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This chronology has been prepared to recognise the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Australian Society of Archivist (ASA).

The chronology highlights significant activities in the history of the ASA. These include external activities undertaken by the ASA (e.g. ongoing representations on external bodies; seminars and workshops where proceedings were published) and major internal changes (e.g. establishment and changes to governance arrangements). Emphasis is placed on 'first' time activities with references to subsequent information found on the website (e.g. the election of the first Council; the first time an award was conferred). Formal submissions and ongoing advocacy campaigns are listed but not 'one off' advocacy initiatives (e.g. letters of protest).

It is hoped that the chronology will provides a reference point for current and future ASA members about the history of the Society presented in a factual rather than an interpretative manner.

1975 Inaugural ASA meeting held in Canberra on 5 April. The following people were elected to the first Council - President Michael Saclier, Vice-President Ian Maclean, Secretary Pat Quinn, Editor Andrew Lemon, Treasurer Max Franklin, Councillors Gerald Fischer, Lee McGregor, Dr Peter Orlovich, Dianne Patenall, Ian Pearce. [See ASA website for a full list of office bearers from 1975]

ASA Council in April/May invited a professional member in each of the following centres to act as local group convenors – Sydney (John Cross), Melbourne (Anne Green), Canberra (Gail Finlay), Brisbane (Paul Wilson), Hobart (Mary Nicolls), Adelaide (Brian Baldwin), Perth (Margaret Medcalf), Armidale (Alan Wilkes) and Wollongong (Baiba Irving). [Various group meetings were held in these locations and formal Branch structures established as noted below.]

First issue of the *Australian Society of Archivists Bulletin* published in May. Six issues published a year. [Last edition published in August 2010.]

First ASA Executive meeting held in Melbourne on 7 June.

Victorian Branch formally established in July. Convenor Anne Green.

Robert Sharman appointed the first ASA Honorary Member by Council in August. [See ASA website for a full list of Honorary Members]

Archives Section of the Library Association of Australia (LAA) at its Biennial General Meeting on 25 August recommended to the Library Association Council that the Section be wound up and *Archives and Manuscripts* passed over to the ASA. Formal dissolution was approved by the LAA Council in October.

First meetings of the ASA regional groups were held in Brisbane on 8 August; Adelaide 20 August; Canberra 25 August; Canberra 27 October; Sydney 28 October.

Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS) agreed that its future archivist representative be appointed by the ASA.

First advocacy and lobbying initiatives – wrote to the Public Service Board of NSW and the Archives Authority of NSW about the level of salary being offered for the position of Principal Archivist; contacted Hon Lionel Bowen, Special Minister of State, on the Australian Archives Task Force seeking representation of the ASA; wrote to newly elected Prime Minister about the desirability of building a strong and efficient Australian Archives.

1976

Archives and Manuscripts, vol.6, no.6, February 1976, was the first edition published as, 'The Journal of the Australian Society of Archivists'. Published twice a year from 1976 until 2012 when there was a change to three issues a year. First editor Andrew Lemon. [\[See ASA website for a full list of A&M editors\]](#)

Adelaide Branch established with an Interim Branch Committee in February. Convenor Peter Crush.

Society admitted as a Category B member of the International Council on Archives (ICA) in September.

First list of members published in the October edition of the *ASA Bulletin*, no.10.

Committee of liaison with the LAA established to discuss matters of common interest.

Conservation Sub-committee undertook a survey to establish strengths and weaknesses of archival conservation in Australia. Paper published – Jim Bruce, Jill Caldwell, Lee McGregor, 'The Conservation of Archives in

Australia', *Archives and Manuscripts*, vol.7, no.2, February 1978, pp. 63-71.

1977

First Biennial General Meeting (BGM) and Conference held in Canberra between 13 and 15 May at Burgmann College, Australian National University. Conference theme 'Documenting the National Experience: The Archival Role'. Papers published - *Archives Conference Proceedings 1977: Papers and Discussion from the First Biennial General Conference of the Australian Society of Archivists*, Andrew Lemon (Ed.), (ASA, Canberra, 1978).

BGM voted to change the way Honorary Membership was conferred from an appointment by Council to a two-thirds majority vote at a general meeting.

Canberra Branch formally established in June. Convenor Clive Smith.

First ASA public demonstration held on 21 June by the Canberra Branch to draw attention to the lack of suitable archival accommodation for government records. It was carried out at the site of the foundation stone for a proposed archival building laid by His Royal Highness Edward, Prince of Wales in 1920.

Council approved a definition of 'archivist' for inclusion in the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs publication *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations*.

ASA joins the Information Technology Council. First delegate Dr Peter Orlovich.

Submission made to the Tasmanian Advisory Committee on the Report on Libraries in Schools, Colleges and the Community released by the Tasmanian State Librarian.

Submission made to the Attorney-General's Department on proposed amendments to the *Copyright Act 1968* following the release of the Report of the Copyright Law Committee on Reprographic Reproduction (the Franki Committee Report).

Submission made to the Australian Archives Director-General on the operations of the Archives.

- 1978
- First meeting of the Tasmania Branch held on 12 July 1978.
- First ASA training workshops delivered by the Victorian Branch. The workshops were a series of half day events presented over 5 weeks.
- ASA joined the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations as an associate member. First representative, Marjorie Morgan.
- ASA liaison officers, Jill Caldwell and Mervyn Reed, appointed to the Institute for Conservation of Cultural Materials.
- Submission made to the South Australian Government Working Group on Privacy.
- Submission made to the Senate Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs and the Education and Arts Committee on the Archives Bill 1978.
- 1979
- Second BGM and Conference held in Sydney between 18 and 22 May, at International House, University of Sydney. Papers published - *Archives Conference 1979: Papers of the Australian Society of Archivists, Sydney, May 18-22, 1979*, (ASA, Canberra, 1979), plus a supplementary volume including additional papers and list of participants.
- International Archives Week, an initiative promoted by the ICA, was celebrated throughout Australia with ASA coordinated events from 21 to 27 October.
- First promotional pamphlet released – *ASA 1: The Australian Society of Archivists*.
- Submission made to the Federal Attorney-General's Department on the Copyright Act Amendment Bill 1979.
- 1980
- Survey of industrial conditions for archivists undertaken in May. Results published – Baiba Berzins, 'The Australian Society of Archivists Survey of Salaries and Conditions of Employment', *Archives and Manuscripts*, vol.10, no.1, 1982, pp. 53-63.
- Submission made to the Law Reform Commission's Inquiry into Privacy and Personal Information, and Privacy and Intrusion.

1981

Third BGM and Conference held in Melbourne between 22 and 26 May at Trinity College, University of Melbourne. Theme 'Promoting the better use of archives in Australia'. Papers published - *Promoting the better use of archives in Australia: papers from the 1981 conference of the Australian Society of Archivists, Melbourne, 23-25 May 1981*, (ASA, Canberra, 1981). An exhibition accompanied the Conference and a catalogue published, *Images of Yesterday: A Collection of Australian Archives and Artifacts, Myer Mural Hall and Gallery Melbourne, 18-30 May 1981*, (ASA, Canberra, 1981).

ASA President Lindsay Cleland and Ian Maclean represented the ASA in October at the Inaugural Conference of the Pacific Regional Branch of the ICA (PARBICA) in Suva, Fiji. Lindsay Cleland was elected the first Secretary-General.

Joint LAA and ASA NSW Branch seminar held on 15 and 16 October in Sydney on 'Local government Records in New South Wales: Control, management, preservation and use'. Papers published - *Local Government Records in New South Wales: Control, management, preservation and use: Papers from a Workshop and Seminar 15 and 16 October 1981*, Occasional Paper No.6 LAA, NSW Branch, Marie Ryan, Patricia Ward (Eds.), (LAA, Sydney, 1982).

