Collections Abroad:

Australian Registrars

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First things first... Australasia is not a typo!

- Refers to the region comprising Australia, New Zealand and neighbouring islands and territories
The Australasian Registrars Committee

• Founded in 1990 as the Australian Registrars Committee
• Changed to Australasian Registrars Committee in 2007, formally incorporating New Zealand within membership scope and activities.
• Current membership as at October 2017: 175

“Dedicated to encouraging the professional development of members by providing forums for exchanging ideas and expertise between registrars, collection managers and professionals in related fields in museums.”
So, what does the ARC do?

The ARC Journal

- Quarterly hardcopy journal sent to all members
- Each issue focused on a particular theme
So, what does the ARC do?

Biennial ARC conference
So, what does the ARC do?

Diploma in Law and Collections Management (with the Institute of Art and Law)
So, what does the ARC do?

Workshops
We’re always trying to improve...

2017 Membership survey

• 9 questions
  • What do you like?
  • What don’t you like?
  • What are the most pressing issues?
ARC Survey - results

The Good
• ARC Journal
• Conference
• Professional development
ARC Survey - results

Room for improvement

• Website
• Communication
• Membership management
ARC Survey - results

The Big Issues

• Funding/resourcing
• Digital collections
• Legal issues
• The tyranny of distance

Working in a small centre far from Auckland, attending events/workshops very costly. Could there be more opportunities to interact digitally with other emerging professionals to network with and learn from more experienced professionals?

Doing more in every state not just NSW and Victoria funded by artists in their works. How do we manage and preserve the work of emerging artists?

Utilising digital technology for transporting, documenting, displaying and preserving the cultural heritage. Focus on long term loans and digital things.

Managing the digital matters - what are the resources needed to facilitate loans? Juggling the breadth of responsibilities brought about by increased legal and regulatory compliance and digital developments which increase and broaden audience and stakeholder expectations (digital preservation, intellectual property, online access).
Looking Ahead...

2018 - Practical workshops
• Melbourne, Sydney and Perth

2017 onwards - Sponsorship
• Sponsor partners
• Scholarship partners: ARCS and UKRG

Late 2018 – ARC Conference
• 2 day event – theme to be announced soon!
  • Melbourne

2020 – ARC turns 30!
• Plans are in motion...
Joining the ARC

• All are welcome. Why not join us? In fact...

Special offer: ARCS Conference 2017!

• The first five people to sign up as an ARC member and use the coupon code ‘arcsv2017’ on checkout will receive a free pack of ARC Journals – hooray! Be quick!

Speaking of free stuff...
Look under your seat!
Thank you!

Check us out at the ARC Website: http://www.registrars.org.au

Please keep an eye out for us here in Vancouver and say Kia Ora/G’Day!