

Museums Australia (Victoria) 2007

# USEFUL AUSTRALIAN WEBSITES FOR VICTORIAN MUSEUMS



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MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA) - MUSEUM ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

ORGANISATION	WHERE TO FIND IT
<p><b>Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV)</b>            Museums that hold Indigenous objects and who want to consult with relevant Aboriginal groups can locate Recognised Aboriginal Parties on the AAV website. Where there is no Recognised Aboriginal Party for a particular area the museum could contact the local office of AAV to discuss how to contact how an appropriate group. Indigenous items can be included on the Aboriginal Heritage Register managed by AAV, to help researchers find information on Victorian Aboriginal heritage.</p>	<p><a href="http://www1.dvc.vic.gov.au/aav/">http://www1.dvc.vic.gov.au/aav/</a></p>
<p><b>Arts Access</b>            The website has a links page to resources about museum accessibility, and also provides general information on accessibility eg about making text easy to read. Contact people for questions about access issues are provided.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.artsaccess.com.au">www.artsaccess.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Accessible Arts</b>            This is a NSW organisation, they have a checklist on making exhibitions accessible for people of all abilities.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.aarts.net.au/">http://www.aarts.net.au/</a></p>
<p><b>Australia ICOMOS Secretariat (International Council on Monuments and Sites)</b>            Access the <i>Burra Charter</i>, the definitive document on conservation principles for heritage places</p>	<p><a href="http://www.icomos.org/australia/burra.html">http://www.icomos.org/australia/burra.html</a></p>
<p><b>Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (AICCM)</b>            Includes list of conservators and information on how to hire a conservator</p>	<p><a href="http://www.aiccm.org.au">www.aiccm.org.au</a></p>
<p><b>Australian Copyright Council</b>            Excellent fact sheets on copyright</p>	<p><a href="http://www.copyright.org.au">www.copyright.org.au</a></p>

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<p><b>Arts Law Centre</b>  The Arts Law Centre provides a wide range of information sheets, checklists and guides, sample agreements, seminar papers and books. For members, with some information available to the general public.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.artslaw.com.au">http://www.artslaw.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Collections Australia Network (CAN)</b>  The key website for the collecting sector. Includes a comprehensive resources page. You can access many museum practice publications through CAN resources including <i>Taking the Time; museums, galleries, cultural protocols and communities</i>. You can use CAN to set up a web page for your organisation. You can join the CAN Talk discussion list and listen in and ask for advice on museum issues from other museum workers in similar situations throughout Australia.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.collectionsaustralia.net/sector_info/">http://www.collectionsaustralia.net/sector_info/</a></p>
<p><b>Culture Victoria</b>  Previously known as Victoria’s Cultural Network, Culture Victoria is a collaborative partnership, supported by the State Government of Victoria, that uses broadband to deliver media-rich experiences of our collections, culture and communities. The <i>Culture Victoria</i> website has a searchable database of objects and digital content held by some of the major Victorian collecting organisations. A searchable database of Victorian museums is also available online. The online publication <i>A Legal toolkit for Digital Content Delivery</i> is accessible through the Arts Victoria link.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cv.vic.gov.au">www.cv.vic.gov.au</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.arts.vic.gov.au/arts/links/links/vcn.htm">www.arts.vic.gov.au/arts/links/links/vcn.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Heritage Victoria</b>  Excellent up to date (2007) handbook on funding; <i>Guide to Grants and Assistance for Heritage Conservation in Victoria</i>.  Information and application details for <i>Victoria’s Heritage Grants</i>,  A list of resources under topics; <i>Community Collections – Resources</i>.  Information on HeritageCare (volunteer program for community collections run by Conservation Volunteers Australia).</p>	<p><a href="http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/page.asp?ID=417">http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/page.asp?ID=417</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/page.asp?ID=165">www.heritage.vic.gov.au/page.asp?ID=165</a></p>
<p><b>Information Victoria</b>  Information on all current Victorian legislation (including the Privacy Act and legislation regarding firearms, swords and crossbows).</p>	<p><a href="http://www.information.vic.gov.au">http://www.information.vic.gov.au</a></p>