Perth Branch formally established. Convenor Margaret Medcalf.

ASA joined with the Library Association of Australia (LAA) to undertake an accreditation of the UNSW Graduate Diploma in Information Management – Archives Administration course. Michael Piggott was the ASA's representative on the panel.

ASA Conservation Committee pilot scheme started to test material used in conservation and restoration with the cooperation of the Australian Archives, NSW Branch, the Archives Office of NSW and the South Australian Archives.

Submission made by the ASA Adelaide Branch to the Minister for the Arts in South Australia on the 'Final Report on Museum Policy and Development in South Australia'.

- Submission made to the Inter-Departmental Working Group established by the Ministers of Business and Consumer Affairs and Home Affairs to review measures for the control and protection of cultural property.
- 1982 ASA registered as an incorporated body under the Associations Incorporation Ordinance 1953 effective from 18 March. A Special General Meeting on 19 March voted to accept the Society's incorporation and to amend the Rules. Peter Moore appointed the first Public Officer.
- ASA Brisbane Group declared as having ceased to exist by Council. [A Branch was formally established in January 1989.]
- Submission made to the Attorney-General's Department Review of Audio-visual Copyright Law.
- 1983 Fourth BGM and Conference held in Adelaide between 20 and 23 May at the Grosvenor Hotel. Theme 'Future Trends'. Papers published - *Future Trends: Proceedings of the 4th Biennial Conference of the Australian Society of Archivists, Adelaide, 20-23 May 1983*, (ASA, Canberra, 1984).
- BGM voted to approve the ASA's first forward plan (the Medium Term Plan 1983-1987).
- Published - *Our Heritage: A Directory of Archives and manuscript Repositories in Australia*, compiled by Olga White, Anne-Marie Schwirtlich and Jennifer Nash, (ASA, Canberra, 1983).
- University and College Archives Special Interest Group established.
- Science and Technology Archives Special Interest Group established.
- An ASA logo design competition conducted. Winner, Associate Member Val Casey. Design depicts archives boxes and microfilm reel and tape.
- 1984 International Archives Week celebrated in September with a number of public events. Governor-General, Sir Ninian Stephen, opened activities and a joint exhibition of items from twelve institutions at the State Archives. A catalogue was published - *Archives – what's the use?: An exhibition to mark International Archives Week 1984*, (ASA, Canberra, 1984).
- The inaugural meeting of the National Consultative Forum [1984-2000] held on 28 November. ASA was a member, and the President an ex-

officio member of the Executive Committee. [Name changed to National Archival Forum and then to the Australian Council of Archives.]

Submission made to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Expenditure to the Inquiry into Assistance to the Arts.

Submission made to the National Film and Sound Archive on the Archive's Advisory Council.

Submission made to the Minister for Home Affairs and Environment on the composition of the Australian Archives Advisory Committee.

Submission made to the Joint Committee on the retention of TV and radio broadcasts of the proceedings of both houses of Parliament.

1985

Fifth BGM and Conference held in Canberra between 5 and 8 July at the Ainslie Hotel, Braddon. Papers published - *Proceedings of the 5th Biennial Conference of the Australian Society of Archivists*, Canberra 5-8 July 1985, (ASA, Canberra, 1986).

BGM voted to establish a Committee to conduct a review of the Society's objectives, structure, membership, funding and activities to report to the 1987 BGM.

Business Archives Special Interest Group established.

School Archives Special Interest Group established.

First 'Register of Consultant Archivists' established.

ASA representative, Doreen Wheeler, appointed to serve on a Committee to provide advice on the review of the Public Record Office of Victoria.

Submission made to the Committee of Review of the State Library of Queensland regarding the Queensland State Archives and the John Oxley Library.

Submission made to the Review of the Commonwealth Government's Role in the Conservation of the National Estate.

1986

Business Archives Special Interest Group undertook a joint records survey with the Bicentennial Historic Records Search of 131 Australian

companies. Results published – Colleen Pritchard, 'Survey of Business Records', *Archives and Manuscripts*, vol.15, no.2, 1987, pp. 123-148.

Business Archives Special Interest Group and the LAA NSW Special Libraries Section held a seminar on 'Managing Business Archives' in Sydney on 26 July. Papers published - *Managing Business Archives*, Colleen Pritchard (Ed.), (ASA, Canberra, 1987).

Series of 'Keeping Archives' regional workshops funded by NSW Bicentennial Council and conducted by the Sydney Branch commenced. Later workshops were extended to the Sydney Metropolitan area.

Local Government Special Interest Group established.

Comments made to the Director, Policy and Management Review Division, Department of Services and Property (Victoria) on the public records policy.

Submission made to the Review of the Commonwealth Government's Role in the Development of Museums and Collecting Institutions.

1987

Sixth BGM and Conference held in Perth between 21 and 25 April at the Alexander Library. Theme 'The National and International Environment'. Papers published - *The National and International Environment: Proceedings of the 6th Biennial Conference of the Australian Society of Archivists, Perth, 21-25 April 1987*, (ASA, Canberra, 1988).

BGM voted to change the following Rules – Rule 14 (and by consequence Rule 9 (2)) changed the position of Editor to Managing Editor responsible for the oversight of all ASA publications; Rule 8 amended to allow Council to appoint members of the Society to carry out specific editorial duties; and Rule 10 altered to change the terms of office and casual vacancies including changing the term of the Vice-President to holding that office for one year, then assuming the position of President for two years, then reverting to Vice-President for one year.

Committee of Review established at the 1985 BGM, reported to the 1987 BGM. Results published in the 1985-87 ASA Council's Report.

Published - *Keeping Archives*, Ann Pederson (Ed.), (ASA, Sydney, 1987).

Submission made to the Federal Treasurer on sales tax exemptions for goods used in the conservation of archival material.

Submission made to the Review Committee for the Archives of Business and Labour, Australian National University. Committee included Chris Hurley, Public Record Office Victoria, and Michael Piggott, Australian War Memorial.

Submission made to the Northern Territory Archives Review Committee on the role, functions and organisation of the NT Archives Service.

1988

Australian Society of Archivist Inc Award established to recognise academic achievements of students completing an archives course in the previous year. [The Award was renamed the Margaret Jennings Award in 1997].

President Peter Crush represented the ASA at the ICA Congress in Paris. Report published – Peter Crush, 'Report on the President's Attendance at the XIth ICA Congress', *Archives and Manuscripts*, vol.17, no. 1, 1989, pp. 9-24.

Submission made to a functional review of the Western Australia State Library.

Submission made to a Working Party of the Cultural Ministers Council on a Framework for Cultural Development.

1989

Seventh BGM and Conference held in Hobart between 2 and 6 June at the Sheraton Hotel, Hobart. Papers published - *Papers and Proceedings of the 7th Biennial Conference of The Australian Society of Archivists, Inc., Hobart 2-6 June 1989*, (ASA, Canberra, 1989).

BGM voted to hold Annual General Meetings (AGM) rather than Biennially General Meetings after 1991, and to change the organisational arrangements for branches from capital cities/regions to States and Territories.

1989 election of officers included an election for the position of Managing Editor, created by a Rule change at the 1987 BGM. Clive Smith was elected as the first Managing Editor. [See ASA website for a full list of Editors/Managing Editors of A&M]

Queensland Branch formally established. Convenor Shauna Hicks.

Survey of archivists salaries undertaken. Results published – Clive Smith, 'Survey of Archivists Salaries', *ASA Bulletin*, no.84, April 1989, pp. 8-14.

First Australian Society of Archivists Inc Awards conferred on Jan Brazier and Livia Lacovino. [[See ASA website for a full list of recipients](#)].

