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Minister for the Arts Virginia Judge announces Australasia-Pacific Fellowship recipients

Minister for the Arts Virginia Judge this week announced the two successful recipients of the Australasia-Pacific Fellowships.

Museums & Galleries NSW Fellowship program, funded by the NSW Government through Arts NSW, provides professional staff working at NSW museums and galleries the opportunity to spend two weeks at an international organisation as part of their professional development.

Each fellowship provides travel costs, accommodation and incidentals assistance of up to \$5,000 for a two-week period with their host institution.

This year M&G NSW partnered with National Museum of Singapore and the Museum of Asian Civilisations Museums (ACM) to offer one Fellowship. The National Museum of Singapore is Singapore's oldest museum with an innovative approach to the interpretation of history and the ACM is the first museum in the region to present a broad yet integrated perspective of pan-Asian cultures and civilisations.

Acting CEO Michael Huxley said this international partnership and the Fellowship program has provided very valuable professional development opportunity.

"This opportunity to obtain a global perspective on curatorial and operation matters will help these mid-career museum and gallery professionals to further enhance their organisation's significant contribution to the cultural life of NSW," he said.

2010 Australasia-Pacific Fellowships winners:

- Sarah Johnson - Curator/Programs Coordinator at Manly Art Gallery & Museum. Sarah will be hosted by the National Museum of Singapore and the Museum of Asian Civilisations Singapore.
- Ian Stephenson - University Curator at the University of New England. Ian has nominated Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, New Zealand as his host institution.

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