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Supplementary Information



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Externally Funded Projects

The following projects received external funding and commenced during the year under review.

Public Programs and Education

Strategic Partnerships Program, funded by the Department of Education, continues in a four-year agreement to support development and delivery of curriculum-aligned education programs across our museums.

Best Start Best Life early childhood public programs are supported and funded by the Department of Education as part of the government's early childhood initiative.

Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series programs, funded by the Department of Education, provide enrichment opportunities across the curriculum to extend high-ability students from prep to Year 12 in Victorian government schools, so they are better supported to excel and reach their full potential.

Catholic Education Commission of Victoria is supporting Museums Victoria to deliver **STEM education programs** and professional development programs for Catholic schools in Victoria.

Future Innovators: Building links between STEM and early learning is funded by the Department of Education to increase skills and confidence in early childhood educators leading to improved outcomes for children across Victoria.

2024 Melbourne Design Week programs at Melbourne Museum and Scienceworks received funding from Creative Victoria to deliver talks and workshops.

2024 National Science Week was funded by Inspiring Victoria and included Science on Show, Journey Beyond: A Morning with Astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg, From Melbourne to Mars: The Hunt for Life in Space and Digital Art Classes.

Additional partner in-kind or financial support enabled a range of programs and events, including support from **ABC, ABC Radio National, ANAM (Australian National Academy of Music), Ark Centre, ArtPlay, Australian Council for the Arts, CAVEPS (Conference on Australasian Vertebrate Evolution, Palaeontology and Systematics), Children's Week, Chunky Move, City of Hume Libraries, City of Melbourne, Creative Victoria, Headspace, International Congress of Genetics and Genomics, PayPal Melbourne Fashion Festival, Melbourne Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Film Festival, Melbourne Water, Midsumma Festival, Minus18, Multicultural Arts Victoria, Neighbourhood Circle, Now or Never, Orygen, Rainbow Families Victoria, RISING Festival, The Wheeler Centre, University of Melbourne, VicWISE, Vic Health, Williamstown Literary Festival, Zoos Victoria.**

Exhibitions

Fam by Where are you from?, a photojournalist exhibition curated and developed by Sabina McKenna opened at Immigration Museum in late-August 2023 and was funded by City of Melbourne. Grant administered by Sabina McKenna.

Re-Orient: Reclaiming Spaces, Redefining Stories, an exhibition developed by artist and curator Pia Johnson opened at Immigration Museum in March 2024 and was funded by City of Melbourne. Grant administered by Pia Johnson.

Biik Milboo Dhumba |Country is Always Talking, a new interpretive layer and digital content created for Melbourne Museum's Forest Gallery opened in June 2024. Funded by John T Reid Charitable Trusts.

Museums Victoria Research Institute

The following projects received external funding and commenced during the year under review:

“National Biodiversity DNA Library – Marine Invertebrate Campaign”. Funding from Australian Government – CSIRO.

“2023 Indigenous Repatriation Program - Museum Grant”. Funding from Australian Government – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

“Conservation Genomics to inform Management Planning for the Nationally Vulnerable Hooded Plover” project. Funding from Bird Life Australia.

“Victorian Innovation Stories pilot project”. Funding from H.V. McKay Charitable Trust.

“Ophiuroids (brittle-stars) of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction in the South West Indian Ocean” project. Funding from International Seabed Authority (Jamaica) - Sustainable Seabed Knowledge Initiative – Taxonomy Projects to Describe Deep-Sea Species.

“Ocean Census: Discovering Ocean Life” initiative. Funding from Nekton Foundation (United Kingdom) and Nippon Foundation (Japan).

“Ecosystem resilience – establishment of collection and analyses for four priority ecological fire groups” project. Additional funding from the University of Melbourne.

“Conservation genomics and management planning for the threatened Corangamite water skink” project. Funding from Victorian Government – Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

“Legacy Data Program”. Funding from Victorian Government – Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions – Creative Victoria.