1990

Joint ASA and Australian Council of Archives (ACA) workshop held on 10-12 October titled 'Keeping Data: A Workshop on Appraising Computer-Based Records'. Papers published - Barbara Reed and David Roberts (Eds.), *Keeping Data: Papers from a Workshop on Appraising Computer-Based Records*, (ACA, ASA, Canberra, 1991).

Survey of union membership undertaken. Result published – David Roberts, 'Survey of Union Membership 1990', *ASA Bulletin*, no.93, October 1990, pp. 6-7.

Collecting Archives Special Interest Group established.

The Local Government Archives Project of the NSW Branch commenced. The project was funded by a Heritage Council grant with the purpose of providing advice to local government authorities on managing their archives. Results published - Sandra Mowbray and Sigrid McCausland, 'Archives and Local Government – the ASA NSW Branch Local Government Archives project', *Archives and Manuscripts*, vol.23, no.2, November 1995, pp. 322-337.

Start of an ongoing advocacy campaign relating to the removal of Chris Hurley from the statutory position of Keeper of Public Records at Public Record Office Victoria.

Comments provided to the South Australian Attorney-General on the Freedom of Information Bill 1990.

Submission made to the Privacy Commissioner on the Commonwealth Spent Convictions Scheme.

Submission made to the Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation on the access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983*.

Submission made to the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission of Queensland on the 'Freedom of Information Issues Paper'.

Submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee for Long-Term Strategies on Australia as an Information Society.

Submission made to the National Training Board on the 'Setting National Skills Standards: A discussion paper'.

1991

ACT Branch seminar held on 30 April on 'Privacy versus Access'. Papers published - Steve Stuckey, Kathryn Dan (Eds.), *Privacy versus Access: Papers from a Seminar on the issue of the right to privacy, the right of access to information and the dilemma of the records' custodian*, (ASA, Canberra, 1991).

AGM and Conference held in Sydney between 11 and 16 June at the Sheraton Wentworth Hotel. Theme 'Documenting Modern Society'.

Start of an ongoing advocacy campaign about recordkeeping revelations made in the WA Inc Royal Commission, with subsequent input into the deliberation of the Commission on Government, the establishment of an independent Public Records Office for Western Australia and State archival legislation.

Business Archives Special Interest Group held two seminars on 'Keeping Business Records' in Melbourne in 1991 and 1992. Papers published - Fiona Reid, Colleen Pritchard (Eds.), *Managing Business Archives: Selected Introductory Seminar Papers* (2nd Ed.), (ASA, Canberra, 1992).

A Members Handbook released containing key governance and information documents distributed to members in a loose leaf format so pages could be replaced when information changed. [Ceased publication in 2008.]

Submission made to the WA Royal Commission of Inquiry into Commercial Activities of Government and other matters.

Submission made to the Queensland Electoral and Administrative Review Committee on 'Issue Paper 16: Archives Legislation'.

Submission made to the Department of Administrative Services Review on the Use of Recycled Paper.

Submission made to the Copyright Law Review Committee on protecting copyright on computer software used in archival management.

1992

AGM and Conference held in Wagga Wagga between 28 and 30 May at the Convention Centre, Charles Sturt University. Theme 'Archives in Australia: Past, Present, Future: Analyses'. This was the first ASA regional conference.

AGM voted to establish a Centenary of Federation Trust Fund to celebrate the nation's centenary.

Joint ASA/ ACA electronic records workshop held in Sydney on 30 October titled 'Managing Electronic Records of Archival Value'. Papers published - Dagmar Parer and Ron Terry (Eds.), *Managing Electronic Records: Papers from a Workshop on Managing Electronic Records of Archival Value*, (ACA, ASA, Canberra 1993).

First ASA accreditations undertaken of the following courses - University of Melbourne, Graduate Diploma in Information Management (Archives & Records), and Monash University, Master of Arts (Archives & records) and the Graduate Diploma Archives & Records. [In 1981 a joint ASA/LAA accreditation undertaken of the UNSW Graduate Diploma in Information Management – Archives Administration course.]

Published - *Directory of Archives in Australia*, compiled by Susan Burnstein, Vanessa Goodhew, Barbara Reed and Guy Tranter (ASA, Canberra, 1992).

President Paul Brunton represented the ASA at the ICA Congress in Montreal.

Chris Hurley appointed as the ASA representative on the ICA Committee on Descriptive Standards.

David Roberts appointed as the first ASA representative on Standards Australia committee on records management (IT/21).

ASA Awards Program established categories of Fellow and Laureate. Awards Committee established with Bob Sharman (Interim Convenor), Margaret Jennings and Dr Peter Orlovich.

Submission made to the Queensland Electoral and Administrative Review Commission on the draft Queensland Archives Bill.

Submission made to the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review on the Committee's report on Archives legislation.

Submissions made to the Minister for the Arts on the 'Discussion Paper on New Public Records Legislation for Western Australia'. (Submissions were made by the ASA Council and the WA Branch.)

Submission made into the Protection of Confidential Personal and Commercial Information held by the Commonwealth.

Submission made to the review of the Queensland Administrative Services Department.

1993

ACT Branch Seminar 'Ethics Lies and Archives' held on 20 May. Papers published - Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, Stephen Yorke and Laurine Teakle (Eds.), *Ethics Lies and Archives*, (ASA, Canberra, 1994).

Publication released - Judith Ellis (Ed.), *Keeping Archives*, (2nd Ed.), (Thorpe, Port Melbourne, 1993).

AGM and Conference held in Melbourne between 18 and 19 June at the Hilton Hotel, East Melbourne. Theme 'Responsible Recordkeeping Future Directions'.

AGM adopted the ASA Code of Ethics.

AGM — first Fellowship conferred on Nancy Lutton. [[See ASA website for a full list of recipients](#)]

AGM — first Laureate conferred on Anne-Marie Schwirtlich. [[See ASA website for a full list of recipients](#)]

First membership survey undertaken. Results published - Jenni Davidson, Anne-Marie Schwirtlich and Bruce Smith, 'The Australian Society of Archivists' 1993 Membership Survey', *Archives and Manuscripts*, vol.23, no.2, November 1995, pp. 306-321.

ASA Public Fund set up to receive tax deductible donations. Trustees Nancy Lutton, George Nichols and Robert Sharman.

Electronic Records Special Interest Group established.

Sue McKemmish and Barbara Reed appointed to represent the ASA on the Records Competency Standards Working Group.

Register of Consultant Archivists started in 1985, closed.

Archives and record courses at the University of New South Wales accredited.

1994

New ASA hour glass logo approved by Council in March. In December a poll was conducted of all members seeking an assessment of the new logo following adverse views expressed about the design.

AGM and Conference held in Townsville between 9 and 11 May at the Sheraton Breakwater Casino Hotel, Townsville. Theme 'Archives in the Tropics'. Papers published - *Proceedings of the Australian Society of Archivists Conference, Townsville 9-11 May 1994, Archives in the Tropics*, (ASA, Canberra, 1995).

Baiba Berzins appointed to the redesigned role of Managing Editor coordinating all ASA publications from May (previously the Managing Editor assumed the role of editor of *Archives and Manuscripts* as well as overseeing all other ASA publications). [\[See ASA website for a full List of Managing Editors.\]](#)

ASA supported the Australian Archives hosted Electronic Records Management Conference 'Playing for Keeps' in Canberra held between 8 and 10 November by sponsoring an international speaker and subsidising a number of registrations for members.

Records and Archives Competency Standards Project Steering Committee formed including ASA representatives Sue McKemmish and Barbara Reed.

Ongoing oral history program approved by Council. [A similar program had been approved by Council in 1985 with one interview being undertaken with Ian Maclean in 1992.] [\[See ASA website for a list of oral history interviews.\]](#)

1995

Results of the member's poll on the ASA logo released in February with 71% disapproving and 68% in favour of finding a new design.

