

DISASTER RECOVERY PLANNING AT ANU ARCHIVES

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Outline

- ANU Archives features and limitations
- Experience of disasters big and small
- Response
- Key issues for a 'small archives'



ANU Archives

University Archives

- ANU and predecessors
- · Administrative, research, teaching, staff and students

Noel Butlin Archives Centre

- collecting area business and labour records
- Australian companies, trade unions, peak bodies and industry groups, activists

Pacific Research Archive

- records of companies operating in the Pacific, administrators, missionaries,
- academics undertaking field work and research

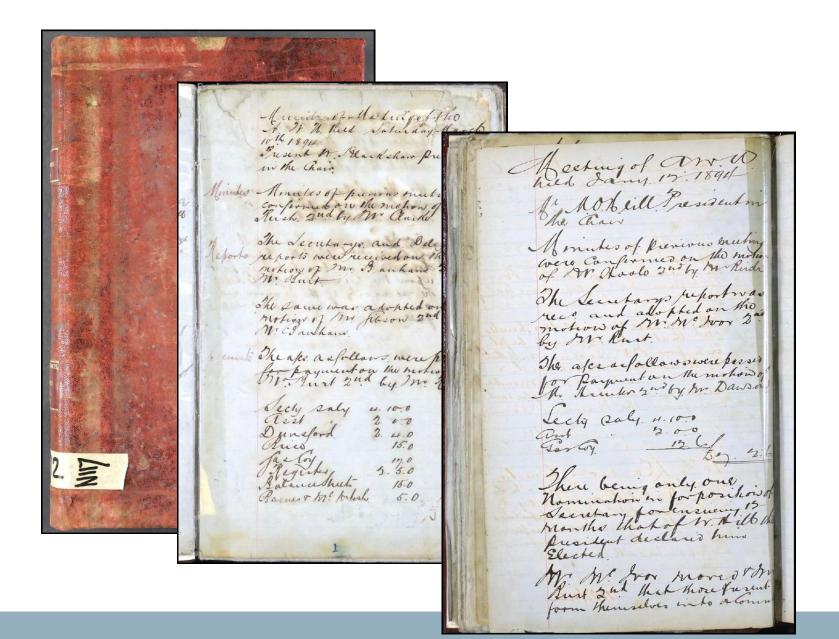
National AIDS Archive Collection

- material from government agencies, community organisations, academic and research centres, individuals.
- printed, audio-visual, ephemera and records



- 21 kilometres of records
- many formats
- 4 locations
- 6 staff
- Acquisition, cataloguing/processing, collection management, reference, research support, outreach, exhibitions







