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## Museums Australia (Victoria) Key Dates

### **In Conversation with three Australasian Museum Directors**

Hear the highs and lows of leading museums into the 21st century.  
What keeps the Chief Executives of three major museums awake at night? What excites them most about their job?

#### Speakers:

- Dr Seddon Bennington,  
Chief Executive of the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa
- Dr Ian Galloway,  
Director the Queensland Museum
- Dr J. Patrick Greene,  
Chief Executive Officer of Museum Victoria

The forum begins with a special viewing of the exhibition *Blandowski's Expedition to the Murray, 1857*. Exhibition development staff will be available for questions and discussion.

Date: Monday 18 February

Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Venue: The Age Theatre at Melbourne Museum, Carlton Gardens

Cost: Free

Download an event [e-flyer](#) to promote this event to your networks.  
Bookings essential. To book a place please call 8341 7777.

Presented as part of a program partnership between Museums Australia (Victoria) and Museum Victoria.

## Lecture: People Learning in Museums: Then and Now

Join the MA Education Special Interest Group for a discussion about learning in public museums from the gold rush generation to the present.

Speakers:

- Kathleen Fennessy, author of the recently published *A People Learning: colonial Victorians and their public museums, 1860 - 1880*
- Andrew Hiskens, Manager Learning Services Division, State Library of Victoria
- Frances Lindsay, Deputy Director, National Gallery of Victoria

Date: Tuesday 12 February

Time: 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Venue: State Library of Victoria

Address: Conference centre seminar room, entrance via Latrobe Street

Cost: Members free, Non members \$7

Bookings close Friday 8 February

Download an event [e-flyer](#) to promote this event to your networks.

To book a place fill in an event [booking form](#)

## Tour: The Cultural Collections of The University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne collections embody the history of many of the academic disciplines taught at the University. Join us for a guided tour followed by afternoon tea.

Date: Wednesday 27 February

Time: 1.30 - 4.30pm

Venue: The University of Melbourne

Address: Parkville

Cost: Members and Non-members: \$5

Bookings close Friday 22 February

To book a place fill in an event [booking form](#)

## Workshop: Interpretation: What Is It and Why Does It Matter?

This two day series will focus on defining interpretation including the importance of an Interpretation Plan. Day 1 covers definitions, case studies and some practical ideas on getting results. Day 2 will enable you to practise what you have gleaned in a workshop designed to hone your label writing skills.

Date: Monday 3 March & Tuesday 4 March

Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

Venue: Buda Historic Home and Garden

Address: 42 Hunter Street, Castlemaine

Cost: Free for Community Museums

Bookings close Thursday 28 February

To book a place fill in an event [booking form](#)

## MA (Vic) Election

Nominations have closed for the Branch Committee of Museums Australia Inc. (Victoria) for the 2008–2010 term. Members should have received ballot forms and information about the Nominees with their November - January edition of INSITE.

Please make your vote count and return your completed ballot form by 7 March 2008.

## New Website & 2008 Annual Program Launch

Museums Australia (Victoria) has developed a new website as a resource for members and anyone interested in museums and professional museum practice. The website will be 'turned on' in early February when members will receive a notification card in the mail along with our 2008 Annual Program. The Annual Program contains everything that you need to participate in our events, seminars and workshops.

### News and other events

#### Promote your touring exhibition in *Art\_a\_base* - CLOSING THURSDAY

Do you have an exhibition you would like to advertise in *Art\_a\_base* – the NETS Victoria database of exhibitions available for tour to Victoria?

*Art\_a\_base* promotes exhibitions available to tour within Victoria and interstate and aims to inform and support the public gallery sector in programming and touring exhibitions. Submissions close: Thursday 31 January 2008.

Further information from [Melissa Hart](#), NETS Victoria.

#### ARC Conference - Sharing Collections: the ins and outs of loans

Registrations are now open for the upcoming ARC Conference, *Sharing Collections: the ins and outs of loans* that will be held in Sydney 5-7 March 2008. Registrations close 29 February 2008.

Further information [www.registrars.org.au](http://www.registrars.org.au)

### Grants and other opportunities

#### Festivals Australia Funding

Festivals Australia is an Australian Government program which funds Australian regional and community festivals to assist them to present quality cultural projects. Funding is available to add a new or special sort of cultural activity. Activities that are eligible for funding are those that have not been previously presented and that could not be afforded without the funding. Applications close 15 February 2008 for projects starting after 1 July 2008.

Further information [DCITA website](#)

#### The Smithsonian's Fellowships in Museum Practice

The Smithsonian's Fellowships in Museum Practice (FMP) program is a professional development opportunity for experienced museum practitioners, academics, and training providers. It was developed in response to an articulated need by the field for career development and renewal opportunities at advanced levels.

The program, unique in the museum profession worldwide, supports research about issues of theory and practice in education, curation, exhibition, administration and other museum functions and disciplines. It offers competitively selected individuals an opportunity to study a museological topic of their choice for up-to-six months in residence at the Smithsonian.

The deadline for the next application cycle is February 15 2008, for fellowships beginning after October 15 2008.

Further information [The Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies](#)



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