

Opening & Open Day

State Records has been busy with two major events in April-May



On 22 April Ms Diane Beamer, MP, Member for Mulgoa, officially opened three new facilities at the Western Sydney Records Centre: an expanded and refurbished reading room, state of the art conservation laboratory and climate controlled archives storage building.

← Pictured in the new conservation lab (left to right): Mr Paul Lynch, Member for Liverpool; John Burke, Associate Director, Western Sydney; Ms Diane Beamer, Member for Mulgoa; Alan Ventress, Associate Director, City; Mark Stevens, City Archivist, City of Sydney Archives; Shirley Fitzgerald, Chairperson of State Records' Board; David Roberts, Director



State Records' first Open Day at the Western Sydney Records Centre on Saturday 18 May, during Archives and Records Management Week, was a fun day for visitors and staff and a great achievement for the dedicated team of organisers

Here are the results from our chief statistician!

over **500** visitors on the day (staying about **4** hours)
more than **90%** of visitors from the local Western Sydney area
65% new to State Records
600 sausages sizzled
400 people on guided tours of the facilities
20 tours, **45** minutes long, departing every **15** minutes
456 people to **10** scheduled talks
90 people to shipping records talk (the most popular of the day)
55% of visitors encouraged to attend via local press,
15% via word of mouth, **10%** through society newsletters and meetings,
10% via State Records reading rooms, **7%** through websites plus a special thankyou to **46** staff