical Society

Dogwood Crossing @ Miles

Emerald Pioneer Cottage & Museum

Feather Clubs Association of Queensland

Fryer Library - University of Queensland

Gin Gin & District Historical Society

Girringun Aboriginal Corporation

Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum

Gold Coast City Council Gold Coast City Gallery

Gold Coast Hinterland Heritage Museum Gordon White Library - Mackay Libraries Griffith Artworks, Old College of Art

Gympie Regional Gallery

Hinkler House Memorial Museum and Research Association Inc

Historical Woolscour Association Inglewood & District Historical Society Innisfail & District Historical Society

Ipswich Art Gallery

John Flynn Place Museum

Landsborough & District Historical Society - Landsborough

Museum

Logan City Council

Logan City Historical Museum Society Longreach Powerhouse Museum Mater Archives and Heritage Centre

Miles Historical Village

Mount Bauple & District Historical Society

Museum of Australian Army Flying

Museum of Australian Military Intelligence

Museum of Brisbane

Museum Resource Centre of Southern Inland Queensland

Nambour & District Historical Museum Assoc

National Trust of Queensland

Nebo Museum Noosa Museum

North Burnett Regional Council - Mundubbera Art Gallery

North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum Association

Nursing Museum Royal Brisbane Hospital

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Pine Rivers Heritage Museum

Pittsworth Shire Pioneer Village Museum

Qantas Founders Museum

QLD Performing Arts Centre Museum

Queensland Air Museum

Queensland Ambulance Museums

Queensland Art Gallery

Queensland Energy Museum

Oueensland Maritime Museum

Queensland Museum

Oueensland Police Museum

Queensland University of Technology Art Museum

R.D. Milns Antiquities Museum

Redcliffe Museum

Redland Museum

Rockhampton & District Hisorical Society

Rockhampton Art Gallery

Rockhampton Heritage Village

Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia - QLD

Royal Historical Society of Queensland - Commissariat Store

Museum

Samford District Historical Museum Society

Sarina District Historical Centre

Save the Mary Museum and River Education Centre

South Burnett Regional Council

Tableland Regional Gallery

The Australian Country Hospital Heritage Association
The Beck Museum Aviation and Military Collection

The Bundaberg & District Historical & Museum Society
The Chinchilla Historical Society
The MacArthur Museum Brisbane
The Minerals Heritage Museum

The Minerals Heritage Museum
The Mulgrave Settlers Museum

The Pioneer Valley Museum at Mirani

The Queensland Women's Historical Association

The University of Queensland Art Museum

Toowoomba Historical Society
Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery

Transport and Main Roads Heritage Centre True Blue Visitor Information Centre

United Grand Lodge of Queensland

University of Queensland Anthropology Museum

University of Southern Queensland Historical Archives

University of the Sunshine Coast Gallery Victoria Barracks Historical Society, Brisbane

Victoria Barracks Museum

Vintage Museum

Warwick Art Gallery

Wide Bay Hospital Museum Society

Winton District Historical Society and Museum

Yugambeh Museum Language & Heritage Research Centre

South Australia

Adelaide City Council

Adelaide City Council Archives

Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art

Architecture Museum - University of South Australia

Army Museum of South Australia

Art & Heritage Collections

Artlab Australia

Barossa Regional Gallery Bay Discovery Centre

Botanic Gardens of Adelaide

Carrick Hill

Chas Roe Electronics Museum

Christian Brothers College Archives Museum

City of Charles Sturt - Cultural Heritage

Contemporary Art Centre of SA

Embroiderers' Guild Museum

Flinders University Art Museum History Trust of South Australia

Loxton Historical Village

Mannum Dock Museum of River History

Mary Mackillop Penola Centre

Melrose Districts History Society

Millicent National Trust - Living History Museum

National Motor Museum

National Railway Museum

National Trust of SA - Olivewood Estate

National Trust of South Australia

National Trust of South Australia

National Trust of South Australia Goolwa Branch

Performing Arts Collection S.A.