Types of material

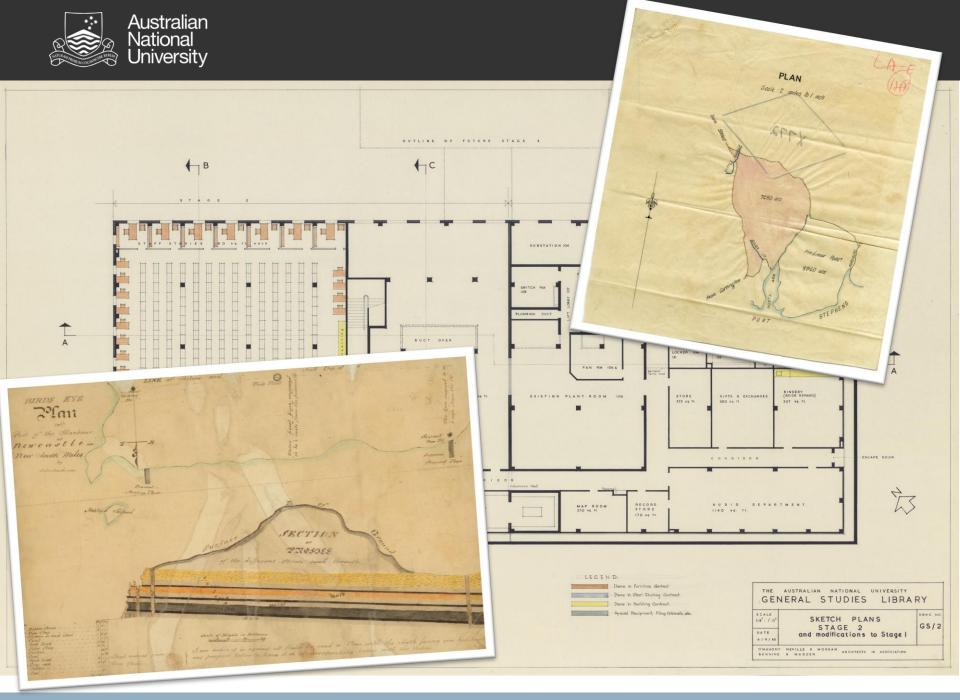














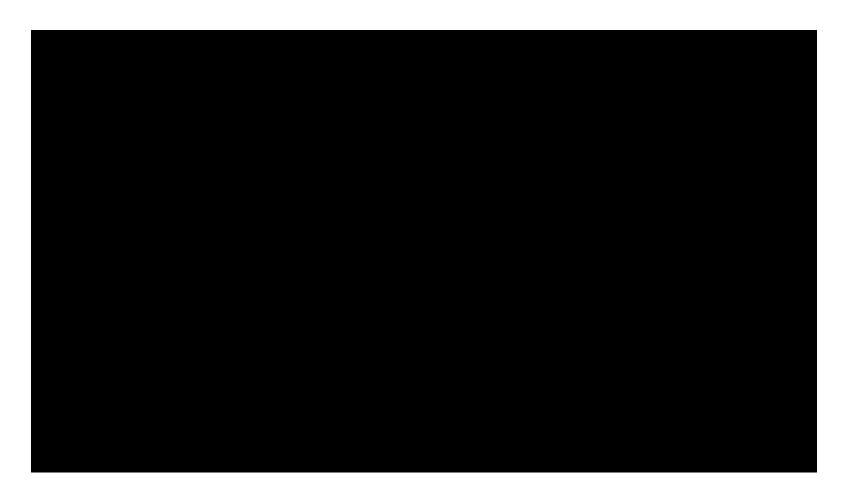


ANU Archives Reading Room





ANU Archives repositories





Cold store and Brown repositories



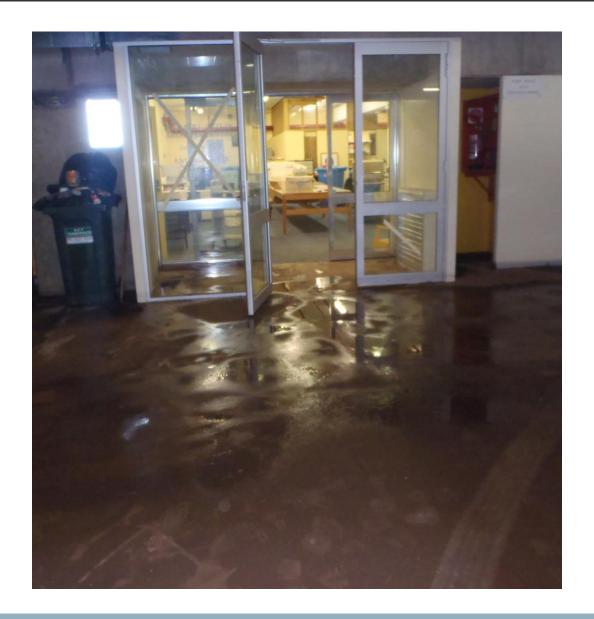


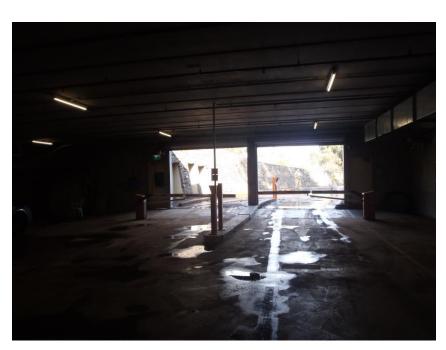


Experience of disaster

- Unpredictable results from storms
- Wind + rain = problems
- Archives ok in big flood early 2018
- Blocked storm water drains
- Many possible entry points for water including fire suppression system
- Regularly checking repository and known weak points
- Collections off floor



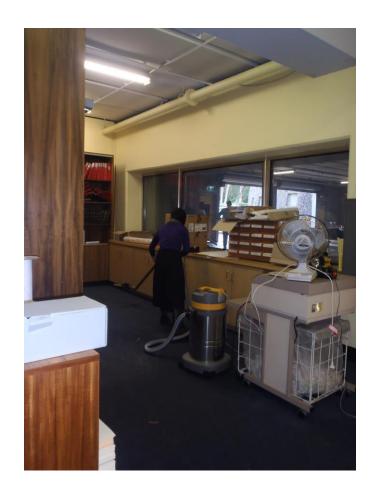




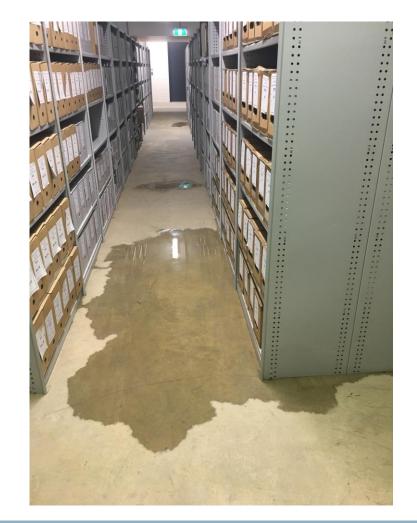














Response – 'who we gonna call?'

- Internal University services
 - Facilities and Services
- DisACT
 - advice, equipment
- External experts
 - advice, recovery, training



Key issues for a 'small' archives

- Disaster Response Plan practical, reviewed
- Staff training
- Supplies on hand
- Networks DisACT





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