Workshop held in Canberra on 26 July to discuss future directions for the ASA. A report on the outcomes was published in the *ASA Bulletin*, no.123, October 1995, pp. 142-146. A complimentary workshop was held at the ASA Conference on 28 July entitled 'Future Directions for the ASA' with a summary of outcomes published in the Conference Proceedings.

AGM and Conference held in Canberra between 27 and 29 July at the Hyatt Hotel. Theme 'Archivists – The Image and Future of the Profession'. Papers published - Michael Piggott, Colleen McEwen (Eds.), *1995 Conference Proceedings: Archivists – The Image and Future of the Profession*, (ASA, Canberra, 1996).

Aus-archivist list started on 19 December hosted by Australian Science Archives Project (ASAPWeb later Austehc) at the University of Melbourne.

Victoria School Archives Special Interest Group established. [Council agreed that there would be two manifestations of the School Archives Special Interest Group in Victoria and NSW, with a national contact person. Later, Groups were formed in other states as noted below.]

Information packs produced for prospective new members and others who inquired about the Society.

Published - Peter Biskup, Kathryn Dan, Colleen McEwen, Greg O'Shea, Graeme Powell (Eds.), *Debates and Discourses: Selected Australian Writings on Archival Theory 1951-1990*, (ASA, Canberra 1995).

The newsletter *Practical Archivist* (produced by Anne Cooke and Joanne Birkll) purchased for regular distribution to ASA members. [Arrangement continued until 2005.]

Submission made to the Copyright Law Review Committee's enquiry into the *Copyright Act 1968*.

Submission made to the Noel Butlin Archives Centre Committee of Review by the ASA University and College Archives Special Interest Group.

Submissions made to the Western Australia Commission on Government on the establishment of a separate and independent archives authority

for the State. (Submissions were made by the ASA Council and the WA Branch.)

1996

AGM and Conference held in Alice Springs between 24 and 25 May at the Alice Springs Plaza Hotel. Theme 'Archives at the Centre'. Papers published - *Archives at the Centre: Proceedings of the Australian Society of Archivists Conference Alice Springs 24-25 May 1996*, (ASA, Canberra, 1997).

AGM approved the 'Policy Statement on Archival Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples'.

Published online - *Directory of Archives in Australia*. Released on 31 May and hosted by the Australian Science Archives Project at Melbourne University. Web edition prepared by Rosanne Walker, Guillaume Mallet and Tim Sherratt.

ASA sponsored four members to attend the ICA Congress in Beijing.

Kathryn Dan appointed as the first ASA representative on the ICA Section of Professional Associations for a four year term.

Ann Pederson appointed as the first ASA representative on the ICA Section of Archival Education and Training for a four year term.

ASA website www.archivists.org.au launched.

Design brief for a new ASA logo developed and submitted to Canberra-based designers Griffiths and Young.

Second membership survey conducted in June. Results published – Jenni Davidson, Anne-Marie Schwirtlich and Bruce Smith, *Archives and Manuscripts*, vol.25, no.2, November 1997, pp. 304-327.

ASA 'Position Paper on the Destruction of Records' released.

The Mander Jones Awards publication scheme established. First Awards Committee: Bob Sharman (Convenor), Peter Crush, Angela McGing and Maggie Shapley.

'The Archivists Mission' statement developed by Adrian Cunningham and Anne Picot adopted.

ASA was part of the discussion which produced, under the auspices of the ACA, *Corporate Memory in the Electronic Age, Statement of a Common Position on Electronic Recordkeeping*, ACA, (Melbourne, May 1996).

Release of Australian Standard: Records Management AS 4390. David Roberts was the ASA representative on the IT/21 Committee responsible for developing the Standard.

Careers Kit produced.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Special Interest Group established. [Name changed to Indigenous Issues Special Interest Group in 1998.]

Western Australian School Archives Special Interest Group established.

'Register of Consultants' re-established. (First register established in 1985 and closed in 1993).

1997

"The 'Heiner Affair': A Public Statement" by the Australian Society of Archivists released on 16 June.

Membership ballot conducted to select a new ASA logo. Winner was the Griffiths and Young 'thumbprint design' with 1 July the official change over date.

AGM and Conference held in Adelaide between 24 and 26 July at the Hindley Parkroyal Hotel. Theme 'Archives and Reform: Preparing for Tomorrow'. Papers published - Peter Crush (Ed.), *Archives and Reform – Preparing for Tomorrow: Proceedings of the Australian Society of Archivists Conference, Adelaide 25-26 July 1997 (Including Papers Presented to the Australian Library & Archive History Forum 24 July 1997)*, (ASA, Canberra, 1998).

First awards in the Mander Jones Awards Scheme, for publications released in 1996 were presented at the 1997 ASA Conference. [[See ASA website for a full list of award winners](#)]

Start of ongoing advocacy campaign commenced to prevent the closure of the Noel Butlin Archives Centre at the ANU.

Australian Society of Archivist Inc Award (started in 1988) renamed the Margaret Jennings Award.

Records and Archives Competency Standards endorsed by the ASA. Sue McKemmish and Barbara Reed members of the Committee responsible for producing the Standards.

A joint ASA/ACA Descriptive Standards Committee established.

Detailed report on the future of *Archives and Manuscripts* prepared by Michael Piggott released.

ASA 'Position Paper on Archives in Local History Collections' adopted.

Council members appeared before the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs to provide evidence relating to the inquiry into the destruction of Census records.

Submission to the Senate Inquiry into Access to Natural and Cultural Heritage.

Submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs Inquiry into the Treatment of Census Forms.

1998

AGM and Conference held in Fremantle between 6 and 8 August at the Esplanade Hotel. Theme 'Place, Interface and Cyberspace: Archives at the Edge'. Papers published - *Place, Interface and Cyberspace: Archives at the Edge, Proceedings of the 1998 Australian Society of Archivists Conference Fremantle 6-8 August 1998*, (ASA, Canberra, 1999).

AGM voted to alter the definition of 'archivists' under Rule 2 (Interpretation).

Religious Collections Special Interest Group established.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Issues Special Interest Group changed its name to the Indigenous Issues Special Interest Group.

ASA 'Position Paper on Equity of Access to Records' adopted.

ASA 'Position Paper on Privacy, 1998' adopted.

Joint ASA/ACA Committee on Descriptive Standards established. ASA representative David Roberts.

Members survey on the future direction of *Archives and Manuscripts* undertaken. Results published in *ASA Bulletin*, December 1998, pp. 8-10.

Members survey on the *ASA Bulletin* undertaken. Results published in *ASA Bulletin*, February 1999, pp. 16-18.

George Smith appointed the ASA Representative on the State Records Council of South Australia.

Joint ASA/ACA Archival Support Program established with pilot workshops held in Victoria.

Archives and records courses at Monash University accredited.

Submission made on the future role of the National Archives of Canada and the National Library of Canada.

Submissions made to the Law Reform Commission on Review of the *Archives Act 1983*. [There were two ASA submissions: an initial submission and a later submission on the basis of the ALRC's draft recommendations paper.]

Submission made to the ICA Committee on Descriptive Standards on the ISAD(G) Review.

NSW Branch submission made to the NSW Attorney-General on the guidelines for access to State Records under Part 6 of the *State Records Act 1998*.

1999

'The Heiner Affair – A Position Statement' released on 18 March.

AGM and Conference held in Brisbane between 29 and 31 July at the Sheraton Hotel. Theme 'Archives at Risk: Accountability, Vulnerability and Credibility'. Papers published - *Proceedings of the 1999 Conference, Archives at Risk: Accountability, Vulnerability and Credibility, Brisbane, 29-31 July 1999*, (ASA, Canberra, 2002).

