

NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR AUSTRALIAN MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

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National Standards Taskforce

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Why have Standards?

Standards help organisations to:

- identify priorities and what can be done towards meeting specific Standards.
- develop policies, plans and procedures that will allow them to manage their activities and to achieve their goals.
- incorporate benchmarks into planning processes in manageable stages, as resources become available and know you've succeeded.

The Structure

Part A: Managing the Museum

Part B: Involving People

Part C: Developing a Significant Collection

- Principles x 9
- Standards x 39
- Benchmarks
- Tips, resources, explanations, glossary

Applications:

- Promote good practice.
- Review and to identify areas to improve.
- Promote achievements and advocate for resources.
- Assist in long-term strategic planning and sustainability.
- Enhance credibility, recognition and status within the community.

Benefits for the sector

- Common language
- Framework for training curriculum
- Benchmark for funding
- Basis for accreditation
- Current references and resources

A flexible tool

- Self Evaluation
- All types of planning
- Bolstering funding applications
- Significance Assessment
- Education and public program development

History House Museum



History House Museum, Armadale, Western Australia

Exhibition



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Home of the City of Armadale's collection of nationally significant Ben Strange political cartoons



Ben Strange was the cartoonist for the Western Mail from 1900 to 1930. This one depicts the high cost of rents in Perth.

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McCrossin's Mill Museum



McCrossins Mill Uralla

McCrossin's Mill built 1870, restored for use as a Museum

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Nationally significant Chinese Joss House exhibition

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Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery



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