The following collaborative projects administered by other institutions received external funding and commenced during the year under review:

“ARC Centre of Excellence for Indigenous and Environmental Histories and Futures”. Funding from Australian Government – Australian Research Council (administered by James Cook University).

Discovery Project: “Macroecology of reptiles and frogs over latitudinal and temporal gradients”. Funding from Australian Government – Australian Research Council (administered by Monash University).

Linkage Project: “Transforming museum industry to cryopreserve Australia’s diverse wildlife”. Funding from Australian Government – Australian Research Council (administered by The University of Melbourne).

“The social impact of repatriation: There must be a kinder collaborative way” project. The University of Melbourne – McCoy Project Seed Funding (administered by The University of Melbourne).

“Keeping museum objects alive” project. The University of Melbourne – McCoy Project Seed Funding (administered by The University of Melbourne).

“The Last Supper? Analysis of possible gut contents in an exceptional specimen of *Triceratops*” project. The University of Melbourne – McCoy Project Seed Funding (administered by The University of Melbourne).

“Digitally preserving fossil material before ancient DNA analysis: Optimisation of ancient-DNA techniques on Holocene fossil deposits” project. The University of Melbourne – McCoy Project Seed Funding (administered by The University of Melbourne).

“Improving materials testing for the display and storage of museum collections” project. The University of Melbourne – McCoy Project Seed Funding (administered by The University of Melbourne).

Research Supervision

***Bold** denotes Museums Victoria employee

Ammresh, Ammresh: PhD, Monash University.
Supervisors: **Dr Jane Melville (Museums Victoria)**, Prof. Alastair Evans (Monash University), Dr Emma Sherratt (University of Adelaide).
Project: Impacts of Quaternary climate change on shaping past reptile communities across Australia.

Bolton, Madison: BSc(Honours), School of Biological Sciences, Monash University.
Supervisors: **Dr Erich Fitzgerald**, Prof. Alistair Evans (Monash University).
Project: Swimming through time: examining Miocene shark community composition through a period of warming.

Carajias, Eirene: BSc(Honours), School of BioSciences, University of Melbourne.
Supervisors: **Dr Karen Rowe**, Prof. Raoul Mulder (University of Melbourne).
Project: Sound localisation to assess abundance in Australasian Bitterns.

Cottle, Rachael: PhD, La Trobe University.
Supervisors: **Mr Matthew Churchward**, Dr Emma Robertson (La Trobe University).
Project: Women of the Victorian Railways.

Di Natale, Isaac: MSc, School of BioSciences, University of Melbourne.
Supervisors: **Dr Karen Rowe and Dr Kevin Rowe**, Prof. Michael McCarthy (University of Melbourne).
Project: Establishing an eDNA metabarcoding approach to monitor Australasian Bitterns within freshwater communities.

Duncan, Ruairidh: PhD, Monash University.
Supervisors: **Dr Erich Fitzgerald**, Prof. Alastair Evans (Monash University).
Project: The biomechanics and evolution of toothed mysticete whales.

Fernandez, Juan Pedro Valbuena: PhD, Monash University.
Supervisors: **Dr Jane Melville**, Dr Reid Tingley (Monash University).
Project: Exploration of the impacts of Quaternary climate change on shaping past reptile and frog communities from the Australian tropics to the temperate south.

Gay, Catherine: PhD, University of Melbourne.
Supervisors: **Ms Deborah Tout-Smith**, Prof. Andrew May (University of Melbourne), Dr Carla Pascoe Leahy (University of Tasmania).
Project: Girls in nineteenth-century Victoria, Australia: a material history.

Gerhardy, Saskia: PhD, University of Adelaide.
Supervisors: **Dr Karen Rowe**, Dr Graeme Finlayson, Dr Steven Delean and Dr Liberty Olds (University of Adelaide).
Project: Molecular analyses on the critically endangered Plains-wanderer.

