AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ARCHIVISTS

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Overview

- Give a brief description of the Australian Society of Archivists

- Detail how the ASA can support you and your staff improve professional capabilities through engagement with:
  - Professional Recognition Scheme
  - Keeping Archives Online Training Program

Australian Society of Archivists

About the ASA

- Peak body for professional archivists
- 1200 members working in a diverse range of institutions
- Two classes of membership –Individual and Corporate
- Individual members can apply for Professional Recognition
- Promote a professional identity for archivists
- Promote the keeping, care and use of archives
- Establish and maintain standards of archival practice
- Inform and communicate within and beyond the profession
  - Journal *Archives & Manuscripts* published 3 times a year
  - Monthly electronic Newsletter
  - Social Network *Archives Live; Facebook; Twitter*
  - Branches and Special Interest Group networks e.g. Government Special Interest Group
  - Annual Conferences
  - Workshops
- Provide and support, education and training for archivists
  - Keeping Archives Online Training Program
  - Informal mentoring scheme

Supporting and recognising professional capabilities

Focus on 2 programs:

1. Professional Recognition Scheme
2. Online Training Program

Professional Recognition Scheme

3 categories of Professional Recognition

- **ASA Accredited Member (ASAAM)**
- **ASA Recognised Professional (ASARP)**
- **ASA Accredited Professional (ASAAP)**

- ✓ For individuals the scheme provides an education and experience pathway
- ✓ For employers the scheme supports staff professional development and the acquisition and consolidation of skills
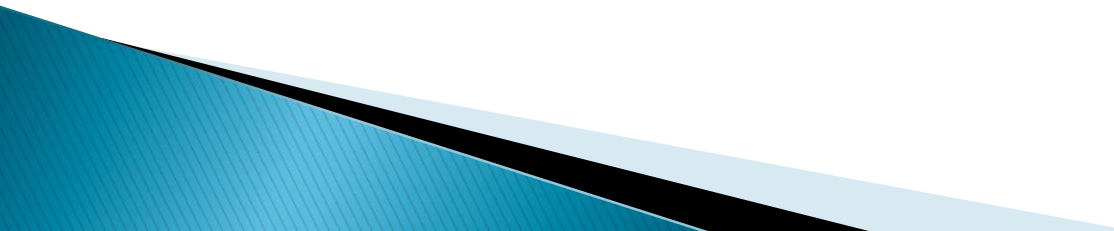
ASA Accredited Member (ASAAM)

- Open to individual members with a **degree from an Accredited ASA Course**

- An Accredited Member can upgrade to a higher level when requirements are met

- Current accredited courses (a number of offered through distance education):
  ◦ Charles Sturt University
  ◦ Curtin University of Technology
  ◦ Monash University
  ◦ University of South Australia
  List of all courses accredited since 1981 on website

ASA Recognised Professional (ASARP)

- Open to individual members with a **university qualification** (including an accredited course) and a minimum of **2 years** of archival and/or recordkeeping experience

- Experience is assessed against four ASA Professional Capabilities:
  - Knowledge and skills, plus 3 other capabilities from the following list (expanded details on capabilities on website):
    - Professionalism
    - Rights, Justice & the Law
    - Values & Ethics
    - Context and Organisations
    - Leadership & Innovation
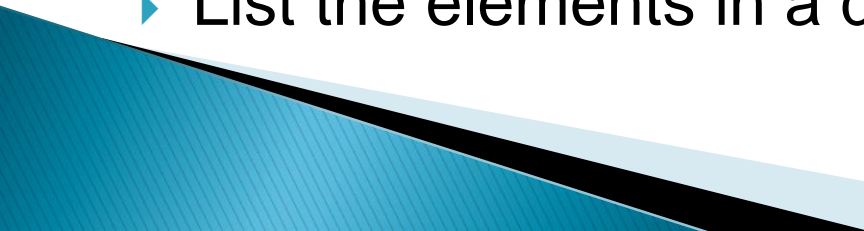   - Critical Reflection

ASA Accredited Professional (ASAAP)

- Open to individual members with a **qualification from an accredited course** and a minimum **5 years** of archival and/or recordkeeping experience

- Experience is assessed against the ASA's Professional Capabilities

Keeping Archives Online Training Program

- Suite of 6 online self directed courses
- Open to both members and non members
- Designed to provide a solid introduction to archives and recordkeeping knowledge
- Average duration 90 minutes – video content with leading practitioners and interactive quiz elements
- Courses:
  - Introduction to Records and Archives
  - Appraisal
  - Context Control and Documentation
  - Physical Management and Preservation
  - Access
  - **Digital Records and Archives**

Digital Records and Archives – online training program

Expected course outcomes – by the end of the ***Digital Records and Archives*** course participants will be able to:

- Describe the changing nature of recordkeeping
- Explain the key considerations in the design and implementation of systems for records
- Explain the key considerations in migrating digital records
- List the main activities and key concepts in digital preservation
- List the elements in a digital archives program

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