South Australian Aviation Museum

South Australian Museum

The Hahndorf Academy
The Sheep's Back Museum

Uleybury School Museum

Unley Museum

Urrbrae House Historic Precinct

Visual Arts Touring Country Arts SA

Whyalla Maritime Museum

Tasmania

Acadamy Gallery - University of Tasmania

Arts Tasmania

Bass & Flinders Centre

Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre

Circular Head Heritage Centre

Design Forum Tasmania

Friends of Ida Bay Historical Society

Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue

Hobart City Council

Levendale and Woodsdale History Room

Maritime Museum of Tasmania

Museum of Old and New Art

Narryna Heritage Museum

National Trust of Australia (Tasmania)

Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery

Royal Hobart Hospital Graduate Nurses Association

St Helens History Room

Tasmanian Cricket Museum

Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery

Tasmanian Wool Centre

Ulverstone History Museum

University of Tasmania Cultural Activities Committee

UTAS Academy of the Arts

Wesley Hobart Museum

Woolmers Estate

Victoria

Academy of Mary Immaculate

Alfred Hospital Nurses League

Allansford Cheese World Museum

Altona Laverton Historical Society

Andrew Ross Museum ANZ Banking Museum

Ararat & District Historical Society

Ararat Regional Art Gallery

Arts Space Wodonga

Australian Centre for Democracy @ Eureka

Australian Centre for Effective Partnerships

Australian Centre for the Moving Image

Australian Gallery of Sport and Olympic Museum

Australian Gliding Museum

Australian Racing Museum

Australian Railway Historical Society

Australian Red Cross (Heritage)

B24 Liberator Memorial Restoration Fund

Bacchus Marsh Blacksmiths Cottage & Forge Complex

Baking Industry Association of Australia Ltd

Ballarat Tramway Museum

Banvule City Council

Beleura House & Garden - The Tallis Foundation

Benalla Art Gallery

Benalla Costume & Pioneer Museum

Berwick Mechanics Institute & Free Library

Blessed Sacrament Congregation & St Francis' Church Heritage

Fire Services Museum of Victoria

Footscray Community Arts Centre

Foster & District Historical Society

Friends of Churchill Island Society

Friends of the Geelong Botanic Gardens

Geoffrey Kaye Museum of Anaesthetic History

Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village

Ford Discovery Centre

Friends Of The Cerberus

George Evans Museum

Gippsland Art Gallery

Glen Eira City Council

Glen Eira Historical Society

Golden Dragon Museum

Golf Society of Australia

Grainger Museum

Hawks Museum

Geelong Gallery

Friends of the RAAF Museum

Gippsland Armed Forces Museum

Gippsland Regional Maritime Museum

Glenelg Shire Council Cultural Collection

Hastings-Western Port Historical Society

Henry Forman Atkinson Dental Museum

Heritage Hill Museum & Historic Gardens

Inglewood Development and Tourism Committee

Heide Museum of Modern Art

Horsham Regional Art Gallery

Italian Historical Society - Co.As.It

Ian Potter Museum of Art

Jewish Holocaust Centre

Kaleidio Pty Ltd

KE Software Pty Ltd

Knox Historical Society

Kvneton Museum

Jewish Museum of Australia

Kerang Historical Society Inc

Kiewa Valley Historical Society

Harry Brookes Allen Museum of Anatomy and Pathology

Centre

Bright & District Historical Society

Brighton Historical Society Buchan Heritage Group Inc

Bendigo Art Gallery

Buda Historic Home & Garden Bundoora Homestead Art Centre

Burke Museum & Historical Precinct

Burrinja (Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre)

Camperdown & District Historical Society

Canine Museum Trust

Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation

Casterton & District Historical Society

Castlemaine Art Gallery & Historical Museum

Caulfield Grammar School Archives

Central Goldfields Art Gallery

Charlton Golden Grains Museum Chelsea & District Historical Society

City of Melbourne / City Gallery

City of Moorabbin Historical Society

City of Whitehorse

City of Yarra

Civil Aviation Historical Society

Clunes Museum - William Barkell Memorial Arts/History Centre

Coal Creek Community Park & Museum

Cohuna & District Historical Society Community Cultural Development - City of Whittlesea

