

# ***From collections to exhibitions***

## **A National Museum of Australia Collections Symposium**

27 March 2009  
Visions Theatre  
National Museum of Australia

### **Call for papers**

Following the successful collections conferences held at the National Museum of Australia in 2006 and 2008, we are holding a third Collections Symposium in 2009. These conferences are designed to provide a forum for museum professionals and scholars to discuss issues and ideas relating to the use and interpretation of museum collections. The 2009 symposium will focus on the use of collections in exhibitions. What are the challenges in presenting collection material in an exhibition context? How does collection material stimulate and determine the development of exhibition story lines? What are the issues involved in using object in a different context from that in which it was originally collected?

The conference will comprise three kinds of presentations:

- Substantive (ie 20 + 10 minutes) argumentative/agenda-setting papers;
- 'Snapshot' papers at which curators give short (10 + 5) presentations on the way particular collections etc. have been used in exhibitions;
- A panel discussion concerning the use of collections in exhibitions.

If you would like to present a paper at the 2009 Collections Symposium Please submit an abstract by COB 30 January 2009. Abstracts should be submitted to [g.hansen@nma.gov.au](mailto:g.hansen@nma.gov.au). Final selection will be made by conference organisers. If you have any questions or would like to discuss a proposed paper please call Guy Hansen on 02 6208 5311.