Harris, Jaclyn: PhD, Monash University.
Supervisors: **Dr Jane Melville**, Dr David Chapple (Monash University), Dr Claire McLean (University of Tasmania).
Project: Fire regimes and reptiles: how does current fire management impact reptiles and how can we mitigate these impacts?

Kotevski, Jake: PhD, Monash University.
Supervisors: **Dr Erich Fitzgerald**, Prof. Alistair Evans (Monash University).
Project: Diversity and evolution of Australian theropod (carnivorous) dinosaurs.

Liefman, Mike: MSc, School of BioSciences, University of Melbourne.
Supervisors: **Dr Karen Rowe**, Prof. Raoul Mulder and Dr Michelle Gibson (University of Melbourne).
Project: Life history predictors of fire response in forest-dwelling birds.

Moore, Robert: PhD, Monash University.

Supervisors: **Dr Ken Walker**, Dr Matt Piper (Monash University).

Project: Fluctuating asymmetry in the wings of native Australian bees.

Parker, William: PhD, Monash University.

Supervisors: **Dr Erich Fitzgerald**, Prof. Alistair Evans and Assoc. Prof. Justin Adams (Monash University).

Project: Unlocking the palaeobiology of Australia's extinct megafaunal marsupials.

Paterson-Crisp, Lochlan: PhD, Monash University.

Supervisors: **Dr Erich Fitzgerald**, Prof. Alistair Evans (Monash University).

Project: Functional morphology of the enigmatic shark-toothed cetaceans.

Rosier, Cathleen: PhD, Monash University.

Supervisors: **Dr Shannon Faulkhead**, Assoc. Prof. Gillian Oliver (Monash University).

Project: Indigenous data sovereignty and living archives.

Schubert, Joseph: PhD, University of Sydney.

Supervisors: **Dr Jane Melville**, Prof. Nathan Lo and Prof. Simon Ho (University of Sydney).

Project: Systematics, biogeography and conservation biology of the Australian Peacock Spiders and their relatives.

Sexton, Candice: MSc, School of Biosciences, University of Melbourne.

Supervisors: **Dr Jane Melville**, Prof. Devi Stuart-Fox (University of Melbourne).

Project: Population genetics of the Tussock skink, *Pseudemoia pagenstecheri*.

Vournazos, Christopher: BSc(Honours), School of Biological Sciences, Monash University.

Supervisors: **Dr Erich Fitzgerald**, Prof. Alistair Evans (Monash University).

Project: Evolution and palaeoecology of lake dolphins from ancient inland Australia.

Honorary Appointments

Honorary Life Fellows

Granted to individuals of high academic distinction or public standing, considered to have made a significant contribution to the intellectual standing or other significant development of Museum Victoria.

Dr Bronte Adams AM

Emeritus Prof. Daine Alcorn

Prof. Rufus Black

Mr Andrew Butcher

Prof. Edwina Cornish AO

Mr Jim Cousins AO

Mr Graham Cunningham

Mrs Amanda Derham

Ms Sylvia Falzon

Mr Martin Foley

Mr Wilkin Fon

Ms Jill Gallagher AO

Prof. Margaret Gardner AO

Mr Colin Golvan AM QC

Emeritus Prof. Jennifer Graves AO

Dr J. Patrick Greene OBE

Ms Susan Heron

Dr Robin Hirst PSM

Emeritus Prof Rod Home AM

Mr Steve Howard

Dr Alison Inglis AO

Dr Gael Jennings AM

Prof. Pookong Kee

Mr Leon Kempler AM

Prof. Janet McCalman AC

Ms Tina McMeckan

Mr Peter McMullin

Mr Graham Morris

Mrs Sarah Myer

Ms Sheila O'Sullivan

Mr Michael Perry

Emeritus Prof. Marian Quartly

Mr Ian Sinclair AC

The Honourable Haddon Storey QC

Mr Tim Sullivan

Ms Annette Vickery

Emeritus Prof. James Warren

Ms Deanne Weir

Mr Garry Woodard

Curators Emeritus

Granted to curators who retire after having given distinguished service to Museum Victoria for a minimum of 10 years and have made a distinguished contribution in an appropriate curatorial or research field.

