

National & State Libraries Australasia

Summary Report

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In collaboration, the National, State and Territory Libraries of Australia and New Zealand will lead in enabling people to access, use and share local and global knowledge and ideas.

National & State Libraries Australasia (NSLA) is the peak body for the National, State and Territory Libraries of Australia and New Zealand. Under *Re-imagining Libraries 2012-2016*, NSLA libraries have a shared strategic vision and program of work, collaborating to achieve more than each library can on their own - sharing expertise, best practice, resourcing, and minimising duplication. NSLA also represents member libraries, providing a unified voice to governments, stakeholders and to the cultural and education sectors.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013

Infrastructure and Development Projects

- Digital Preservation Technical Format Registry: Modelling (July 2013); Business options and market scan (November 2013)
- Partner in the Australian Research Council's Grey Literature Strategies Project 2012-2014: Collecting Agencies Survey; Recognising the Value of Grey Literature Conference (November 2013)
- Common Inquiry Data Measurement using Refracker: Development; Planning towards start date of 1 July 2014
- Joint review of Australian Public Library Statistical Data Measures with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (November 2013). Revised data collection to begin on 1 July 2014
- The Australian Libraries Collaborative Collection (TALCC): Ongoing offers and distribution
- Testing standard storage costing tool; Register of storage projects; Register of storage suppliers: Ongoing.

Events and Presentations

- Joint Meeting of NSLA and the Council of Australasian Archives and Records Authorities (March 2013)
- Brave New Worlds: Libraries, Learning & Community Needs Public Forum (July 2013)
- Digital Collecting Forum for NSLA Libraries (November 2013)
- Various presentations at: ALIA Online Conference (February 2013); Queensland University of Technology's Libraries as Learning Organisations Forum (November 2013); IFLA Congress in Singapore (August 2013)

Submissions, Principles and Guidelines

- NSLA Digital Collecting Principles (March 2013)
- NSLA Digital Preservation Principles (November 2013)
- NSLA submissions to the Australian Law Reform Commission Inquiry into Copyright in the Digital Economy
- NSLA Position Statement on Public Domain Works (July 2013)
- Working with Community: Guidelines for collaborative practice between Libraries and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (March 2013)

Industry Reports and Discussion Papers

- NSLA Digital Collecting Framework (March 2013); Personal Digital Archive Toolkit (March 2013)
- Picturing the Future: NSLA Libraries and Large Pictorial Collections (August 2013)
- Digital Preservation Environment Maturity Matrix; Report on development against the Matrix (November 2013)
- Legal Deposit Survey (November 2013); Prospective Collecting of Overseas Material (March 2013)
- NSLA Social Media Audit Report (November 2013)
- Libraries as Learning Organisations Maturity Model (July 2013)
- General Reference Collections: Perceived Trends and Strategic Directions (November 2013)
- NSLA Delivery Benchmarking Report (March 2013)

PRIORITIES FOR 2014

- Digital Preservation: Improving tools and capability; Researching difficult formats
- Digital Collecting : Developing capability; Implementing communication strategy
- Social Media: Benchmarking on common indicators
- Right Wrongs Write Yes, Commemorating 50 years since the 1967 Referendum on Indigenous rights: Exhibition Planning, Focused Collecting and Oral History program
- World War 1 Commemorations: Joint communication strategy
- Refracker Inquiry Data Measurement: Implementation and testing
- Geo-referencing and Series Mapping: Capability and shared learning modules
- Pictures Digitisation: Standard workflows
- Valuing Heritage Materials: Forum, Developing guidelines
- Libraries as Learning Organisations Matrix: Implementation, Evaluation
- Legal Deposit: Report and recommendations for best practice

RESOURCING, COMMUNICATION AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

NSLA is funded by the ten member libraries and success is a joint responsibility. There are currently 12 projects, each led by senior managers from across the NSLA Libraries, with representatives from each member library. The program of work is managed by the NSLA Executive Officer and the NSLA Office.

NSLA is represented on external committees, connects to national and international organisations and initiatives, and provides regular news, newsletters and Twitter alerts. Where possible, we make our research, policy statements and reports available publicly to contribute to ongoing development and professional discourse in the library industry and other related sectors.

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