Queensland School Archives Special Interest Group established.

Ewan Maidment represented the ASA at the biennial conference of PARBICA in Suva.

Records Competency Standards National Steering Committee reconvened to develop a specialist recordkeeping training packages. ASA representatives Anne Picot and Peter Crush.

ASA joined the National Scholarly Communications Forum. The Forum held a Round Table No. 10 on 'Archives in the National Research Infrastructure' on 1-2 November in Canberra, the final session was chaired by ASA President Adrian Cunningham.

ACA options paper on the future of the organisation was published as a Supplement to the April 1999 *ASA Bulletin*. The paper provided background information to inform a decision about whether the ASA should formally take on the role of representing archival institutions should the ACA fold.

Small Archives Working Party established to confirm views of smaller archival institutions of their needs and representational requirements in light of the possible demise of the ACA. Convenor Councillor Barbara van Bronswijk.

Archives and record courses at Edith Cowan University accredited and courses at the University of NSW given provisional accreditation.

Submission made to the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Reference Committee regarding Indigenous education and employment.

Submission made to the ACT Government on the 'ACT Archives Project: Issues and Options Paper'.

Submission made to the Queensland Government's discussion paper 'Towards a Communication and Information Strategic Plan'.

Submission made to the Queensland Government on a review of the *State's Freedom of Information Act 1992*.

Submission made on the draft Archives Bill for Queensland.

2000

Statement of Joint Purpose and Cooperation between the ASA and Records Management Association of Australia (RMAA) signed on 19 May.

ASA Council 'Proposal for the Establishment of an Australian National Council on Archives and Records' released by ASA in June. The paper

examined current and possible future representational structures in the archives and records sectors.

AGM and Conference held in Melbourne between 17 and 19 August at the Dallas Brooks Centre, East Melbourne. Theme 'Beyond the Screen: Capturing Corporate and Social Memory'. Papers published – Lucy Burrows (ed.), *Beyond the Screen: Capturing Corporate and Social Memory: Australian Society of Archivists 2000 Conference*, (ASA, Melbourne, 2000).

Guide to Australian Business Records, hosted on the ASASWeb and launched at the 2000 Conference.

First joint meeting of the governing bodies of the ASA and the RMAA, held on 3 December. (Meeting joined by representatives from the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and the Wellington, New Zealand Chapter of Association of Records Managers and Administrators International.)

Sharman Award established to provide financial assistance to support attendance for selected members to attend the annual ASA conference.

Small Archives Survey undertaken to better understand the needs of those working in smaller archives. Results reported in: Barbara van Bronswijk, 'Small Archives Working Party', *ASA Bulletin*, August 2000, pp. 54-47, and Barbara van Bronswijk, 'Australian Society of Archivists Small Archives Survey 2000', *Archives and Manuscripts* vol.28, no. 2, 2000, pp. 11-29.

First ASA Mentor Scheme conducted. [Successive mentoring schemes were run in 2002; 2005 and 2007.]

ACT School Archives Special Interest Group formally established. [The ACT Group started meeting in 1998.]

President Kathryn Dan represented the ASA at the ICA Congress in Serville.

Business Archives Special Interest Group re-established as the Business, Labour and Corporate Archives Special Interest Group.

Published - Judith Ellis (Ed.), *Selected Essays in Electronic Recordkeeping in Australia*, (ASA, Canberra, 2000).

Kate Cumming appointed to represent the ASA on the Standards Australia Records Management Committee IT/21.

Award of Laureate renamed the Distinguished Achievement Award.

Council decided that money in the Centenary of Federation Fund be used to support the Archival Support Program. [Fund established in 1994.]

Kathryn Dan appointed as the ASA representative on the ICA Section of Professional Associations for a second four year term.

Archives and record courses at RMIT accredited.

Submission made by the ACT Branch on the ACT Legislative Assembly's Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill 1998.

Submission made by the NSW Branch to the NSW Privacy Commissioner on the Draft Code of Practice on Research under the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

Submission made by the ACT Branch on the ACT Legislative Assembly's Executive Documents Release Bill 2000.

Submission made to the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee Inquiry into The Stolen Generation (The Bringing Them Home Report).

Submission made to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs Inquiry into the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000.

2001

Presidents of ASA, RMAA and ALIA met in February. Agreed to explore options for closer cooperation in areas of competencies, education, training and continuing professional development. Followed by a workshop in April.

Representatives from the ASA/RMAA and ALIA met in July to discuss education issues and recommended the establishment of a joint Education Committee. ASA representatives Jill Caldwell and Brenda LeGrand.

First part-time ASA secretarial officer employed from July.

Joint ASA and RMAA Conference held in Hobart between 2 and 5 September at the Grand Chancellor Hotel. Theme 'Convergence 2001: Recordkeeping in a Digital Age'. Papers published - *Convergence: The Joint National Conference of the Australian Society of Archivists and the Records Management Association of Australia, 2001, Hobart*, (Hobart, 2001). ASA's AGM held on 2 September.

First Sharman Award conferred on Lyn Peacock to support attendance at the 2001 Conference.

Gavan McCarthy resigned as President effective from 24 September 2001. Stephen Yorke, Vice-President, was elected by Council on 9 November, under the provisions of Rule 10, to serve out the remainder of Gavan McCarthy's term. Barbara van Bronswijk was elected as Vice-President and George Smith was co-opted to fill her vacant Councillor position.

Rowena Loo appointed the ASA representative on the Standards Australia Committee on Knowledge Management MB-007.

Australian Research Council (ARC) grant received for development work on Encoded Archival Description and the Australian Trade Union Heritage Resources Gateway.

ASA Descriptive Standards Committee constituted as a sub-committee of Standard's Australia IT/21 Committee to codify the series system and for other projects.

ASA Descriptive Standards Committee coordinated Australia's input into the review of the ICA's International Standard for Archival Authority Records (Corporate Bodies, Persons, Families, ISAAR (CPF)).

Directory of Archives in Australia, online edition revised by Rosanne Walker, Barbara Cytowicz, Jack Martin and Joanne Evans.

Biographical Register of Australian Archivists (Who's Who or Who Was Who in Australian Archives Project) established. [Lapsed in 2002.]

Submission made to the Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner on its draft National Privacy Principle Guidelines.

2002

Submission made to the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Reference Committee Inquiry into the Capacity of Public Universities to Meet Australia's Higher Education Needs.

Submission made on the 'Review of the Australian Qualifications Framework Guidelines for the Bachelor Degree and Postgraduate Qualifications: Discussion Paper'.

Submission made on the Key Needs Study on Heritage by Deakin University undertaken for the Cultural Ministers' Council.

Submission made to the ACT Government on the Territory Records Bill.

Appraisal Roundtable held in Sydney on 27 and 28 February with the aim of developing an ASA position paper on appraisal.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with ALIA on 2 August.

AGM and Conference held in Sydney between 13 and 17 August at the Manly Pacific Hotel. Theme 'Past Caring?: What does society expect of archivists?'. Papers published - *Past caring? Proceedings of the Australian Society of Archivists Conference, Sydney 13-17 August 2002*, (ASA, Canberra, 2002).

MOU signed with RMAA in September.

Reference, Access and Public Programs Special Interest Group established.

Archives and Manuscripts Editorial Board established and in operation from the November 2002 issue. First Board - the Managing Editor, Andrew Wilson, Editor of A&M, Maggie Shapley, Sue McKemmish, Glenda Acland, Michael Piggott, Tim Robinson, Helen Morgan, Adrian Cunningham, Shauna Hicks and Sigrid McCausland. *Archives and Manuscripts* became a formally refereed journal included on the list of approved journals of the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training.

ASA Council decided to let the idea of a Biographical Register (established in 2001) lapse because of privacy concerns and deemed not to be a high priority.