First Peoples – Research and Collections

Ms Kimberley Moulton

History and Technology

Mr John Sharples

Dr Charlotte Smith

Ms Elizabeth Willis

Sciences

Dr William (Bill) Birch AM

Dr Thomas Darragh

Dr Chung-Cheng Lu

Dr Mark Norman PSM

Dr Gary Poore

Honorary Associates

Granted to individuals who can be called upon to provide specialist professional advice and assistance to the Board, management or staff on an honorary basis.

First Peoples

Ms Eileen Alberts OAM
Assoc. Prof. Harry Allen
Prof. Henry Atkinson
Ms Susan (Sana) Balai
Prof. Catherine Bennett
Mr Jim Berg JP
Dr Anthony Birch
Dr Carolyn Briggs AM
Mr Robbie Bundle
Mr Leonard Clarke
Ms Maree Clarke
Dr Liz Conor
Ms Vicki Couzens
Ms Zena Cumpston
Dr David Dorward
Mr John Duggan
Prof. Penelope Edmonds
Dr Jason Gibson
Dr Michael Green
Mr Simon Greenwood
Mr Mark Grist
Dr Colin Hope
Mr Rob Hudson
Mr Brendan Kennedy
Ms Diane Kerr OAM
Ms Nancy Ladas
Prof. Marcia Langton AO
Prof. Ian McNiven
Dr John Morton
Ms Katherine Mullett

Mr Russell Mullett
Ms Rochelle Patten
Dr Lois Peeler AM
Mr Shaun Angeles Penangke
Prof. Nicolas Peterson
Prof. Lynette Russell AM
Mr Edward (Ted) Ryan
Dr Gaye Sculthorpe
Ms Diana (Titta) Secombe
Ms Sandra Smith
Dr Nicola Stern
Ms Kirsten Thorpe
Dr Robin Torrence
Dr Chris Urwin
Mr Larry Walsh

History and Technology

Dr Martin Bush
Mr Eddie Butler-Bowdon
Ms Santilla Chingaibe
Dr Sophie Couchman
Dr Lorinda Cramer
Prof. Joy Damousi AM
Prof. Kate Darian-Smith
Dr Gwenda Davey AM
Emeritus Prof. Graeme Davison AO
Ms Rhonda Diffey
Ms Rebecca Forgasz
Dr Margaret (Peg) Fraser
Dr Sarah Hayes
Mr Geoffrey Holden
Ms Alana Johnson
Dr Marina Larsson
Ms Ruth Leveson
Ms Judy McKinty
Dr Camila Marambio
Prof. Andrew May

Dr Pete Minard
Dr Benjamin Mountford
Prof. Timothy Murray
Dr Anh Nguyen Austen
Dr Seamus O’Hanlon
Dr Carla Pascoe Leahy
Dr John Pickard
Dr Gary Presland
Dr Emma Robertson
Ms Heather Russell
Dr Jonathan Sweet
Dr Benjamin Thomas
Prof. Alistair Thomson
Prof. Peter Thorne
Dr Graham Willett
Dr Sara Wills
Prof. Andrea Witcomb

Sciences

Dr Justin Adams
Mr Philip Bock OAM
Mr Robert Burn OAM
Dr Lawrence (Laurie) Cookson
Mr James Cozens
Dr Andrew Drinnan
Prof. Alistair Evans
Dr Caroline Farrelly
Dr Ross Field
Prof. Tim Flannery
Prof. Ewan Fordyce
Mr Grant Hamid
Mr Alan Henderson

