

OUR PEOPLE

Board

The M&G NSW Board plays a key role in the strategic development of the organisation and the management of its resources. The Board adds value to the organisation through its expertise, judgment, knowledge and connections. It focuses on critical issues which will impact on the effectiveness of the organisation to meet its functional responsibilities.

To view the current M&G NSW Board members please visit http://mgnsw.org.au/about_us/mg_nsw_board/

Staff

The M&G NSW staff comprises museum and gallery professionals who are passionately committed to working with the sector.

To view the profiles of M&G NSW staff please visit http://mgnsw.org.au/about_us/staff/

Committees

M&G NSW seeks input from a range of sector committees:

- IMAGinE awards Committee
- Museum Reference Committee
- Standards Review Committee
- Visual Arts Reference Committee
- Volunteer Reference Committee

To view current committees and their members go to http://mgnsw.org.au/about_us/committees/

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About us

WORKING WITH NSW MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

M&G NSW is the leading agency to develop, support and promote regional, community and public museums and galleries across NSW. Our focus is on increasing community participation and engagement with NSW museums and galleries to create lifelong learning, improved environments and build harmonious communities.

M&G NSW presents strategic programs, provides ongoing advocacy and develops services which play a pivotal role in nurturing sustainable museums and galleries and keeping places within their community.

We respond to issues impacting the sector, such as sustainability, new operational models, such as convergence, and new legislation. We capitalise on opportunities to support our sector into the future through information sharing, new programs and the development of new resources. We aim to ensure the ongoing provision of enjoyable, enriching cultural experiences for the people of NSW.

Our sector

Our constituency comprises museums, galleries, keeping places, artist-run initiatives and individuals working in this sector who use our services, attend our programs and are informed by our communications. There are over 540 museums, 34 regional galleries, 27 artist-run initiatives and 15 keeping places in NSW. M&G NSW has an increasing association with the 175 historical societies and 266 libraries throughout the state.

Approximately 34% of our constituents are located in greater metropolitan Sydney, with 36% in regional/remote and 30% in coastal areas of the state. An average of 1.5–2 million people visit museums and galleries outside the CBD per year. These organisations are managed by 3–4,000 staff and 3,500–4,000 volunteers.

Our stakeholders and partners

Our key stakeholders are funding bodies, the sector and our partners.

Ongoing core funding support is received from the NSW State Government through Arts NSW and the Federal government through the Australia Council. M&G NSW also acknowledges partnering support from non government businesses and organisations.

M&G NSW works in partnership with the state's cultural institutions to provide

greater access to services for the sector and to add value to their engagement with the community. We work with local government through partnership programs such as the Standards Program, and with sector organisations such as Regional & Public Galleries NSW and Museums Australia – at both state and national levels – as well as with other national and state based organisations.

HOW WE DO IT

Professional development

> Seminars and Workshops

Fostering critical debate and building expertise throughout the museum and gallery sector through a diverse program of timely seminars, masterclasses and roundtable discussions.

> Mentorships and Fellowship Program

Enabling regional museum and gallery staff to pursue professional development in major Sydney cultural institutions and internationally.

Sector development

> Museum Advisor Program

Co-founded with local government, this program provides access to a museum specialist to work with councils and museums to develop sustainable futures.

> Standards Program

Working with museums and local government to foster sustainable community museums. Participating museums are supported through the National Standards Assessment Program, with workshops and site visits throughout the year.

Touring exhibitions

Developing and supporting innovative contemporary visual art, craft and museum exhibitions for tour throughout regional and metropolitan NSW, interstate and abroad.

Grants

> Volunteer Initiated Museum Grants

Assisting skills development, short-term and strategic projects for volunteer managed museums.

> Incoming Touring Exhibition Grants

Providing assistance for hosting touring exhibitions to NSW visual art organisations and craft and design centres.

> Gallery FocusED Grants

Providing financial assistance to public galleries throughout NSW for the development and/or implementation of educational initiatives that build relationships with schools and increase access to quality arts experiences for state school students (K-12). GALLERY focusED is supported by BlueScope Steel and ConnectED Arts, NSW Government Arts Education Strategy.

Resources

> Exhibitions Register

Profiling a range of exhibitions available for tour from arts organisations across Australia including M&G NSW developed and managed exhibitions, the register is published twice a year on the M&G NSW website.

> Consultants Register

Facilitating relationships between clients and consultants in the museum and gallery sector, this is an invaluable free register of museum and gallery sector expertise.

> Distance Advisory Service

Providing expert advice to the sector on matters including collections management, strategic planning and touring exhibitions and informing the sector with general museum and gallery information.

> Information Resources

Producing a variety of sector resources, from fact sheets about Disaster Planning and Collection Management, to conference podcasts and the annual *Grants and Funding Booklet*, which details funding sources available to museums and galleries in NSW.

> Website & Alert!

Promoting the latest museum and gallery news and ensuring the sector is aware of current issues through publications such as our e-bulletin *Alert!* and our website: www.mgnsw.org.au

Research, advocacy and partnerships

Identifying and promoting strategic issues facing the museum and gallery sector and staff through key research and advocacy projects and partnerships.

> Audience Development

M&G NSW has committed to a dynamic and responsive research and audience development program as one of its key strategic priorities.

The M&G NSW Research and Audience Development program undertakes strategic visitor research and the development and management of a centralised collection of comprehensive, reliable and current arts audience data which can be accessed by museums and galleries to identify their visitors and their needs.

CELEBRATING THE SECTOR

IMAGinE awards

A partnership between M&G NSW, Regional & Public Galleries NSW and Museums Australia (NSW & ACT), these annual awards encourage best practice and innovation, and recognise achievements and individual accomplishments in the museum and gallery sector.