ASA President invited to attend as an observer, parts of the Council of Federal, State and Territory Archives (COFSTA) meetings considered relevant to both organisations.

Councillor Barbara Van Bronswick together with RMAA representatives attended a meeting with officers from the Federal Privacy Commission's Office to discuss issues of interest.

Dawn Routledge appointed as the ASA representative on the IT21/7 Recordkeeping Metadata Sub-committee.

Comments provided to the ICA on a proposed new constitution.

Submission made to the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee of the Queensland Parliament on the Queensland Public Records Bill 2001.

Submission made to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee Inquiry into the Progress Towards National Reconciliation.

Submission made to the NT Attorney-General's Department on the Northern Territory Information Bill 2002.

2003

ASA became a foundation member of the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Science (CHASS) and attended the first activity, 'Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences' on the Hill in June. [Membership ceased 2012.]

Archives and Records Education Stakeholders Forum (ARES Forum) held on 12 and 13 June to ensure (1) that all stakeholders understand the current environment for professional education; (2) that stakeholders understand each other views on education; to develop (3) a shared agenda for professional education which will benefit all stakeholders, and (4) an action plan which will sustain professional education which is valued by all stakeholders. Sponsored by the ASA, RMAA and the COFSTA.

ASA, ALIA, Museums Australia and the Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials met on 23 June to discuss issues concerning the heritage sector.

AGM and Conference held in Adelaide between 17 and 20 September at the Hilton Hotel. Theme 'GLAM: Galleries, Libraries, Archives & Museums'. Papers published - *GLAM: Galleries, Libraries, Archives and*

Museums: Conference Proceedings: Australian Society of Archivists 2003 National Conference, 17-20 September 2003, Hilton, Adelaide, (ASA, Canberra 2003).

Start of ongoing advocacy campaign to secure an independent ScreenSound Australia.

Continuing Professional Development pilot workshops on 'Appraisal in the 21st Century' run in Brisbane and Hobart.

Dr Sigrid McCausland appointed as the ASA representative on the Tertiary Records Advisory Council.

Joanna Baker appointed as the ASA representative on the on Standards Australia Records Management Committee IT/21.

Vice-President Catherine Robinson attended a meeting of the National Collections Advisory forum in April aimed at exploring options for an Industry Body and its mode of operations.

Joint ASA/ RMAA Competency Framework Committee established. ASA representatives, Marian Hoy, Kevin Knudsen and Liz Irving.

Joint ASA/ RMAA Education Steering Committee established. ASA representatives, Jackie Bettington and Peter Crush.

Third membership survey undertaken. Result reported in: Rowena Loo, 'ASA 2003 Membership Survey', *Archives and Manuscripts*, vol.32, no.2, November 2004, pp. 16-45.

ASA establishes an office in the CREEDA (Canberra Region Enterprise and Employment Development Association) Business Centre in Downer, ACT.

Martin Fordham appointed as the ASA representative on the Edith Cowan University Early Careers Awards/ Information Services Section.

Submission made to the Australian Film Commission on the future directions, activities and organisational framework of ScreenSound Australia.

Submission made to the ICA Committee on Descriptive Standards on the Exposure Draft of the Second Edition of ISAAR (CPF) by the ASA Descriptive Standards Committee (ASA-CDS).

2004

AGM and Conference held in Canberra between 15 and 18 September at the Bradman Pavilion, Manuka. Theme 'Challenges in the Field'.

Indigenous SIG brochure - *Pathways to your future and our past – Careers for Indigenous peoples in archives and records* launched on 16 September.

Dr Karen Anderson appointed as the ASA representative on the ICA Section of Archival Education and Training. Elected Vice-President.

Colleen McEwen appointed as the ASA's representative on ICA Section of Professional Associations for a four year term.

ASA participated in an Australian trade stand at the 2004 ICA Congress in Vienna.

The *Guide to Australian Business Records* on the ASA website transferred to Austehc (Melbourne University) with links to the ASA.

Indigenous Issues Special Interest Group joined with Monash University as an industry partner in an ARC funded project 'Trust and Technology: Building archival systems for Indigenous oral memory'. Other partners – Public Record Office Victoria, the Koorie Heritage Trust Inc., and the Victorian Koorie Records Taskforce.

Submission made to the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department on its 'Employee Records Privacy Paper'.

Submission made to the NSW Attorney-General's Department's Review of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

Submission made to the Senate Select Committee on the Lindeberg Grievance.

Submission made to State Records NSW on the review of the *State Records Act 1998*.

2005

The Reference, Access and Public Programs Special Interest Group organised a major seminar on 5 April focusing on access to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the ASA in Canberra. Seminar was titled 'Made, kept and used' with keynote speaker Eric Ketelaar. Monograph of proceedings published - *Made, kept and used: celebrating 30 years of the Australian*

Society of Archivists, (ASA, Canberra, 2007). On 4 April a workshop was held on 'Finding Aids'.

'Strategic Directions for the ASA's Educational Activities 2005-2008' released in May.

Revised MOU signed with the RMAA on 17 May.

Statement of Joint Purpose and Cooperation between ALIA and ASA signed on 28 July.

Joint ASA/ Archives and Records Association of New Zealand (ARANZ) Conference held in Wellington, NZ between 6 to 8 October at the Wellington Town Hall. Theme 'Archives & Communities'. ASA's AGM held on 6 October.

AGM voted to increase number of Councillors from five to six.

President Catherine Robinson met with the CEO of the recently formed Collections Council of Australia to discuss matters of concern to the sector.

Joanna Baker appointed as the ASA representative on the International Standards Committee SC11.

Fiona Burn appointed the ASA representative on the History Council of NSW.

Dani Wickman represented the ASA at the Biennial PARBICA General Meeting and Conference in Fiji.

President Catherine Robinson represented the ASA at the ICA's International Roundtable on Archives (CITRA) in Abu Dhabi.

Submission made to the Australian Government's Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee on the report 'The Social Responsibility of Corporations'.

2006

ASA/ RMAA 'Statement of Knowledge for Recordkeeping Professionals' approved by the ASA Council on 29 March and RMAA Board on 10 January. Prepared by the ASA/ RMAA Joint Education Steering Committee.

Dr Sigrid McCausland appointed the ASA's Education Officer in January 2006 and held the position until the end of March 2009. The position included developing a Continuing Professional Development program and a community-wide archives basics' course, overseeing the ASA's course accreditation process and liaison with other Professional bodies and the education section in general.

AGM and Conference held in Port Macquarie between 18 and 21 October at the Port Macquarie Panthers and Quality Resort Sails. Theme 'Connections and Conversations: Archives at Work'.

AGM voted to establish an ad hoc committee to review the governance arrangements of the Society. Chaired by Steve Stuckey, with members Jackie Bettington and Luisa Moscato.

AGM voted to establish an ASA Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island People. [Later named the ASA Loris Williams Scholarship.]

The inaugural Loris Williams Memorial Lecture held at the 2006 ASA Conference. Paper entitled 'Where the bloody hell are we?' jointly presented by Kirsten Thorpe and Anne Wright reflecting on the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Indigenous Issues Special Interest Group and the development of the ASA Policy Statement on Archival Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) survey undertaken. Results published in *ASA Bulletin*, August 2006, pp. 15-16.

A Joint Public Statement issued by the Archives Forum, the Australian Historical Association, the Australian Society of Archivists and the Friends of the National Film and Sound Archive in July - 'Independent Statutory Authority Status for the National Film and Sound Archives'.

Financial assistance provided to the Monash Indigenous Scholarship to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders undertaking studies at the University in the field of records and archives during the 2006 academic year.

Participated in the review of the recordkeeping competency units in the Business Services Training Package BSB 01 by Innovation and Business Skills Australia.