Prof. Doug Hilton AO
Dr Julian Hollis
Mr Rudie Kuitert
Assoc. Prof. Murray Littlejohn
Prof. John Long
Mr Peter Marriott
Mr Peter Menkhorst PSM
Dr Gareth Nelson
Prof. Tim New
Mr Ken Norris
Dr Robert Paddle
Dr Tarmo Raadik
Dr Richard Schodde OAM
Mr Luke Simpkin
Mr David Staples
Prof. Devi Stuart-Fox
Dr Roy Swain
Mr Peter Swinkels
Mr Alfons VandenBerg
Prof. Patricia Vickers-Rich AO
Dr Mark Warne
Dr Patricia Woolley AM

Strategic Collection Management

Ms Michelle Berry
Ms Donna Fothergill
Dr Sharann Johnson
Dr Robert Waller

Exhibitions and Audience Experiences Division (Melbourne Planetarium)

Assoc. Prof. Jonathan (Jonti) Horner
Prof. David Malin AM

Publications

* **Bold** denotes Museums Victoria staff and associates.

Refereed Journals

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Nicholls, G. 2024. *Family fibre art practice and passing on skills*. Berlin's Australian Archive: Addressing the Colonial Legacies of Natural History Workshop (Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, Germany, 13 to 17 May).

O'Hara, T., Haines, M. and **Hugall, A.** 2023. *Insights into global brittle star biodiversity using a targeted exon capture approach*. Biosystematics 2023 Conference (Australian National University, Canberra, ACT, 26 to 30 November).

Park, T., Burin, G., Lazo-Cancino, D., Rees, J., Rule, J., Slater, G. and Cooper, N. 2023. *Macroevolutionary patterns in pinnipeds*. 18th Conference on Australasian Vertebrate Evolution, Palaeontology and Systematics (CAVEPS) (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 27 to 30 November).

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Paterson-Crisp, L., **Parker, W.,** Pollock, T. and **Evans, A.R.** 2023. Navy Seals: canine tooth structure and function in aquatic mammals. Poster presentation. 18th Conference on Australasian Vertebrate Evolution, Palaeontology and Systematics (CAVEPS) (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 27 to 30 November).

Poropat, S., Porro, L., **Duncan, R.J.,** Cleeland, M., Bevitt, J., Grice, K., **Vickers-Rich, P.** and **Rich, T.H.** 2023. *An articulated ornithomimid skull and skeleton (Dinosauria: Ornithischia) from the Lower Cretaceous upper Strzelecki Group of Victoria, Australia*. 18th Conference on Australasian Vertebrate Evolution, Palaeontology and Systematics (CAVEPS) (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 27 to 30 November).

Rich, T., Kaufman, J., Vajda, V., Shuvchuk, O., Shepherd, L., Kool, L., Poropat, S., Duddy, I., **Vickers-Rich, P.** and McLees, D. 2023. *The Koonwarra Fossil Fish Beds Konservat-Lagerstätte: an update*. Poster presentation. 18th Conference on Australasian Vertebrate Evolution, Palaeontology and Systematics (CAVEPS) (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 27 to 30 November).

Richards, H.L., Adams, J. and **Evans, A.R.** 2023. *Comparative 3D myology of the koala (Phascolarctos cinereus) and common wombat (Vombatus ursinus) forelimb*. 13th International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology (Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns, Qld, 28 July to 1 August).

Richards, H.L., Rovinsky, D.S., **Fitzgerald, E.M.G., Adams, J.W.** and **Evans, A.R.** 2023. *Postcranial parallels: exploring morphofunctional similarities between disparate groups of giant, clawed, extinct mammalian megaherbivores*. Poster presentation. 18th Conference on Australasian Vertebrate Evolution, Palaeontology and Systematics (CAVEPS) (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 27 to 30 November).

