



January 2004 marks the 25th anniversary of State Records' presence in Sydney's historic Rocks area.

The Archives Office of NSW was established in 1961 and was first housed with the State archives collection in the Public Library building (now the Mitchell Wing of the State Library) on Macquarie Street.

The move to The Rocks in late 1978 was the culmination of a process of administrative and physical separation from the Library. An identifiable archives institution for New South Wales had become a practical reality.

On 15 January 1979, the reading room at The Rocks opened for business. The building was formally opened on 27 April that year by then Premier of NSW, Neville Wran.

>1821

Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records established

>1911

Trustees of Public Library propose separate Archives Office

>1953

Archives Department established in Public Library of NSW

>1961

Archives Act 1960 commences; Archives Office established

>1974

First archives storage building opened at Kingswood site

>1976

Establishment of Records Management Office

>1978

Archives Office moves from Public Library to The Rocks

>1979

City reading room in The Rocks opens to the public

>1987

Western Sydney reading room opens at Kingswood

>1999

State Records Act 1998 commences; State Records established

>2000

Rocks premises refurbished; opened as Sydney Records Centre

The Archivist and the Aardvark



↑ Badge promoting 'Archival Awareness', produced by then Archives Office of NSW, 1987

↖ Cartoon published in Archeion no 5 (newsletter of the Archives office) in 1987, drawn by Michael Allen (now State Records' Office Chief Information Officer)