Craft Victoria

Cranbourne Shire Historical Society

Creative Hat Interpretation

Creswick Museum

Curatorial Services Unit City of Port Phillip

Daylesford & District Historical Society

Deaf Children Australia

Deakin University Art Collection & Galleries

Dingley Village & District Historical Society

Koorie Heritage Trust

Doncaster Templestrowe Historical Society Koroit & District Historical Society

East Gippsland Historical Society

Krowathunkooloong Keeping Place (GEGAC)

Echuca Historical Society

Essendon Football Club Hall of Fame La Trobe University Art Museum

Euston/Robinvale Historical Society Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Association

Fed Square Pty Ltd Leongatha & District Historical Society Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society

Mallacoota & District Historical Society Port of Echuca

Man From Snowy River Folk Museum Port Welshpool & District Museum

Mansfield Historical Society Presbyterian Ladies College

Maritime Heritage Association of Victoria Professional Historians Association (Vic)

Maroondah Art Gallery Public Galleries Association of Victoria

Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre Puffing Billy Preservation Society

Maryborough-Midlands Historical Society

McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park

Queenscliffe Historical Museum

Medical History Museum Queenscliffe Maritime Museum

Medical History Museum R.A.A.F. Museum

Melbourne Cricket Club Museum Richmond Burnley Historical Society

Melbourne Girls Grammar School Rippon Lea Estate - National Trust of Australia (Vic)

Melbourne's Living Museum of the West RMIT Design Archive (City Campus)

Melton & District Historical Society RMIT Design Archives

Merrigum Historical Society RMIT Gallery

Monash Faculty of Science Instrument Collection Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

Monash Gallery of Art Royal Australian & NZ College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

Monash Science Centre Museum

Monach University Museum of Art Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne Library

Monash University Museum of Art

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne Library

Mornington & District Historical Society

Royal Children's Hospital Archives

Mornington & District Historical Society

Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery

Royal Flying Doctor Service

Murtoa & District Historical Society & Community Museum

Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Museum of Chinese Australian History Royal Melbourne Hospital Archives

Museum Victoria Santa Maria College

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Nagambie Historical Society Scout Heritage Victoria

National Alpine Museum of Australia Seymour and District Historical Society

National Gallery of Victoria Shepparton Art Gallery

National Sports Museum Shrine of Remembrance

National Vietnam Veterans Museum St Kilda Historical Society

National Wool Museum Stanley Athenaeum & Public Room

Nepean Historical Society State Library of Victoria

NETS Victoria Stawell Historical Society

Nillumbik Shire Council Arts and Culture Stratford & District Historical Society

Nobelius Heritage Park & Emerald Museum

Sunshine & District Historical Society
Old Gippstown - Gippsland Heritage Park
Surfworld Torquay

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Old Melbourne Gaol - Crime & Justice Experience Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery

Omeo Historical Society Swinburne University of Technology Library Studies Program

Talbot Arts & Historical Museum

Packaging Council of Australia Talbot Arts & Historical Museum

Tarrawarra Museum of Art

Padua College Tarrawarra Museum of Art

Parks Victoria Tatura and District Historical Society

Paynesville Maritime Museum The Arts Centre-Performing Arts Collection

Phillip Island & District Historical Society

The Australian National Aviation Museum

Port Fairy Historical Lifeboat Station The Central Highlands Tourist Railway

Port Fairy Historical Society Inc The Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation

The Cyril Kett Optometry Museum

The Dax Centre
The Duldig Studio

The Gallery @ BACC

The Johnston Collection

The Peninsula School

The Melbourne Athenaeum Library

The Sovereign Hill Museums Association

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Town Hall Gallery Trans-Australia Airlines Museum

