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Australian Capital Territory

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Annual report

for year 1 Jan 2009-31 Dec 2009

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1. Summary

The Branch Strategic Plan 2009-2012 was finalised and released along with a set of business priorities for 2009.

The Branch enjoyed another comprehensive calendar of professional development and recreational events.

Communication with ACT Branch members utilised expanded use of e-Bulletins and web pages.

Time pressures on the volunteer time of committee members remains an issue.

Finances remain sound.

2. ACT Branch

2.1 Committee

Once again I extend a vote of thanks to the Branch Committee for its support and activity during 2009. Volunteering on top of heavy professional work commitments continues to place increased demands on Committee members. In this environment their energy and dynamism has been essential to the success of the year.

I step down as President after four years and thank all members for their support and involvement.

The Branch Committee for 2009 was comprised of:

Office holders:

Roger Garland (President)

Alex Marsden (Vice President)

Judy Kean (Secretary) to Jan 2009

Barbara Reeve (Secretary) Mar – Oct 2009

Luke Cummins (Treasurer)

Ordinary members:

Helena Bezzina

Carol Cartwright

Merrillee Chignell

Tristan Hoffmeister

Kassandra Hobbs (minutes Oct-Dec 2009)

Rani Austin

2.2 Strategic plan

The ACT Branch Strategic Plan 2009-2012 was finalised and released in August 2009 following the release of the National strategic plan. The Branch plan identifies three strategic priorities:

1. Undertake advocacy and communication
2. Develop business practices, infrastructure and resources
3. Enhance members' programs

2.3 Business priorities 2009

Business priorities for 2009 for each strategic priority were developed and acted upon. The outputs and outcomes are recorded below.

Strategic Priority 1 Undertake advocacy and communication

Business priority	Outputs	Outcomes	Comments
1.1 Enhance the relationship with Museums Australia national office and support their national issues advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on National Office submissions and programs • Advice on website redevelopment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive and engaged relationship between ACT Branch and Museums Australia National Office 	
1.2 Support the IMAGinE awards in association with Museums and Galleries of NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation at IMAGinE awards meetings • Sponsorship payment \$2200 • Promotion contribution \$86.84 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic alliance with MGNSW • Publicity and association with IMAGinE awards 	The second year of the awards; an initiative of Museums & Galleries NSW, developed in collaboration with Museums Australia NSW & ACT, and the Regional Galleries Association of NSW. The awards provide an opportunity to honour the achievements of the NSW & ACT museum and gallery sector and those who work within it.
1.3 Represent ACT perspectives to Museums Australia National Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation at National Council teleconference and face-to-face meetings throughout the year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement and favourable image of the work of the ACT Branch 	

Strategic Priority 2 Develop business practices, infrastructure and resources

Business priority	Outputs	Outcomes	Comments
2.1 Employ part-time assistance for the development of Branch events, programs and member focussed activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and discussions with Museums Australia National Office 		Limited progress due to staff changes at MANO; to be pursued in 2010.
2.2 Develop a membership development plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison and contributions to MA Vic coordinated work 		In progress; to be pursued in 2010.
2.3 Develop a strategic and business plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan 2009-2012 • Business Priorities 2009 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced focus for the ACT Branch Committee 	More outputs and outcomes to be produced in 2010.

Strategic Priority 3 Enhance members' programs

Business priority	Outputs	Outcomes	Comments
3.1 Maintain and deliver a calendar of members' events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive calendar of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged and supportive members 	For detail see appendix. The engaging of paid assistance will help develop and deliver programs.
3.2 Continue the development of the Museums Australia ACT website as a resource for members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular updates to web site Contributions to whole of site development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed members 	
3.3 Continue regular contact with Museums Australia ACT members using electronic bulletins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-bulletins issued on a needs basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed members 	
3.4 Negotiate and promote the provision of members benefits including free entry for members to a wide range of ACT museums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited development 		The program awaits discussions with MANO for prototyping a project in the ACT for replication nationwide.
3.5 Develop Centenary of Canberra 2013 program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination of MA ACT to host the 2013 MA National Conference 		Gabrielle Hyslop volunteered to help begin conference development; to be progressed in 2010.

3. Museums Australia National Office

Relations with the National Office remain on very good terms. Thanks go to Bernice Murphy (National Director), Lee Scott (Manager *Administration and National Operations*) and Marie Wood (Manager *National Networks*) for their support and engagement throughout the year. Thanks too to past-President Patricia Sabine (President) and new President Darryl McIntyre for their contributions.

4. Branch challenges for the year ahead

- Maintaining the calendar of events
- Undertaking a membership drive
- Developing member benefits program

Roger Garland
President

Appendix

2009 events summary

Date	Event
25 Feb 2009	Inspection - Australian Journeys gallery at the National Museum of Australia with Martha Sear (Senior Curator)
25 Mar 2009	AGM & tour – <i>A is for animals</i> exhibition tour Australian War Memorial with Samantha Tidy (Manager, Education)
16 Apr 2009	Inspection – Behind the scenes with Andrew Sayers (Director), National Portrait Gallery
18-20 May 2009	Conference – MA national conference (Work in Progress), Newcastle
11 Jun 2009	Inspection – Tour of the vaults with Rod Butler and colleagues, National Film and Sound Archive
9 Jul 2009	Seminar – Research in free choice learning, jointly presented by Museums Australia, National Museum and the Donald Horne Institute held at the National Museum of Australia with Dr John H Falk and Dr Lynn D Dierking (Oregon State University, USA)
16 Jul 2009	Seminar – National Review of Visual Education and its implications for cultural institutions with Professor Diana Davis (Australian National University) at the National Portrait Gallery
30 Sep 2009	Master class – with John Pastorelli (Learning and Training Consultant) at the National Museum of Australia
14 Oct 2009	Inspection – CSIRO Entomology Collection with Dr Beth Mantle
17 Oct 2009	Awards – IMAGinE awards a joint project of Museums & Galleries NSW, Regional & Public Galleries of NSW, MA NSW and MA ACT presented at Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney
10 Dec 2009	End of year – dinner cruise on Lake Burley Griffin