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<p><b>Interpretation Australia</b> Books for sale and list of consultants for interpretation projects</p>	<p><a href="http://www.interpretationaustralia.asn.au/">http://www.interpretationaustralia.asn.au/</a></p>
<p><b>Museums Australia (National Office)</b> Museums Australia membership is managed by the national office. Information on the members section of the website include Helpsheets, e.g. Insurance and Risk Management. You can join a Special Interest Group that relates to your museum's speciality.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.museumsaustralia.org.au">www.museumsaustralia.org.au</a></p>
<p><b>Museums Australia (Victoria)</b> Stay up to date with services for museums. The annual training and event program is available online, as well as information about programs such as the Regional Exhibition Touring Initiative (RETI) and the Museum Accreditation Program (MAP). MA members receive the <i>Insite</i> magazine and a weekly email bulletin about events, grants, etc.</p> <p>Also, see the <i>(Draft) National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries</i> for a detailed list of references that relate to the MAP Workbook, and a glossary of terms, to be updated in 2008.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.mavic.asn.au">http://www.mavic.asn.au</a></p>
<p><b>Museums And Galleries NSW</b> Fact sheets and other practical information resources for museums and galleries. Includes information on succession planning and housekeeping for museums.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.mgnsw.org.au">www.mgnsw.org.au</a></p>
<p><b>Museums &amp; Galleries Services Queensland (MAGSQ)</b> Information resources including training notes from workshops on museum practice.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.magsq.com.au">http://www.magsq.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Museum Victoria</b> The Discovery Centre at Museum Victoria provides an object identifying service.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:discoverycentre@museum.vic.gov.au">discoverycentre@museum.vic.gov.au</a></p>

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<p><b>National Archives of Australia</b> The 2007 publication <i>Keeping it for the Future</i>, about setting up a community archive, is available from the shop part of the website for \$4.95</p>	<p><a href="http://www.naa.gov.au/services/bo&lt;br/&gt;okshop/index.aspx">http://www.naa.gov.au/services/bo okshop/index.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>National Library of Australia</b> The Community Groups section of the website has information resources, and information about the NLA community history grants, including how to obtain funding and engage a consultant to undertake a Significance Assessment or Preservation Needs Survey. <i>Preserving Australia's Documentary Heritage, a starter kit for community groups</i>, is an excellent short guide to caring for archives, much of it relevant for other collection areas, which includes factsheets, checklists and pro formas. Downloadable from the website.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nla.gov.au/services/comgr&lt;br/&gt;oups.html">www.nla.gov.au/services/comgr oups.html</a></p>
<p><b>Oral History Association of Australia</b> Useful information including <i>Guidelines for Ethical Practice for Oral History</i>.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ohaa.net.au">www.ohaa.net.au</a></p>
<p><b>National Trust of Western Australia</b> Downloadable guidelines for heritage interpretation <i>Sharing Our Story</i> (2007), can also order a copy for \$10</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ntwa.com.au">www.ntwa.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Oral History Association of Victoria</b> The association runs some training on undertaking oral histories and you can download an order form for the Oral History Handbook (\$28) from the website. Members can hire quality recording and transcribing equipment at very affordable rate.</p>	<p><a href="http://avoca.vicnet.net.au/~oralhist&lt;br/&gt;/index.htm">http://avoca.vicnet.net.au/~oralhist /index.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Public Records Office of Victoria (PROV)</b> The Archival Support Program provides low cost training in caring for archival material.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/events/aspro&lt;br/&gt;gram.asp">www.prov.vic.gov.au/events/aspro gram.asp</a></p>
<p><b>Regional Arts Australia</b> Present a <i>Creative Volunteering</i> course which includes general cultural volunteering training and an elective on Collections.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.rav.net.au/erave1/cc/d&lt;br/&gt;efault.asp?pageid=107">http://www.rav.net.au/erave1/cc/d efault.asp?pageid=107</a></p>

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<p><b>Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV).</b> The History Support Group are a committee of the RHSV and provide practical assistance and a training program for historical societies. You can download <i>How to build and maintain your membership</i> from the website.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/societies.htm">www.historyvictoria.org.au/societies.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Simpsons Solicitors</b> Shane Simpson has a special interest in legal issues affecting museums and galleries. This website includes checklists, discussion papers and templates</p>	<p><a href="http://www.simpsons.com.au">http://www.simpsons.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>State Library of Victoria (SLV)</b> Services include information sheets on conservation of a variety paper objects and a digitisation manual. SLV also offer a paper conservation advice service, by telephone or email.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.slv.vic.gov.au">http://www.slv.vic.gov.au</a> Tel: +61 3 8664 7359 Toll-free 1800 999 735 Email: <a href="mailto:charlott@slv.vic.gov.au">charlott@slv.vic.gov.au</a></p>
<p><b>Worksafe</b> Information about safety including a booklet <i>Working Safely in Community Services</i></p>	<p><a href="http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au">http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au</a></p>