Collaborated with CAARA in evaluating the Collections Australia Network as a means of promoting archival collections.

President Kim Eberhard represented the ASA at the ICA's CITRA meeting in Curacao.

Submission made on the Access Card Consumer and Privacy Taskforce Discussion Paper Number 1: The Australian Government Health and Social Services Access Card.

Submission made to the Australian Labor Party's Federal Labor Arts Policy Discussion Paper.

Submission made to the Australian Bureau of Statistics on the issues paper, 'Arts and cultural heritage in Australia: Key issues for an Information Development Plan'.

2007

AGM and Conference held in Alice Springs between 22 and 25 August at the Alice Springs Convention Centre. Theme 'Initiatives, Ideas and Interactions: Sharing Our Story'.

AGM adopted the ASA 'Statement on Appraisal'.

Ad hoc committee to review the governance arrangements of the Society established at 2006 AGM disbanded. Motion passed at the 2007 AGM set out a new approach for the Review splitting it into two, (a) an operations and management review, and (b) a governance review.

New ASA website launched at the ASA Annual Conference in August.

Published - *Archives Matter!* (ASA, Canberra, 2007) a promotional booklet. Launched at the ASA Annual Conference in August. Developed as a collaborative effort with the Council of Australasian Archives and Records Authorities (CAARA).

Released - *Records Retention Schedule for Non Government Schools*, Kim Eberhard, Jennifer Fawbert, (ASA, Canberra 2007).

Science, Technology and Medicine Special Interest Group closed.

Published - *Describing Archives in Context: A Guide to Australasian Practice*, ASA Committee on Descriptive Standards, (ASA, Canberra, 2008).

Contributed to a joint statement by the Archive Forum, Friends of the National Film and Sound Archive, Australian Society of Archivists and the Australian Historical Association - 'A Better Deal for the National Film and Sound Archive?'.

President Kim Eberhard represented the ASA at the International Congress of Professional Associations in Madrid in October.

President Kim Eberhard represented the ASA at the ICA's CITRA meeting in Quebec in November.

Last paper edition of the *ASA Bulletin* published in December.

Submission made to the Australian Law Reform Commission's Inquiry into the *Privacy Act 1988*.

2008

First electronic edition of the *ASA Bulletin* released in February.

MOU signed with the Association of Canadian Archivists on 17 June.

AGM and Conference held in Perth between 6 and 9 August at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel. Theme 'Archives: Discovery and Exploration'.

AGM voted to change the ASA Rules relating to the composition of Council reducing the numbers of Councillors to 5 (effective after the conclusion of the 2010 AGM), combining the positions of Secretary and Treasurer (effective after the conclusion of the 2009 AGM), and abolishing the elected position of Managing Editor (effective after the conclusion of the 2010 AGM). After 2010 an elected Councillor was appointed by Council to fill the role of Managing Editor.

MOU signed with ARANZ on 28 August.

Start of ongoing advocacy campaign against the merger of the Archives Office of Tasmania with the State Library.

Independent governance and management consultant company, Board Matters, appointed to undertake the Society's governance and management review.

Marian Hoy appointed as the ASA representation on the ICA Section of Archival Education and Training for a four year term. Elected Secretary.

Colleen McEwen appointed as the ASA representative on the ICA Section of Professional Associations for a second four year term. Elected Co-Secretary.

Full-time administrative support officer engaged to provide membership services, event coordination and support, and secretarial services to Council members.

Joint ASA/ CAARA survey undertaken to obtain base-line statistics across the archival section.

Lee Lazaveric and Monica Hardie announced as the inaugural winners of the ASA Loris Williams Scholarship. [[Link to full list of award winners](#)]

ASA Members Handbook ceased publication. [Started in 1991.]

Archives and record courses at Monash, Edith Cowan and Curtin Universities accredited.

ASA office relocates to Geebung, Brisbane.

Published - Jackie Bettington, Kim Eberhard, Rowena Loo, Clive Smith (Eds.), *Keeping Archives*, (3rd ed.), (ASA, Canberra, 2008).

ASA trade stand set up at the 2008 ICA Congress in Kuala Lumpur.

Submission made to the ICA on the draft Standard for Describing Institutions with Archival Holdings.

Submission made on the *Archives Amendment Act 2008*.

2009

Independent governance management consultants, Board Matters, presented their report to Council in January, there was a workshop with Council in March and they presented key recommendations to the 2009 AGM on their review of the ASA governance and management and the Society's financial management.

Keeping Archives website www.KeepingArchives.com.au launched on 27 August by Noel Turnbull, Chairman of the Collections Council of Australia to promote and sell *Keeping Archives* 3rd edition.

AGM and Conference (in partnership with ARANZ and PARBICA) held in Brisbane between 14 and 17 October at the Sofitel Brisbane Hotel. Theme 'Voyaging Together: Memory, Integrity, Sustainability'.

ASA Twitter account opened www.twitter.com/ausarchivists.

Review of *Archives and Manuscripts* undertaken including meetings in Melbourne and Brisbane with members to discuss the future of the journal and ASA publications more broadly.

Joint ASA/ RMAA survey on the effectiveness of AS/ ISO 15489 Records Management Standard undertaken in conjunction with the Standards Australia Sub-committee IT/21.

Review of the ASA/ RMAA 'Statement of Knowledge for Recordkeeping Professionals' started.

President's Awards introduced for members of the Society who have made a significant contribution to the running of the organisation. [[See ASA website for a list of recipients](#)]

SA School Archives Special Interest Group established.

Submission made to the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, Legal Branch, on Freedom of Information Reform.

Submission made on the Commonwealth Freedom of Information Reforms.

Submission made to the Productivity Commission on the Not-for-Profit Sector.

Submission made to the Collections Australia Network Review.

2010

ASA Bulletin was made available to members and the general public on the ASA website from February.

ASA 'Position paper on the closure/ relocation of some National Archives of Australia regional offices' released on 4 March.

A joint ASA/ RMAA statement was released on 22 June expressing concern over the unresolved Heiner affair and questioning past decisions by the Queensland Government not to investigate the affair any further.

A full time Executive Officer engaged in July 2010. [Position made redundant in October 2011.]

Last edition of the *ASA Bulletin* released in August.

AGM and Conference held in Melbourne between 12 and 17 October at the Ridges Hotel. Theme 'Future Proof: Resilient Archives 2020 and Beyond'.

Role of Managing Editor as a formally elected position on the ACT Council ceased to exist from the AGM. After this a member of Council was allocated the task.

ASA/ RMAA Joint Education Steering Committee in October released a report on 'Tasks, Competencies and Salaries for Recordkeeping Professionals'.

Aus-archivist list started in December 1995 ceased in October.

Release of ASA social media site *ArchivesLive* on 18 November.

Ongoing advocacy campaign to protect against the merger/ co-location of National Archives offices in Hobart, Darwin and Adelaide. Included the publication of a special advocacy edition of the *ASA Bulletin* in March focussing on the closures.

Published - Adrian Cunningham (Ed.), *The Arrangement and Description of Archives Amid Administrative and Technological Change: Essays and Reflections by and about Peter J Scott*, (ASA, Brisbane, 2010).

Arrangements made to print and distribute *Keeping Archives*, 3rd edition, in the UK under licence to the Archives and Records Association, UK and Ireland.

Engaged Recordkeeping Innovation to develop and deliver of a number of continuing professional development workshops.

Chartered Accountant employed to manage the financial activities of the ASA for one day a week.

ASA National Office moved to a CBD location in Queen Street, Brisbane.

