



Our exclusive **weekly e-bulletin** keeps members up-to-date with what is happening in the sector. It provides the latest information on upcoming Museums Australia (Victoria) events and news of relevance to our members. With listings and information on grants and other opportunities for museums and museum workers, our e-bulletin is a fantastic membership benefit.

INSITE is the Museums Australia (Victoria) **member magazine**, distributed to over 500 museum professionals and organisations. INSITE is the only museums' magazine for Victoria.

MA (Vic) welcomes membership of anyone with an interest in, or an association with museums. MA (Vic) has over 250 individual members and 250 institutional members. Join today to receive benefits including:

- Access to the national network of people working in museums and galleries
- Preferential rates to attend conferences
- Preferential rates for professional development and training
- Concessions on entry to 50 participating museums in Victoria and 175 nationwide
- Quarterly issues of the Museums Australia magazine
- Five issues a year of INSITE, the MA (Victoria) Magazine
- The MA (Vic) weekly e-bulletin of news, events and opportunities
- Membership of Special Interest Groups

To join, or for more information:
Regional Freecall: 1800 680 082 or
www.museumsaustralia.org.au/site/becomeamember.php

Museums Australia is the national association representing the museum and gallery sector. Museums Australia (Victoria) provides professional services to museum communities across Victoria. Our programs include:

- Museum Accreditation Program (MAP) the peer-review framework for standards in Victorian museums.
- Professional Development & Training - for volunteers and paid staff in the museums sector
- Community Collections Training for custodians of community collections, provided in partnership with Heritage Victoria
- On-demand training throughout regional Victoria
- Grants allocated via the Building Better Museums (BBM) project and the Regional Exhibition Touring Initiative (RETI)
- Online resources including the National Standards for Australian Museums & Galleries
- The annual Victorian Museum Awards for excellence in museums and their staff and volunteers

Keeping You Up-To-Date

About Membership

About Us



Our Services for the Victorian Museum Community in 2009

- direct support to over 100 regional and metropolitan museums via the Museum Accreditation Program and other services
- at least ten Museum Accreditations/Reaccreditations and four new participants into the Museum Accreditation Program
- over thirty events, workshops, seminars and networking opportunities for museum volunteers and paid staff
- ten targeted workshops free-of-charge for community museums in the Shepparton and Korumburra areas, thanks to our partnership with Heritage Victoria
- 'on demand' workshops for groups of museum professionals throughout Victoria
- roll-out of the National Standards for Australian Museums & Galleries and associated best-practice tools and guidance
- \$130,000 of small grants allocated to eligible Victorian museums participating in MA (Vic) programs
- easy access to advice and support for Victorians via Regional Freecall 1800 680 082

Museums Australia (Victoria)
Melbourne Museum
Carlton Gardens, Carlton
PO Box 385
Carlton South, Victoria 3053

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Regional Freecall
1800 680 082
www.mavic.asn.au

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*The Museums Australia definition of a museum includes:

- museums of science, history and art which may be designated by many other names including gallery, keeping place and historical society
- natural, archaeological and ethnographic monuments and sites of a museum nature that acquire, conserve and communicate material evidence of people and their environment
- institutions holding collections of and displaying specimens of plants and animals, such as botanical and zoological gardens, herbaria, aquaria and vivaria
- science centres
- cultural centres and other entities that facilitate the preservation, continuation and management of tangible or intangible heritage resources (living heritage and digital creative activity)

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FEBRUARY

EVENT

Travellers' Tales

An international perspective on textiles, architecture and museums presented by Anne Thoday (MA Vic), Belinda Nemeč (University of Melbourne) and Jo-Anne Cooper (City Museum).

Wednesday 11 February
6pm - 8pm
Loop Bar, Melbourne
Members: Free

TOUR

Tour of the Johnston Collection

A tour of the fine and decorative arts collection of William Johnston, an antique dealer and collector, against the context of his life. Book early as places are limited.

Monday 23 February
2pm - 3.30pm
Meet in the Hilton on the Park Hotel foyer (Wellington Parade, near the Fitzroy Gardens) Melbourne.
Members: Free

MARCH

CONFERENCE

Transformations in Scientific and Cultural Communication
Experts from the USA, Canada and Australia on the Web 2.0 revolution in museum and library practice. For conference session and masterclass details, please visit our website.

Thursday 5 & Friday 6 March
9.30am - 4pm
Melbourne Museum
Conference \$243 / \$285
Masterclasses \$77 / \$90

WORKSHOP

Museum Standards for Community Collections

A two day workshop for community museums. Exploring good museum practice via presentations, discussions, case studies, and sample documents.

Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 March
10am - 3.30pm
Coal Creek Community Park & Museum
Korumburra
Free for community museums

WORKSHOP

Label Writing

Back by popular demand: David Demant (Museum Victoria) and Narelle Russo (Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery) present the art of preparing succinct labels without compromising curatorial intent.

Monday 23 March
9.30am - 5pm
Melbourne Museum

EVENT

Ancient Hampi: The Hindu Kingdom Brought to Life

Immerse yourself in the ancient World Heritage site in Southern India. Digital technologies illustrate the area's mythological and archaeological significance.

Thursday 26 March
5.45pm - 7.30pm
Immigration Museum
Melbourne
Members: Free

Deadline for submissions to

INSITE **May – June Issue**
Monday 30 March

APRIL

SEMINAR

Online Exhibitions: Writing for the Web

Exploring the development of online exhibitions with museum experts. Focuses on producing engaging, meaningful content.

Monday 6 April
10am - 3pm
The City Museum at Old Treasury, Melbourne

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Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 April
10am - 3.30pm
Greater Shepparton City Council Offices, Shepparton
Free for community museums

SEMINAR

Careers Seminar

Meet professionals who will talk about their careers to date in museums. Aimed at inspiring both people currently working in museums and those considering it as a career.

Friday 17 April
2pm - 4.30pm
Public Records Office Victoria
North Melbourne

WORKSHOP

Beyond Government Funding: Looking towards corporate sponsorship

Examining creative ways of attracting corporate sponsorship and philanthropic funding. Includes case studies from successful fundraising initiatives and testimonials from funders.

Monday 27 April
10am - 3pm
Melbourne Museum

Deadline for Museum Accreditation Program (MAP) Expressions of Interest
Thursday 30 April

MAY

TOUR

A Weekend Away with Art and Volcanoes of the Western Districts

Join Dr Bill Birch (Museum Victoria) and Dr Ruth Pullin (University of Melbourne). Includes visits to artworks inspired by the landscape, overnight accommodation in Warrnambool and free ticket to Museum Victoria's *A Day in Pompeii* exhibition. Optional dinner and light show at Flagstaff Hill.

Friday 1 & Saturday 2 May
Departs Melbourne at 8.30am
Friday and returns 5.30pm
Saturday afternoon.
Members: \$210 or \$258 including dinner & show
Non-members: \$260 or \$308 including dinner & show

TOUR

Secrets of the Museum Victoria Store

A unique behind-the-scenes tour of large objects and specimens from the museum's history and technology, natural science and Indigenous cultures' collections. Book early as places are limited.

Monday 4 May
2pm - 4pm
Museum Victoria,
Moreland Store, Coburg
Members: Free

WORKSHOP

Significance Assessment

Explaining the assessment process and practical tools to understanding the value of your collection. An essential toolkit for all museums.

Wednesday 6 May
10am - 12.30pm
Greater Shepparton City Council Offices, Shepparton
Free for community museums

WORKSHOP

Digitising Collections

Developing digital collections and museum websites to enable access to significant material. Includes advice on digitisation principles and digital management.

Wednesday 6 May
1pm - 3.30pm
Greater Shepparton City Council Offices, Shepparton
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Wednesday 13 May
1pm - 3.30pm
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Korumburra
Free for community museums

Nominations close for the Victorian Museum Awards
Friday 29 May

JUNE

Deadline for submissions to INSITE July – August Issue
Monday 1 June

WORKSHOP

Museum Interpretation & Exhibitions

Focusing on defining interpretation, Interpretation Plans and practical ideas to maximise entertainment and educational value.

Wednesday 3 June
10am - 3.30pm
Greater Shepparton City Council Offices, Shepparton
Free for community museums

WORKSHOP

Cataloguing Collections

Demonstrating the advantages and methods of undertaking cataloguing, an essential part of collections management.

Wednesday 17 June
10am - 3.30pm
Coal Creek Community Park & Museum
Korumburra
Free for community museums

EVENT

Networking Lunch

Sitting on a Gold Mine - Many Communities, One Exhibition. Bringing together cultural institutions from the Mornington Peninsula to informally network and consider collaboration ideas over lunch at the elegant Sorrento Hotel.

Monday 22 June
12 noon - 2pm
Sorrento Hotel, Sorrento
Members: \$25
Non-members: \$35

SEMINAR

Current Trends in Exhibition Design

A MA (Vic) and NETS Victoria partnership. Leading exhibition designers discuss ideas that have changed the way we look at museums and trends in exhibition design.

Tuesday 30 June
10am - 3pm
National Gallery of Victoria
Melbourne

JULY

FREE INFO SESSION

Getting Started: Preparing your RETI Grant Application

Information session aimed at organisations submitting RETI grant applications. Including tips on effective writing skills for budgeting and funding applications.

