

# The Future of Automotive Collections & Archives in Australia

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**Proceedings from the 5th Automotive Historians Australia Conference**

# Acknowledgement of Country

Associate Professor Simon Lockrey – *AHA Vice President*  
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AHA acknowledges the people of the Woi wurrung and Boon wurrung language groups of the eastern Kulin Nation on whose unceded lands we conduct the business of the organisation. AHA respectfully acknowledges their Ancestors and Elders, past and present. AHA also acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Ancestors of the lands and waters across Australia where we conduct our business.



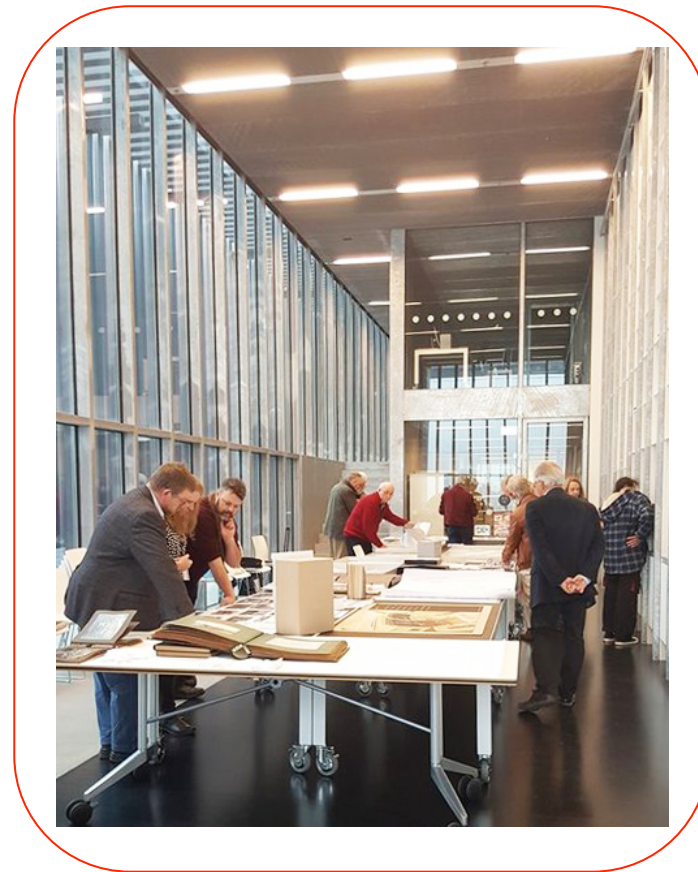
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# President's Welcome

Dr. Norm Darwin - *AHA President*

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# Conference Welcome

Emeritus Professor Harriet – *Conference Co-Convenor*

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In this workshop, we will hear from speakers representing national, state, club and private archives and collections. They will outline challenges faced by these entities in areas such as skill shortage, knowledge transfer, access and research. The day will end with a summary and general discussion proposing future actions that would be appropriate for AHA to undertake on behalf of this vast national resource.

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# Program

- 9:15 Simon Lockrey, Harriet Edquist & Norm Darwin**  
Welcome & Introductions.
- 9:30 Nathan Pharaoh**  
National Museum of Australia: The preservation of functioning vehicles in a risk-averse environment.
- 10:00 Alison Wain**  
The comparisons/contrasts between institutional and private/volunteer owned collection contexts.
- 10:30 Paul Rees**  
The challenges facing the National Motor Museum, Birdwood over the next 10 years.
- 11:00 Morning Tea**
- 11:30 Larry O'Toole**  
Autoplex, Castlemaine Vic: a progress report.
- 12:00 Andrew Grant**  
The Powerhouse transport collection: issues for the future.
- 12:30 Lunch**
- 1:30 Jenny Fawbert**  
Veteran Car Club of Australia NSW & Vintage Motor Club.
- 2:00 Alan Chambers**  
Historic Rally Association: the Rallypedia platform as a means to record and catalogue the history of rallying in Victoria.
- 2:30 Daryl Meek (an apology)**  
Major challenges facing historic motoring club libraries and archives.
- 3:00 Hugh King**  
Australian Motor Heritage Foundation
- 3:30 Afternoon Tea**
- 4:00 Brian Wye**  
Australian Motorlife Museum library cataloguing and access.
- 4:30 Norm Darwin & Phil Schudmak**  
Challenges facing private archives and libraries.
- 5:00 Manca Ogrizek, Deakin University**  
Virtual Reality: 3D techniques for interacting with a virtual museum object, i.e. the ute.
- 5:30 Sarah Teasley, RMIT**  
Concluding remarks.
- End of Conference**

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## About

Following the highly successful *Shifting Gear* exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria, Automotive Historians Australia was founded in Melbourne in 2015, to promote the understanding and enjoyment of automotive history through scholarly research, discussion and events. As such, the Automotive Historians Australia Inc. vision is:

To promote research, education, archival collection and dissemination of knowledge about the history of the Australian automotive industry, and to involve members, industry and others in this history through publications, events, meetings and conferences.