Trinity College - Art & Archives

Uniting Church Archives

University of Ballarat Art and Historical Collections

VALA Libraries - Technology and the Future

Victoria Police Museum Victorian Jazz Archive

Victorian Telecommunications Museum

Villa Alba Museum

Walhalla Heritage & Development League

Wandin and District Historical Museum Society

Wangaratta Art Gallery

Wangaratta Historical Society

Warracknabeal Historical Society

Warrnambool & District Historical Society

Western Bulldogs

Whittlesea Historical Society

Woady Yaloak Historical Society

Wonthaggi & District Historical Society

Woods Point Museum

Yackandandah & District Historical Society

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum

Western Australia

AEG Ogden (Perth) Pty Ltd

Albany Historical Society

AMMPT Western Region

Army Museum of Western Australia Foundation

Art Gallery of Western Australia

Art on the Move

Artgeo Cultural Complex

Augusta Historical Museum

Avondale Discovery Farm

Bayswater Historical Society

Benedictine Community of New Norcia

Berndt Museum of Anthropology Beverley Aeronautical Museum

Birdwood Military Museum Society

Bridgetown Historical Society

Brookton & District Historical Society

Broome Historical Society

Broomehill Historical Society

Bruce Rock Museum

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School

Bunbury Historical Society

Busselton Historical Society

Canning Districts Historical Society

Carnamah Historical Society Chisholm Catholic College

Chung Wah Historical Group

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City of Belmont

City of Bunbury Museum

City of Cockburn - Public Library & Information Service

City of Fremantle Art Collection

City of Gosnells Museum - Wilkinson Homestead

City of Joondalup

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

City of Melville Museum & Local History Service

City of Nedlands Local Studies Library Service

City of Perth Art & Cultural Heritage Collection

City of Pertif Art & Cultural Heritage Collection

City of Vincent City of Wanneroo

Claremont Museum

Coalfields Museum (Collie)

Collie Heritage & Menshed Group Inc

Cranbrook Museum Society

Cunderdin Museum

Deanmore Primary School

Dowerin District Museum

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

Ex Victoria District Hospital Staff Association

Fellowship of Australian Writers WA

Fire & Emergency Services Education & Heritage Centre

Fremantle Prison

Geraldton Historical Society Inc

Geraldton Regional Art Gallery

Hale School

Harvey Districts Historical Society Museum

Historical Society of Cockburn

History House Museum

Irwin District Historical Society

Jarrahdale Heritage Society

John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library Juluwarlu Aboriginal Corporation

Jurien Interpretation Centre Inc

Kalamunda & District Historical Society

Katanning Art Gallery

Koorda & District Museum & Historical Society

Kwinana Heritage Group

Lake Grace Australian Inland Mission Hospital Museum

Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery

Machinery Preservation Club of WA

Mandurah Community Museum Mandurah Historical Society

Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency

Morawa District Historical Society Mowanjum Art & Culture Centre

Mt Flora Regional Museum

Mundaring District Museum

Murdoch University Art Collection

Museum of Natural History

National Trust of Australia (WA)

Newcastle Gaol

Newdegate Hainsworth Building & Museum

Northam Heritage Forum Inc Old Court House Law Museum Old Kobeelvans' Association

Ongerup & Needilup District Museum

Penrhos College Perth College

Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts

RAAFA Aviation Heritage Museum of WA

Rail Heritage WA

Ravensthorpe Historical Society

Residency Museum York

Rockingham District Historical Society

Rottnest Island Museum

Royal Perth Hospital Museum

Royal Western Australian Historical Society

Santa Maria College

Scout Heritage Centre of Western Australia

Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery Centre

Shire of Kojonup

Shire of Manjimup - Timber & Heritage Park

Shire of Roebourne Local History Office

Shire of Sandstone

Shire of West Arthur

Shire of Woodanilling

Sisters of Mercy - Perth

Sisters of St John of God Heritage Centre South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council

Subiaco Museum

Swan Guildford Historical Society

The Anglican Church of Australia - Diocese of Perth - Archives

The Embroiderers Guild of WA

The Friends of Eden Vale

The Great Beyond Explorers Hall of Fame

The Grove Library

The Kodja Visitor Centre

The Mental Health Museum WA

The Merredin Museum & Historical Society

The Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of WA

The St John Museum

The Tractor Museum of WA

The Western Australia Police Historical Society

Town of Kwinana

WA Medical Museum

Waroona Historical Society

Wave Rock Management - Hyden Hotel

Wesfarmers Limited

Western Australian Cricket Association (WACA) Museum

Western Australian Museum

Whale World

Whiteman Park

Wongan Hills & District Museum and Historical Society

Wubin Wheat Bin Museum

Wyalkatchem CBH. Agricultural Museum

Yarloop Workshops

Yilgarn History Museum

York Research & Archival Centre

Young Australia League

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Vernon Systems Ltd