Richards, H.L., Rule, J.P., Mallison, H., **Parker, W.M.G.,** Currie, P.J., **Evans, A.R.** and **Fitzgerald, E.M.G.** 2024. *A three-pronged approach to the palaeobiology of an exceptionally complete Triceratops horridus*. Conference of 200 Years of the Dinosaurs: New Perspectives on an Ancient World (Natural History Museum, London, UK, 11 to 12 January).

Rowe, K.M.C., Baker-Gabb, D., Grinter, A. and Schwinghammer, R. 2023. *Multi-year acoustic monitoring reveals novel insight into the spatial and temporal dynamics of Plains-wanderers in northern Victoria*. 12th Australasian Ornithological Conference (Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Qld, 28 to 30 November).

Rowe, K.M.C., Grinter, A. and Blair, S. 2024. *Communities of sound: nature engagement through ecoacoustics*. 10th Biodiversity across the Borders Conference (Federation University Australia, Mt Helen Campus, Ballarat, Vic, 7 June).

Roycroft, R., Ford, F., Breed, W.G., Ramm, T., Schembri, R., Burns, P.A., **Rowe, K.C.** and Moritz, C. 2023. *Speciation across biomes: rapid diversification with reproductive isolation in the Australian delicate mice*. Biosystematics 2023 Conference (Australian National University, Canberra, ACT, 26 to 30 November).

Rule, J., Ryan, S., Hocking, D., Paterson-Crisp, L., Pollock, T., Cooper, N., Marx, F., **Park, T.** and **Evans, A.R.** 2023. *The origin of toothed filter feeding in seals*. 18th Conference on Australasian Vertebrate Evolution, Palaeontology and Systematics (CAVEPS) (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 27 to 30 November).

Stevenson, M. 2023. *Protect our winters: heritages of Australian skiing during climate change*. 2023 International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) General Assembly (International Convention Centre, Sydney, NSW, 31 August to 9 September).

Stranks, T.N. 2023. *Recontextualising in practice: Blandowski Collections at the Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin*. Berlin's Australian Archive: Addressing the Colonial Legacies of Natural History Workshop (Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, Germany, 28 August to 8 September).

Sumner, J., Hetz Rodriguez, J., Melville, J., Rowe, K.C. and **Rowe, K.M.C.** 2023. *Freezing cells to preserve biodiversity*. Biodiversity Genomics: A Global Perspective Satellite Meeting associated with the 23rd International Congress of Genetics (Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, Vic, 16 July).

Thorpe, K., Faulkhead, S. and Booker, L. 2023. *Indigenous Referencing Guidance for Indigenous Knowledges: a toolkit*. 2023 Kummargii Yulendji Symposium (RMIT Activator, Melbourne, Vic, 7 September).

Tout-Smith, D. 2023. *Museums in the Pacific: a global challenge*. International Conference on Museum, Technology and the Future of Cultural Heritage. International Council of Museums (ICOM) (Città della Scienza, Naples, Italy, 2 October).

Tout-Smith, D. 2024. *Making better citizens: museums as agents of change*. Museums and Citizenship: Experiences, Concepts and Challenges conference. International Council of Museums (ICOM) (Museu Nacional dos Coches, Lisbon, Portugal, 10 to 11 April).

Valbuena Fernandez, J.P., Aguilar, R. and **Melville, J.** 2023. *Impacts of Quaternary climate change on shaping past reptile and frog species and communities along eastern Australia*. 13th International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology (Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns, Qld, 28 July to 1 August).

Ziegler, T., Aberdeen, T., **Gerditz, W.R.,** Levchenko, V., McGuinn, P., Revell, W., Rovinsky, D.R. and Shute, E. 2023. *New taxa, specimens, localities, and history for the Quaternary vertebrate palaeontology of the Buchan Caves, East Gippsland*. Poster presentation. 18th Conference on Australasian Vertebrate Evolution, Palaeontology and Systematics (CAVEPS) (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 27 to 30 November).

