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## December 2022

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## Christmas and New Year opening hours and government records retrievals

Retrieving and borrowing records will be limited over the Christmas and New Year period. Please place your requests by 5pm Thursday 22 December 2022.

Please check the [website](#) for opening hours. Normal opening hours and retrievals resume on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

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## Our new email addresses

Last month our email addresses changed, please update your contacts:

- Office of the State Archivist: information and records management advice [osa@libraries.tas.gov.au](mailto:osa@libraries.tas.gov.au)
- Collection Development (Community Archives): additions to the Community Archives Collection [collection.development@libraries.tas.gov.au](mailto:collection.development@libraries.tas.gov.au)
- State Library and Archive Service: government enquiries about accessing the collection, including file retrievals [archivescollections.libraries@libraries.tas.gov.au](mailto:archivescollections.libraries@libraries.tas.gov.au)

- Government Archives and Preservation: transfers to the Tasmanian Archives [GeilstonBay.Archives@libraries.tas.gov.au](mailto:GeilstonBay.Archives@libraries.tas.gov.au)

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## Office of the State Archivist staff changes

Samara McIlroy is finishing in the role of Principal Policy Analyst. Her last day is 15 December.

Samara first joined the Government Recordkeeping Unit in 2014. After a period in Health, Samara took on a leadership role in the Office of the State Archivist.

Over the past six years, Samara has focused on delivering contemporary advice and support to government clients. Samara's pragmatic and consultative approach has helped deliver robust, risk-based data and digital strategies to improve management of Tasmanian government information. Samara will return to consulting and we wish her well for the future.

Patrice Burke has joined our team as a Library and Archives Service and Program Support Officer for six months. Patrice has been working with Libraries Tasmania for eight years and her substantive position is at New Norfolk Library. Patrice has 20 years' experience in Special Library technical services and administration, chicken keeping and a love of all things related to cake.

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## Official opening of new Geilston Bay repository

The move of the Tasmanian Archives collection from the Berriedale repository to the new Geilston Bay site is now complete. The official opening was on 7 December, with the Minister for Education the Hon Roger Jaensch MP opening the new repository.

The Tasmanian Archives includes government records and community archives. The new repository gives the collection much needed expansion space, and includes a cool store for our film and photographic collection.

This [media release](#) gives more information.

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## In brief

### Information Management Foundations training in 2023

We'll be running an Information Management Foundations training course on Thursday 23 February, Hobart. You can book through the [Tasmanian Training Consortium](#) (TTC).

We'll also be running the course in July in Devonport or Launceston.

## **Get involved in our Communities of Practice**

We started our Digital Dilemmas Community of Practice in September this year and have just held our fourth session. We've had sessions on digital disposal and our draft destruction standard, and digital preservation. At our last session we heard about issues and projects at the University of Tasmania.

The [Terms of Reference](#) and [schedule](#) are on our website. The first session for 2023 will be on Thursday 23 February.

The Northern Records and Information Management Group (NRIMG) started in March 2020. The original aim was to hold face to face meetings, supplemented by online meetings, but COVID-19 meant the group has mostly met online.

At our last meeting, we decided to expand the group as a Community of Practice for all records and information management staff and practitioners across Tasmania. It will focus on those in local councils, and small and medium-sized government organisations, particularly sole practitioners. OSA will coordinate the CoP.

Email [osa@libraries.tas.gov.au](mailto:osa@libraries.tas.gov.au) for more information or to join either CoP.

## **Changes to Australia's Privacy Act**

The Privacy Legislation Amendment (Enforcement and Other Measures) Bill 2022 has passed in Parliament. The prompt for the changes was recent high-profile privacy breaches, including Optus.

Companies now face significantly increased penalties for serious or repeated privacy breaches. They include: up to \$50 million, three times the value of any benefit obtained through the misuse of data, or 30 per cent of a company's adjusted turnover, whatever is larger. Previously, the maximum fine was \$2.2 million. The Notifiable Data Breaches Scheme has been strengthened and the powers of the Australian Information and Privacy Commissioner increased.

A review of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cwlth) started in 2019 and is due for completion this year. Further reforms to the Act are expected.

InfoGovANZ has prepared an [Overview and Preparation Checklist](#) that may help your organisation show compliance with the Act.

The checklist includes data minimisation and over-retention, security, data breach incident response plan and information governance.

## **Disaster Preparedness Calendar**

The Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (AICCM) has developed a [Disaster Preparedness Calendar](#) to help cultural organisations prepare for hazards in their region. The calendar includes reminders such as checking disaster bin contents and changing smoke detector batteries. It can be customised for seasonal disasters including bushfires, cyclones and floods.



## In the news

[Elon Musk's buyout of Twitter has placed its user-generated archives in danger](#), *The Conversation*, 23 November 2022. The loss of Twitter's 16 years of content would be a tragedy. We all have a stake in ensuring it is preserved: governments, archivists, librarians, historians, activists, and institutions.

[Lifeline funding protects Archives' records, but shortfall looms](#), *InnovationAus.com*, 1 November 2022. Lighthouse logbooks and photographs of Darwin after tropical cyclone Tracy were among 850,000 at-risk records digitised by the National Archives last year after securing lifeline federal funding from the previous government.

[Ransomware attack on council impacted water monitoring systems, report reveals](#), *Government News* 7 November 2022. The Australian Cyber Security Centre has stressed the importance of decommissioning legacy systems after a ransomware attack on a NSW council. Access through a legacy entry point impacted many systems and meant council workers had to test water quality manually.

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