



MAP Ready?

The following is a list of features of a museum ready to undertake MAP. To reach accepted museum standards within 2-3 years will be difficult without the following being established before beginning the program.

The museum should:

- have a strong team with a shared commitment to undertake the program, and several people committed to doing the work required to become accredited,
- have workers that have already undertaken some training in museum practice.
- have been open for 2 years and have regular opening hours,
- have a space to display and share the collection with the public.
- have established a collection management system according to museum practice - and cataloguing is well underway,
- be focussed on the significant stories and themes that relate to the museum's purpose,
- have at least some of the documents needed to become accredited already written and in use, e.g. a donor form, collection policy,
- have a separate storage area for objects not on display, or be working toward this,
- have a basic understanding of preventive conservation and steps to protect the collection are being taken,
- have an understanding of the *National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries* (available for download www.mavic.asn.au/resources)