

PAST CARING

What does society expect of Archivists?



← 'An Audience at Agrippa's', 1885
Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema (1836-1912)

The Australian Society of Archivists conference, to be held in Sydney in August 2002, promises to create discussion and debate on the role of archivists within our societies

in archives; and Professor James E Young (University of Massachusetts), an expert on memorialisation of the Holocaust and how it has been affected by politics, culture and nationalism.

Speakers from State Records will be contributing to discussions about a variety of matters including the appraisal and disposal of government records, and the management of electronic records. These are matters that are high on the professional agendas of archivists.

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Australian Society of Archivists
Annual Conference 2002
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Manly Pacific Hotel, Sydney

For more information about the conference

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The conference theme, 'Past Caring? What does Society expect of Archivists?' will allow delegates to look outside the boundaries of the recordkeeping profession to the relationships that other groups in society have with records, and their expectations of archivists and other recordkeepers.

The conference discussions will focus on the difficult role that archivists have in balancing the concerns and expectations that different groups have about the creation, existence and uses of records, including:

- the impact of politics and culture on archives and other forms of collective memory

- balancing rights to privacy against rights of access
- the importance of local community archives programs, and
- the question of who should 'own' records about individual people.

It will encourage professional recordkeepers to look beyond their usual preoccupations and to think about their role.

The conference will attract speakers and delegates from throughout Australia, North America and Europe.

International speakers include: Professor Dr Eric Ketelaar (University of Amsterdam), a former national Archivist of the Netherlands and an authority on modern developments