



Disaster Recovery Workshops

A Blue Shield Australia initiative for MayDay 2012

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The aim of these interactive workshops is to:

- Provide a formal framework and mechanisms for sharing disaster management expertise and resources between regional cultural organisations
- Enhance community-based disaster preparedness and response through the development and promotion of local disaster networks
- Build resilience in regional cultural heritage preservation.

These workshops have been made possible by funding from the Australian Government and by residual funding from the Collections Council of Australia.

DATES

May 1, Mandurah, WA – registrations close 26 April

Old School Room, Community Museum, 3 Pinjarra Road, Mandurah

May 3, Kadina, SA – registrations close 30 April

The Farm Shed Museum and Tourist Centre, 50 Moonta Road

May 8, Oatlands, Tasmania – registration close 3 May

Centre for Heritage Training Room, 73 High Street, Oatlands

May 16, Townsville, Queensland – registrations close 11 May

Museum of Tropical Queensland, 70-102 Flinders Street, Townsville

May 23, Darwin, Northern Territory – registrations close 18 May

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Conacher Street, Darwin

May 30, Wagga Wagga, NSW – registrations close 25 May

Blakemore Building, South Campus, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga

June 7, Indigo Shire, Victoria – registrations close 1 June

Yackandandah Public Hall, High Street, Yackandandah

WORKSHOP PRESENTER

Robyn Riddett

Anthemion Consultancies

Chair, Blue Shield Australia

FORMAT

Full day workshop

FREE

Light refreshments
provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

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**Department of Regional Australia,
Local Government, Arts and Sport**

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ABOUT BLUE SHIELD AUSTRALIA

Blue Shield Australia (BSA) is the peak body in Australia representing NGOs concerned with cultural heritage preservation in the areas of disaster preparedness and response. It is part of the Association of national Committees of the Blue Shield network.

It comprises 'pillar' members from the following Australian peak industry organisations:

- Australia ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites)
- Australian Library and Information Association
- Council of Australasian Archives and Records Authorities
- ICOM (International Council on Museums) Australia.

Blue Shield is the cultural equivalent of the Red Cross. Its distinctive emblem has been defined by UNESCO's 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and Australia is a 'states party' to this Convention.

BSA has been active in promoting cultural heritage disaster preparedness in Australia since its inception in 2005. For more information about BSA, visit <http://www.blueshieldaustralia.org.au>.

FORMAT

Registration 9.30am – 10.00am

Session 1 10.00am – 12.30pm

Introductory presentation

Existing models of disaster response cooperation

Guide to relevant resources

Lunch 12.30pm – 1.00pm

Session 2 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Facilitated exercise through which participants begin to develop their own local disaster preparation and response network

Summary 3.00pm – 3.30pm

Close 3.30pm

[Please note that the Northern Territory workshop differs from the format above, with two sessions, 'disaster communications' from 10am – 1pm, and a special DisNT meeting from 1.30pm – 3.30pm]

WHO WILL ATTEND

Managers of archives, museums and galleries, heritage places, libraries and historical collections, and all those responsible for disaster response and risk preparedness. The workshops will involve a minimum of six and a maximum of 20 delegates per session.

WORKSHOP PRESENTER

The expert presenter for each workshop will be Robyn Riddett, Director, Anthemion Consultancies. Robyn is a widely respected architectural historian and interior designer with considerable expertise in many aspects of heritage conservation, advocacy, site interpretation and the restoration of historic interiors. She is a Past President of Australia ICOMOS, was also Secretary-General of the ICOMOS Scientific Council and is now Treasurer (previously Secretary-General) of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Risk Preparedness (ICORP), and teaches in this discipline at Deakin University. She was also founding convenor of Blue Shield Australia and is now the current chair.

WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

The facilitator for the workshops will be Sue McKerracher, Director, The Library Agency. Sue managed the ALIA disaster recovery project, launched in response to the Victorian bushfires and Queensland floods in 2009 and has delivered a series of workshops for ALIA members and for Australasian Libraries in the Emergency Sector (ALIES).

ABOUT MAYDAY

Each year, Blue Shield Australia organises the MayDay campaign in Australia. The purpose is to prompt cultural institutions to revisit their disaster plans and ensure they are up-to-date. The campaign runs from 1 May to the end of the month. There are a number of state and territory-based activities and, for 2012, funding from the Australian Government and the former Collections Council of Australia has enabled Blue Shield Australia to deliver this series of workshops around the country. For more information, visit the website <http://www.blueshieldaustralia.org.au>.



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