

Book launch at the State Library of Victoria

Keeping Archives, 3rd edition, the flagship publication from The Australian Society of Archivists Inc. (ASA), was recently launched in Melbourne by Professor Verity Burgmann, Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia and Professor in Political Science at the University of Melbourne. The book launch was held at the State Library of Victoria and not only celebrated a milestone in achievement by its authors and contributors but brought together a broad cross section of the archival and library community who have long awaited the new edition of this publication.

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In her launch speech Professor Verity Burgmann, no stranger to research and the use of archival records, suggested that the best things in life might be wine, food, sex and archival research but not necessarily in that order.

Prepared by an editorial team comprising of Jackie Bettington, Kim Eberhard, Rowena Loo and Clive Smith, each chapter

of *Keeping Archives* has been written by recognised subject matter experts and richly illustrated with photographs, diagrams and cartoons. A CD containing reference material, checklists and templates for easy re-use is included. Further information about KA3 and order forms are available at <http://www.archivists.org.au>

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