CAE Collections Team: Museums Disposal Panel Report



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SECTION 1

(to be completed by Collections Officer)

1.1 Description of Object/Objects

LCNLL: 1980/23.1 – 'Australian Books 1968 – A Select List' - 54 numbered pages LCNLL: 1980/23.2 – 'Australian Books 1971 – A Select List' - 52 numbered pages LCNLL: 1980/23.3 – 'Australian Books 1972 – A Select List' - 102 numbered pages

All 3 books are yearly round-ups produced by the National Library of Australia of key books about Australia that also highlight new books published in the respective years.

All 3 books are untraced finds from stores and are presumably reference material for exhibitions that should not have been accessioned & there is no record of display.

All 3 books are in good condition with minor scuffs to covers.

All are currently stored in the Small Stores of the Museum of Lincolnshire Life.

Images of the front covers below:

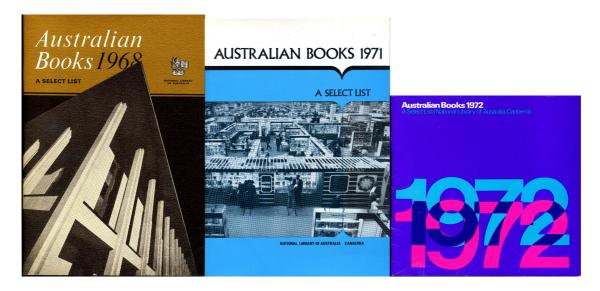


Image to the right illustrates the basic content in all 3 books:

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1.2 Reason For Disposal

Under the LCC Acquisition and Disposal Policy (section 6.1.2) justifiable reasons for disposal include:

- Items that fall outside Lincolnshire County Council's Collections Development Strategy
- Un-contextualised or un-provenanced items
- Under-used items

It is likely that these 3 books were acquired in the period 1969-1973 as reference material for exhibitions on maybe Mattew Flinders or Lincolnshire connections with Australia. These 3 books fall outside the Collections Development Strategy (Sections 4 & 5) in terms of material we wish to have in our collections & should never have been accessioned.

Their use as reference material has been superceeded by the internet, with the National Library of Australia database easily accessable on-line.

There is no record of these books being used since they were accessioned in 1980.

1.3 Suggested Means of Disposal & Reason

As mentioned above, this material has been superceeded by the internet so it is unlikely that we will identify accredited museums with suitable collections that we can approach directly. Therefore a notice should placed on the disposal noticeboard on the Museums Association website and/or in the Museums Journal as a free gift to an Accredited Museum before disposal to other interested individuals or organisations is considered as per the LCC Acquisition & Disposal Policy (Sections 6.17 to 6.2).

1.4 Impact Statement

1.4.1 Potential Risks

• Risk of negative impact on LCC if it is thought by the local community that LCC cannot care for its collections.

1.4.2 Potential Benefits

- Storage: by disposing of these 3 books, an admittedly small amount of space will be created for the collecting of new material to continue and be cared for in line with the Accreditation Standard and the LCC Acquisition and Disposal Policy (Section 5.1.13).
- Use of resources: if the disposal goes ahead this will allow staff time and financial resources to be used on other parts of the collection that are used more fully for research and display.
- Significance of the Collection: by removing items from our collection that do not serve the
 people of Lincolnshire we can improve the significance of what remains in line with our
 core principles outlined in the LCC Acquisition and Disposal Policy (Sections 4.1.1 to
 4.1.12) & the Collections Development Strategy (Section 5).

1.5 Other Considerations

Time necessary for creating and posting advertisement for *Museums Journal* and/or MA website and then waiting for offers before disposal could take place.

1.6 Recommendation

It is proposed that the Disposal Panel r	recommend disposal	of these 3 books	, freeing up
resources for other collection objects.			

	<u>SECTION 2</u> (to be completed by Disposal Panel)	
2.1	Panel Decision	
Fully	agree with Disposal Report Section 1 recommendation	
_	e with Disposal Report Section 1 recommendation, with additional requirements/ nent (section 2.2)	
Disag	gree with Disposal Report recommendation for reasons given below (section 2.2)	
2.2	Additional Comments Caveats/questions regarding disposal; reasons for disagreeing with recommendation; raise points requiring further clarification, for inclusion in Exec. Cllr. Report or resolution prior to submitting this report	
If pro	oposal ratified then offer to the Banks Society (Horncastle) who are trying to build up a ry.	
Sign	ed:Jonathan Platt (Chair of Disposal Panel) Date:08/06/11	
	SECTION 3 (to be completed by Collections Officer)	
3.1	Exec Report No	
3.2	Exec Decision No	
3.3	Action / Date Completed Ensure a copy of the Authority deaccession/disposal form is attached to this sheet	
3.4	Name, Contact Details & Status of Recipient Accredited museum, private museum etc.	
3.5	New Location and Number of Object For future access, should enquiries come in.	
3.6	Benefits Achieved for the Service/Object: Short summary tying back to section 1.4	