Educational Presentations

Barczak, E. and **Gaff, P.** 2024. *Climate aware, not climate afraid*. CONASTA 71, Conference of Australian Science Teachers Association. (The University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic, July 7).

Barczak, E. and **Gaff, P.** 2023. *Object based learning in the Science classroom*. Science Teachers Conference of Victoria. (The University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic, 17 November).

Borg, B., Eastaugh, J., Graham, S., Kearney, N., McGrath, N., Minero, S., Webster, H. 2024. Charles Sturt University Study for Information Studies Students (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 16 April and 6 August).

Hogan, Z. and **Zwier, R.** 2024. *FlushBack Digital Quest*. The Best in Heritage 2024 Imagines conference (Online <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCWUhOsXksI>)

Nachtigall, E. and Zwier, R. 2023. *FlushBack: Using Augments Reality to bring history to life at Scienceworks*. DIGICON, hosted by DLTV and ACMI, (ACMI, Melbourne, Vic, 22 November).

Zwier, R. 2024. *AI in Education*. Australian Science Teachers Association Conference (CONASTA), (The University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic, 8 July)

Public information staff presented to early childhood educators on public research services for young audiences, as part of Museums Victoria's Education and Public Programs professional development program (various dates).

Lectures

Babister, S. 2023. *The Attingham Summer School: An immersive study of Britain's historic homes and collections*. 'Off the Record' Lecture Series, Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (AICCM) Victorian Division (Melbourne, Vic, 27 July).

Babister, S. 2024. *Exhibition conservation at Museums Victoria: planning and management*. Guest lecture for Preventive Conservation (CUMC 90029) course, Master of Arts in Cultural Materials Conservation (University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic, 16 May).

Bickerstaff, J., **Cannon, A.**, Trinca, M. and Byrne, L. 2023. *Blue Shield Australia webinar on the International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction* (Online, 13 October).

Carland, R., Wilson, C. and Nevile, L. 2023. *The Sunrise Collection: Turtle Robots, Lego Logo and the Classroom*. Museums Victoria Lecture Series (Melbourne Museum Theatre, Melbourne, Vic and Online, 25 October).

Fitzgerald, E.M.G. 2023. *Lost world found? Bayside fossils, global change and you*. Annual Beaumaris Fossil Expo (Beaumaris Secondary College Beaumaris, Vic, 6 August).

Fitzgerald, E.M.G. 2023. *Chair of Panel Discussion*. Screening of Jurassic Park 3D IMAX to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Jurassic Park (IMAX Melbourne, Melbourne Museum, Vic, 30 November).

McCartney, E. and Walker, C. 2024. *Where is my mannequin? Using collection management principles for the documentation and storage of mounts*. 2024 Textile Special Interest Group Symposium, Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (AICCM) (National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 26 to 28 June).

McFadzean, M. 2023. *Museums and authority*. Guest lecture for Museums, Heritage and Society (AIM736) course, (Deakin University, Online, 24 July).

McFadzean, M. 2023. *Career development session*. Guest lecture for Migration and Forced Displacement course, Bachelor of Global Studies, (Monash University, Online, 31 August).

McFadzean, M. 2024. *Interpretive methodologies at the Immigration Museum*. Guest lecture for City Visions: Melbourne Intensive (HIST20087) course, (University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic, 7 February).

McFadzean, M. 2024. *The evolution of Museums Victoria-developed exhibitions at the Immigration Museum* (Museums of History New South Wales, Online, 6 March).

Mitchell, N., **Flannery, T.F.**, Tsai C.-H. and **Fitzgerald, E.M.G.** 2023. *Megalodon and the age of ocean giants*. MV Lecture Series (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 28 November).

Mitchell, M., **Sumner, J.**, Parrott, M. and Muigai, A.W.T. 2023. *The genetic rescue of our fantastic beasts*. MV Future Forums (Melbourne Museum Theatre, Melbourne, Vic 19 July).

