

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2023



Our priorities for collaborative work:

- **SHARED DIGITAL SYSTEMS** for effective delivery of national collections and programs
- **STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY IDENTITY** by ensuring that our collections reach and reflect the full diversity of our population
- **BUILDING CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL** by developing a strong evidence base for the library sector, and sharing our expertise as a trusted voice in national policy.

NSLA is the peak body for Australia's national, state and territory libraries. We share ideas and expertise, delivering projects that generate value at a national level and can best be accomplished by collaboration.

	SHARED DIGITAL SYSTEMS	STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY IDENTITY	BUILDING CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL
What	Joint solutions for online services, and shared systems for effective delivery of national collections and programs including web archives.	Greater range of access points for collections, stronger community relationships, staff trained in First Australian cultures and collections, sustainable solutions for collection care and storage.	A trusted voice in national policy, and recognition as a partner of choice in library research and advocacy efforts.
Why	We want to capture Australia's digital heritage before it disappears, and to make this content accessible in a consistent and engaging way.	The collections of national, state and territory libraries should reach and reflect all Australians.	We recognise that sound evidence is fundamental to good decision-making, effective advocacy, and better practice.
How	Build national web archiving infrastructure, enhance the National edeposit service (NED), share standards and channels for online service delivery.	Cultural training and continued work with First Australian communities, community contribution to collections, increased exposure of collections data, joint efforts in collection care and storage.	Build a strong evidence base with a range of research and sector partners, use new mechanisms for advocacy and policy contribution.

OUR DRIVERS **Innovation:** our responsibility to continually seek and share better ways of doing things.

Resilience and sustainability: ensuring that our collections are safe, our sector is strong, and our systems and services will stand the test of time. **Adaptability in the workforce:** cultivating our skills so that we can anticipate and respond quickly to changing environments, and meet user needs.

A POWERFUL COLLABORATION – in 2019 we recorded:

- 9.5 million visits to our **library buildings**
- 47.1 million visits to our **websites**
- 7191 terabytes of **digital collections** stored
- over 700 linear kilometres of physical collections
- \$25.5 million spent on **collection development**
- \$4.1 billion **asset value** for our collections
- **professional development** for 300 staff through 23 NSLA projects and networks over five years
- over 30 NSLA-wide **policies, guidelines and government submissions** adopted since 2015
- fast take-up of the **National edeposit (NED) service**, leading to 100,000 deposits and 9,000 publishers registered in its first year.