- 2011
- Joint ASA/ RMAA Statement of support for those experiencing floods and fire in Australia released in January.
- First edition of electronic publication *Archive Matters* released in February, replacing the *ASA Bulletin*.
- News Notes and International News Notes discontinued from publication in *Archives and Manuscripts* from vol.39, no.1, May 2011. After this published electronically on the ASA website until March 2012 with members being alerted by an email notice.
- Review of *Archives and Manuscripts*, 'A&M establishing a 21st Century Production Model', released in August.
- Contract signed with the publisher Taylor and Francis on 12 October to manage the on-going production and distribution of *Archives and Manuscripts*.
- AGM held on 19 October at History House, Macquarie Street, Sydney.
- First ASA Symposium held in Sydney on 20 October, 'Archiving the Iconic', Crystal Palace, Luna Park, Sydney. [Held in lieu of the Annual Conference.]
- ASA Council meeting on 22 October agreed to make the positions of Executive Officer and Finance Officer redundant in order to reduce staff expenditure and to close the Brisbane office.
- Archives and record courses at Charles Sturt University accredited.
- Contributed to the review of the Innovation and Business Skills Australia CUL04 Training Package for Museums, Libraries and Information Services.
- Joint submission with the Records and Information Management Professionals Australasia (RIMPA) made on the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 (e-health legislation).
- 2012
- Ian Sutherland appointed to Council on 18 February and assumed responsibility for the duties of the Treasurer aspect of the Secretary/Treasurer dual position from that date. A Finance Subcommittee established under Rule 14(5) – (9) to advise and make recommendations to Council regarding financial strategy and accounting activities.

New website released on 7 March. *Directory of Archives in Australia* removed from the ASA website at the time of migration to the new site.

Special AGM on 14 April addressed some areas of the Rules where the ASA was not fully compliant with the *Associations Incorporation Act 1953* (ACT).

Open membership strategic planning day held in Sydney on 14 April. Draft outcome published in *Archive Matters*, Issue 17, April and updated mission and goals developed by Council in July.

Part time Finance Officer engaged in April on contract for the delivery of financial services.

ASA joins Facebook in May.

ASA registered as an Australian Registered Body under the *Corporations Act 2001* on 25 July 2012.

Membership survey undertaken. Results published in *Archive Matter* 20: 6 August.

AGM held on 23 August at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

AGM voted to amend Rule 9(2) separating the position of Secretary/Treasurer and creating two positions of Secretary and Treasurer becoming effective from the conclusion of the AGM in 2013.

ASA stall set up at the August ICA Congress in Brisbane in August. Suite of ASA workshops delivered at the Congress. [No ASA annual conference was held in 2012 in lieu of the ICA Congress.]

Joint ASA/ Recordkeeping Roundtable Colloquium held on 29 and 30 November in Sydney titled 'Reinventing Archival Methods'.

CD version of publication *Keeping Archives*, 3rd edition, released.

Archives and Manuscripts published three times a year from 2012.

Submission made to the Interim Secretariat of the proposed Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse on the establishment of the Commission.

Submission made to the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities on the Australian Heritage Strategy Public Consultation Paper.

Submission made to the Australian Law Reform Commission Inquiry into Copyright and the Digital Economy.

Submission made to the Federal Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Intelligence and Security Inquiry into potential reforms of National Security Legislation.

Submission made to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Taskforce 'Implementation Design Discussion Paper'.

Submission made to the Attorney-General's Department on the Terms of Reference for the review of the Commonwealth *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010*.

2013

AGM and Conference held in Canberra between 15 and 18 October at the Museum of Australian Democracy, Parkes, Canberra. Theme 'Archives: The Future'. Papers published on the ASA website <https://www.archivists.org.au/learning-publications/2013-conference>

AGM voted to amend Rule 10(1) unlinking the roles of President and Vice-President, so that the existing automatic progression and 4 year term being no longer mandatory with the successful candidates serving a minimum term of 2 years. Two year terms to apply to all officers and councillors.

MOU with ARANZ reviewed and signed on 17 October.

MOU between RIMPA, ALIA and ASA dated November. [Each organisation signed on different dates – ALIA 13 February 2013; RIMPA 24 June 2014; ASA 17 May 2015.]

Ongoing advocacy campaign about the review of the South Australian *State Records Act 1997*.

Working Party established to consider and support the deliberations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Dani Wickman appointed to represent the ASA at the PARBICA AGM and Conference held in the Solomon Islands.

Cassie Findlay appointed to represent the ASA on the Standards Australia IT/21 Records Management Committee.

Kathryn Dan appointed as the ASA representative on the Blue Shield Committee.

Publication *Keeping Archives*, 3rd edition, made available as an e-download.

Member benefit survey undertaken focusing on the ASA's current and future online activities.

Western Australia School Archives Special Interest Group established.

Government Archives Special Interest Group established.

Electronic Records Special Interest Group closed.

Publication of a black and white edition of *Keeping Archives*, 3rd edition released.

Submission made to the Australian Law Reform Commission on the Discussion Paper on Copyright and the Digital Economy.

2014

New ASA website launch of new on 26 May integrating a web based self-service member management system. The Taylor and Francis e-copy of *Archives and Manuscripts* was integrated into the new website.

ASA/ ALIA and RIMPA Educator's Forum held on 19 September to advance a joint accreditation process.

AGM held on 30 September 2014 at the Transitional Cathedral, Christchurch.

Conference held Christchurch in partnership with ARANZ between 30 September and 3 October at Rydges, Latimer Square. Theme 'Connecting: Past, Present and Future'.

Archives and Manuscripts Emerging Writers Award conferred for the first time at the AGM. Winners - Robert VanderBerg for 2012 and Cassie Findlay for 2013.

Continuing Professional Development Survey undertaken in December.

Ongoing advocacy campaign against the proposed merger of State Records SA with the State Library.

ASA joined the Commonwealth Archives Association.

Frequently Asked Questions on the *Archives and Manuscripts* publishing agreement with Taylor and Francis released.

Ian Sutherland appointed as the ASA representative on the South Australian State Records Council and the South Australian NAA Consultative Forum.

Michael Piggott appointed as the ASA representative on the Territory Records Advisory Council.

Local Government Archives Special Interest Group closed.

Submission made about the review on the potential integration of the State Records SA and the State Library functions.

2015

ASA 'Statement on Mandatory Data Retention' released in March.

AGM and Conference held in Hobart between 18 and 21 August at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart. Theme 'Archives on the Edge'.

AGM voted to delete the word 'postal' from the Rules.

ASA Council meeting on 4 September agreed on the following new by-lines for the ASA 'Expertise. Leadership. Innovation' and 'Connecting Information, Records and Archives'.

ASA becomes an industry partner in a research initiative to identify how the GLAM sector in Australia can work together to provide open, transparent and cohesive access to GLAM content for the Australian population.

Professional member consultants register, and an employment section set up on the ASA website.

ASA Aurora Foundation Emerging Leaders Scholarship established to support the development of leadership capacity of members. First recipient, Richard Lehane.

ASA Scholarship for the PARBICA Conference established.

Part-time administrative support officer engaged.

Dr Louise Trott elected as NSW Branch representative to the History Council of NSW.

ASA to support the Hamer Awards as a Platinum sponsor in 2016.

Joint accreditation with ALIA and RMAA of the Monash University archives and recordkeeping courses undertaken.

Submission made to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Submission made to the Western Australian Department of Culture and the Arts/ Arts Leadership Group's *Towards a Strategic Direction Framework 2015-2039 Discussion Paper*.

Submission to the Review of the *Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act, 1986*.

Joint Response by Peak Professional Bodies to the National Arts and Cultural Accord: Digital Technology Survey. [Participants – Australian Society of Archivists, National and State Libraries Australasia, Council of Australasian Museum Directors, Museums Australia, Australian Library and Information Association, Council of Australasian Archives and Records Authorities, Council of Australian University Librarians]