Muir, C. 2024. *Collection management overview*. Stone tool cataloguing and collection management workshop for the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (Dubbo, NSW, 5 to 8 March).

- Palmer, K. and McCartney, E.** 2023. *Environmental management at Museums Victoria*. Changing Climate Management Strategies Workshop: Sustainable Collection Environments and Monitoring Object Response, organised by Getty Conservation Institute and the National Gallery of Victoria (Melbourne, Vic, 10 August).
- Palmer, K. and Marochini Darby, S.** 2024. *Integrated Pest Management at Museums Victoria*. Guest lecture for Preventive Conservation (CUMC 90029) course, Master of Arts in Cultural Materials Conservation (University of Melbourne, Parkville, 20 and 23 May).
- Phillips, K. and O'Hara, T.** 2023. *Wonders of the deep sea: Indian Ocean seascapes and biodiversity revealed*. Museums Victoria Lecture Series (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 16 August).
- Privett, H.** 2024. *International Women's Day High Tea: Women of the Titanic*. (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic, 8 March 2024).
- Privett, H.** 2024. *Women and Children First*. (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic 14 April 2024).
- Rowe, K.M.C.** 2024. *Bio- and Eco-acoustics*. Guest lecture for Australian Wildlife Biology (ZOOL20004) course (School of BioSciences, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic, 16 April).
- Russell, L.** 2023. *The view from here: thinking about Australian history and its future*. Inaugural Lecture from the Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor. Monash University (Sofitel Hotel, Melbourne, Vic, 18 October).
- Russell, L.** 2024. *The view from here: thinking about Australian history and its future*. 2024 Billibellary Indigenous History Lecture. Royal Historical Society Victoria (Melbourne, Vic, 20 February).
- Sculthorpe, G.** 2023. *Tasmanian Aboriginal objects: the overlooked archive*. 2023 Eldershaw Memorial Lecture, Tasmanian Historical Research Association (Legacy House, Hobart, Tas, 12 December).
- Steele, G.** 2024. *Towards equitable and inclusive metadata at Museums Victoria Library*. OCLC Cataloguing Community Event Webinar - Australia and New Zealand (Online, 15 May).
- Stevenson, M.** 2023. *Dome Promenade impact on visitation to the Royal Exhibition Building*. Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee (Online, 15 November).
- Stevenson, M.** 2004. *State of Victoria Gold Jewellery Collection*. Monthly Talk, Art and Antiquities Circle (Lyceum Club Melbourne, Melbourne Vic, 6 March).
- Tout-Smith, D.** 2023. *A career in museums*. Guest lecture for Masters of Urban and Cultural Heritage program careers seminar (University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic, 23 August).
- Tout-Smith, D.** 2023. *Wartime in Melbourne's Exhibition Buildings*. Material Histories: Objects of War seminar series from Deakin University, Australian Catholic University and Old Treasury (Online, 10 November).
- Tout-Smith, D. and Taylor, T.** 2023. *Behind the scenes: making history exhibitions*. Making Public History seminar series, History Council of Victoria (Online, 30 November).
- Vaha'akolo, D. and Walsh, L.** 2023. *First Peoples storytelling with Uncle Larry Walsh*. Museums Victoria Lecture Series (Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, Vic 12 July).
- Walker, C.** 2023. *Caring for collections: mitigating risks posed by the 10 Agents of Deterioration*. General Meeting, Warragul and District Historical Society (Old Shire Hall, Warragul, Vic, 30 October).
- Walker, C.** 2024. *The conservation profession and the Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material*. Guest lecture for RESPECT (CUMC 90027) course, Master of Arts in Cultural Materials Conservation (University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic, 26 February).
- Webster, H.** 2024. *History in the Museums Victoria Library*. Online Skills Sharing Session. Professional Historians Association (Vic and Tas, Online, 22 July).



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