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ANNOUNCING: COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROJECT

AMaGA Victoria in partnership with the Victorian Government today announced the launch of the Collection and Community Resilience Project (CCRP), moving towards disaster readiness through digitisation and knowledge sharing.

This state-wide project will provide regional communities with the opportunity to digitally preserve their collections and receive onsite training in the areas of collections care, preventative conservation and risk mitigation in the face of natural disaster events.

Expressions of Interest

AMaGA Victoria have released a call-out for Expressions of Interest from Victorian organisations who would like to participate in the program. The selected organisations will receive up to six days of onsite training, divided into two separate three-day sessions, held approximately three weeks apart. In the first session, participants will receive hands-on training in collections care and digitisation, and will also be able to select a skills-focused workshop most relevant to their organisation's needs.

In the second session, organisations will receive further digitisation training and additional catalogue photography time with an allocated trainer. Repeat visitation will ensure all organisations are sufficient in the skillsets needed to continue the digitisation journey.

This project is free of charge, with all organisations receiving high quality digital files of their collection items, relevant resources and high-level training to ensure long-term safekeeping of their collections.

As part of the project, local community members will be invited to participate in a public digitisation day, enabling personal precious items to also be documented for safekeeping. Spaces will be limited and the location of these sessions will be decided in consultation with the organisation.

For information on eligibility and how to apply, please visit: <https://amagavic.org.au/resilience>

Quote from Dr Ashley Robertson, Executive Director, AMaGA Victoria:

"The Collections and Community Resilience Project is dedicated to empowering regional communities with the knowledge and tools to safeguard Victoria's cultural heritage. By leveraging the power of digitisation and knowledge sharing, the project aims to create a state-wide network of cultural institutions that can confidently and resiliently respond to the impacts of natural disasters."

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Notes for Editors

Australian Museums and Galleries Association Victoria (Museums Australia (Victoria) prior to November 2018) was established as the peak body for museums in Victoria in 1993. Our 1000+ museums and galleries include science centres, Indigenous Keeping Places, historical societies, historic houses, botanic gardens, zoos, aquaria, cultural centres, and archaeological monuments. Two-thirds of these are volunteer-run. Community museums care for an estimated 8 million objects in Victoria. We support and advocate for the development of quality museums and galleries, collections care, knowledge and specialised skills, and support the creative industries with key initiatives including the Accreditation Programs and Victorian Collections (www.victoriancollections.net.au).