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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR GIFT OR TRANSFER OF OBJECTS

Application instructions

Collecting is a thoughtful and deliberate process at the National Museum of Australia, where we tell the diverse stories of Australian life and experience. Like museums across the globe, we regularly review the objects held in our care.

As we review our collection, we have identified some objects that are no longer suitable to remain in our care, but which may be suitable for gift or transfer to appropriate organisations.

The Museum encourages appropriate organisations to submit an expression of interest for the transfer of selected objects. This includes state or community museums, historical societies, heritage organisations and non-commercial entities. The Museum may consider other applicants who meet the selection criteria.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2026

The Museum follows strict protocols around deaccessioning and disposal and is primarily seeking to transfer objects to organisations with adequate resourcing and intentions for long-term public access.

The Museum holds legal title to all objects with provenance documentation and other information available to selected recipients.

Objects for gift or transfer

See the lists of objects offered under this expression of interest at nma.gov.au/gift-transfer-eoi

Applicants are asked to demonstrate:

- capacity to care for and interpret objects
- relevance between the institution's mission and object significance
- proposed public access, research or community benefit
- policies, plans and/or procedures which may support the application
- permits or licenses to manage certain material types (where applicable)

The Museum may, at its sole discretion, enter discussions with, seek further information from or exclude potential applicants.

Submissions will be carefully assessed by an expert panel of senior Museum staff specialising in curatorial and conservation.

The Museum aims to notify all applicants of outcomes by the end of 2026.

Email collectionreview@nma.gov.au if you have questions or need help accessing the object lists, images or form.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2026 APPLICATION FORM

Email completed application and any supporting documentation to collectionreview@nma.gov.au

For information on how the Museum handles your personal information, please see our privacy policy at nma.gov.au/privacy

Application date

APPLICANT DETAILS	
Organisation* (legal name)	
Address	
Contact name*	
Position/title	
Email address*	
Phone number*	

* required

OBJECT DETAILS	
Record number/s	

Object type/s	
Object title/s	

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Please provide details of your organisation including the type of legal entity (for example, state government museum, incorporated association).

Why is your organisation interested in these object/s? Explain how the object/s fit with your organisation's mission, collection policy and/or operational strategies.

Where will the object/s be housed? Detail your organisation's proposal for the use of the object/s (for example, public access, research, community benefit).

Detail your organisation's demonstrated capacity to care for and interpret the object.

If the object/s have identified hazards, please indicate your organisation's current and relevant policies or procedures to manage these.

- ☐ Asbestos Management Plan
- ☐ ARPANSA License
- ☐ Hazards Management Plan
- ☐ Other (add details)

Are you able to transport the object/s from the Museum in Canberra?
Please note inability to transport the object will not automatically exclude your application.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional information (optional – add details or attach additional pages if required)

Attachments

☐ Yes ☐ No