Monday 13 July
10am - 12 noon
Melbourne Museum,
Discovery Centre

WORKSHOP

Caring for Collections

Practical advice for community museums caring for valuable community collections, including best-practice in storing, displaying and handling heritage objects.

Thursday 16 July
10am - 3.30pm
Greater Shepparton City Council Offices, Shepparton
Free for community museums

EVENT

Victorian Museum Awards

Thursday 23 July
6pm - 8.30pm
Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI)
Melbourne
Members: \$35.00
Non-Members: \$60.00

AUGUST

Deadline for submissions to INSITE September – October Issue

Monday 3 August

WORKSHOP

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Practical advice for community museums caring for valuable community collections, including best-practice in storing, displaying and handling heritage objects.

Wednesday 12 August
10am - 3.30pm
Coal Creek Community Park & Museum
Korumburra
Free for community museums

SEMINAR

Museum Money Spinners

Showcasing successful money-making activities for museums, including museum shops, websites, craft, dinners, quiz nights and chook raffles.

Friday 14 August
2pm - 4.30pm
The City Museum at Old Treasury, Melbourne

SEMINAR

National Science Week

Science Matters: Collections, research and the public. Exploring the diversity of science collections and strategies for fostering greater public engagement.

Friday 21 August
9am - 5pm
Melbourne Museum

SEPTEMBER

SEMINAR

Collections Management - Exhibitions

Focusing on registration and exhibitions, including loan agreements, negotiation and risk management.

Monday 7 September
10am - 2pm
National Sports Museum
Richmond

WORKSHOP

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Wednesday 16 September
10am - 3.30pm
Coal Creek Community Park & Museum
Korumburra
Free for community museums

Deadline for RETI Grant Applications
Friday 18 September

OCTOBER

SEMINAR

Community Museums and Aboriginal Artifacts

Discover the latest trends for the display of Aboriginal cultural material and what your collections mean to Aboriginal communities.

Monday 5 October
10am - 4.30pm
Koorie Heritage Trust
Melbourne

WORKSHOP

Cataloguing Collections

Demonstrating the advantages and methods of undertaking cataloguing, an essential part of collections management.

Wednesday 14 October
10am - 3.30pm
Greater Shepparton City Council Offices, Shepparton
Free for community museums

NOVEMBER

SEMINAR

The Exhibition as Spectacle: Research, exhibitions and community engagement

As community engagement drives museum practice, what is the impact on research, exhibitions and the role of the curator.

Monday 9 November
10am - 4pm
Melbourne Museum

EVENT

Tour of Churchill Island

An exclusive guided tour of the historic island museum and oldest European settlement and working farm in Victoria, dating back to 1872. Includes viewing of the heritage gardens.

Friday 20 November
8.30am - 5pm
Meet at Melbourne Museum
Members: \$60
Non-members: \$90

DECEMBER

EVENT

End of Year Celebration

Join us in the elegant surroundings of Morgans at 401 Collins Street. A chance to see the Morgans' collection first-hand, network and win fabulous prizes.

Monday 7 December
6pm - 8pm
Morgans at 401 Collins St
Melbourne
Members: \$30
Non Members: \$60

BOOKING DETAILS

To book a place at any of the Museums Australia (Victoria) workshops, seminars or other events please go to www.mavic.asn.au and complete the Events Booking Form. Send with payment to us by:

Fax: (03) 8341 7333 or
Post: Administration Officer
Museums Australia (Victoria)
PO Box 385
Carlton South
Victoria 3053

COSTS

1 day workshop
Members: \$70
Non-members: \$140
2 day workshop
Members: \$130
Non-members: \$260
1/2 day seminar
Members: \$35
Non-members: \$70
1 day seminar
Members: \$50
Non-members: \$100
2 day seminar
Members: \$95
Non-members: \$190

To obtain member rates, you must provide your Museums Australia membership number.

Selected workshops are **free** for people from community museums to attend, thanks to the Museums Australia (Victoria) partnership with Heritage Victoria. Booking is still required.

FREE TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY MUSEUMS

COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS TRAINING PROGRAM

The Victorian Government's heritage strategy *Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening our communities* delivers programs and initiatives to recognise, protect, interpret and manage Victoria's diverse heritage. One initiative, the Community Collections Training Program, supports the custodians of community based heritage collections with free practical training and advice. This free training is offered by Museums Australia (Victoria) on a regional basis. To check your eligibility and find out about 'on demand' training, please see the 'Training and Events' section of the MA (Vic) website.