

## Annual Report

1. Name of the National Committee of MOW (hereafter referred as Committee); UNESCO Australian Memory of the World Committee

2. Name list of the Committee:

Dr Roslyn Russell, Chair, ACT

Ms Anne-Marie Condé, Deputy Chair, ACT

Ms Pam Gatenby, Treasurer, ACT

Committee Members: Ms Christine Yeats, NSW (Chair, Assessment Sub-Committee), Dr Ray Edmondson, ACT, Ms Margy Burn, ACT, Ms Maggie Shapley, ACT, Ms Lyndall Osborne, ACT, Ms Mandy Paul, SA, Mr Adrian Cunningham, QLD, Dr Sigrid McCausland, QLD, Dr Tania Cleary, QLD, Ms Jo Ritale, VIC, Ms Jenny Jerome, TAS, Associate Professor Sandy Toussaint, WA, Ms Amanda Cromer, TAS, Ms Megan Martin, NSW, Ms Katherine Hamilton, NT.<sup>1</sup>

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5. Structure of the Committee and any subsidiary bodies:

The Australian Memory of the World Committee has a Chairperson, a Deputy Chair and a Treasurer, and members representing the archives, library and museum sectors.

The AMW Committee has State and Territory Liaison Officers in each Australian State and Territory - New South Wales (2); Northern Territory

(1); Queensland (3); South Australia (1); Tasmania (2); Victoria (1); Western Australia (1).

The Committee has one functioning sub-committee, the Assessment Sub-Committee, which is chaired by Ms Christine Yeats. Its members are: Ms Anne-Marie Condé, Dr Linda Young, Ms Margaret Anderson, Ms Elizabeth Ellis and Ms Megan Martin.

## 6. **Terms of reference** of the Committee:

The Australian Memory of the World Committee will have the responsibility for the overall management and monitoring of the program in Australia and will:

- Receive and assess nominations of documentary heritage for entry on the International and Australian Memory of the World registers;
- Work in close cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organisations in establishing the Australian Memory of the World Register;
- Maintain the Australian Memory of the World Register;
- Forward nominations to the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Program for entry on the International Register;
- Raise the awareness of and promote the Memory of the World Program in Australia;
- Encourage and attempt to gain government and private sector sponsorship for specific Memory of the World projects and activities in Australia;
- Work in close cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organisations to identify and substantiate recommendations to remove entries from the Australian and International Registers;
- Monitor all Memory of the World activities taking place in Australia;
- Work in close collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Regional Memory of the World Committee, and
- Maintain regular contact with and respond to requests from the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Program.

## 7. Fundamental resources for year 2015:

- \$10,000 Australian National Commission for UNESCO grant;
- \$2000 sponsorship from the Council of Australasian Archives and Records (CAARA);
- \$10,000 accumulated reserves;
- In-kind support from Committee members and national institutions in Canberra, who have provided meeting rooms and function spaces, catering and teleconference facilities. Special mention must be made of the National Library of Australia in this regard;
- Support from AMW Committee and Assessment Sub-Committee members in the production of the book, *The Australian Register: UNESCO Memory of the World Program*.

## 8. Activities and achievement for year 2015:

- Inscription ceremony for new items on the Australian MoW Register, held at the State Library of NSW on 3 March 2015;
- Publication and launch of *The Australian Register: The UNESCO Memory of the World Program* on 12 June 2015 at the National Library of Australia;
- Planning Day for AMW Committee members at the National Library of Australia on 12 June 2015,
- Workshop on preparing nominations for the registers, conducted by Dr Ray Edmondson and Dr Roslyn Russell on 24 June 2015, in collaboration with the Royal Australian Historical Society at History House, Macquarie Street, Sydney,
- Planning for upcoming exhibition at Canberra Museum and Gallery, *Memory of the World in Canberra*, from November 2016-March 2017.

## 9. Any National Register of MOW?

The Australian Memory of the World Register contains 50 entries, which can be viewed on the website at [www.amw.org.au/register](http://www.amw.org.au/register)

All 50 entries are described in a book published in 2015, *The Australian Register: UNESCO Memory of the World Program*. A copy of the book will be presented to the MOWCAP Chair at the meeting in Hue.

## 10. Working plan for year 2016 – 2018:

- Planning Day for all Committee members in Canberra, 20 July 2016. We hope to be able to include a member of the National MoW Committee for Timor-Leste in this event;
- Assessment of nominations to the Australian MoW Register July - December 2016; inscription ceremony in Canberra March 2017;
- *Memory of the World in Canberra* exhibition at Canberra Museum and Gallery, November 2016- March 2017. This exhibition will showcase inscriptions on the Australian, MOWCAP and International MoW registers held by institutions in Canberra. It will also include a section on human rights records on the International MoW Register.
- Annual Planning Day in mid-2017;
- Assessment process for Australian Register opens late 2017; assessments 2018;
- Annual Planning Day in mid-2018;
- Workshops on nominating to registers will also occur across the 2016-2018 timeframe.

## 11. Challenges and issues:

- Human resources - the AMW Committee relies on the dedication and commitment of volunteers, many of whom are senior officers in their institutions, and carry multiple responsibilities.
- Current financial and governmental climate - cultural institutions in Australia are experiencing difficult times with government cutting budgets in a bid to economise. This means that there are few resources available from within institutions to support the work of the AMW Committee, apart from the in-kind support mentioned above in (7.).

## 12. Any news or suggestions for the next issue of MOWCAP Bulletin?

Please find attached a recent review of *The Australian Register: UNESCO Memory of the World Program* from the current issue of *Archives and Manuscripts*.

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<sup>1</sup> The abbreviations of Australian State and Territory names are as follows:

ACT = Australian Capital Territory

NSW = New South Wales

NT = Northern Territory

QLD = Queensland

SA = South Australia

TAS - Tasmania

VIC = Victoria

WA - Western Australia