

The Green Museum **Project**

a sustainability initiative developed for community museums & galleries

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are now being invited for the Museums Australia (Victoria) Green Museum Project Advisory Committee (GMPAC). The GMPAC will provide both operational support and strategic advice relating to the Green Museum Project, including:

- A review and ongoing assessment of the Green Museum Project Audit Workshop
- Project assessment and implementation
- Ensuring project objectives are completed within agreed budgets, achieving agreed outcomes
- A revision of the Museums Australia Sustainability Policy
- How MA (Vic) can assist metropolitan and regional Victorian museums to adapt to the threats to collections and organisations as a result of climate change
- Methods and strategies museums and galleries can implement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency, utilise renewable energy production, conserve resources, reduce waste and use environmentally responsible products
- Identifying potential research and project pathways, as well as research and knowledge gaps
- Identify funding opportunities to implement green initiatives

MA (Vic) aims to achieve a balance of professionals on its committees. Individuals with an interest in and/or knowledge of cultural heritage, the arts, and environmental sustainability are invited to apply, including:

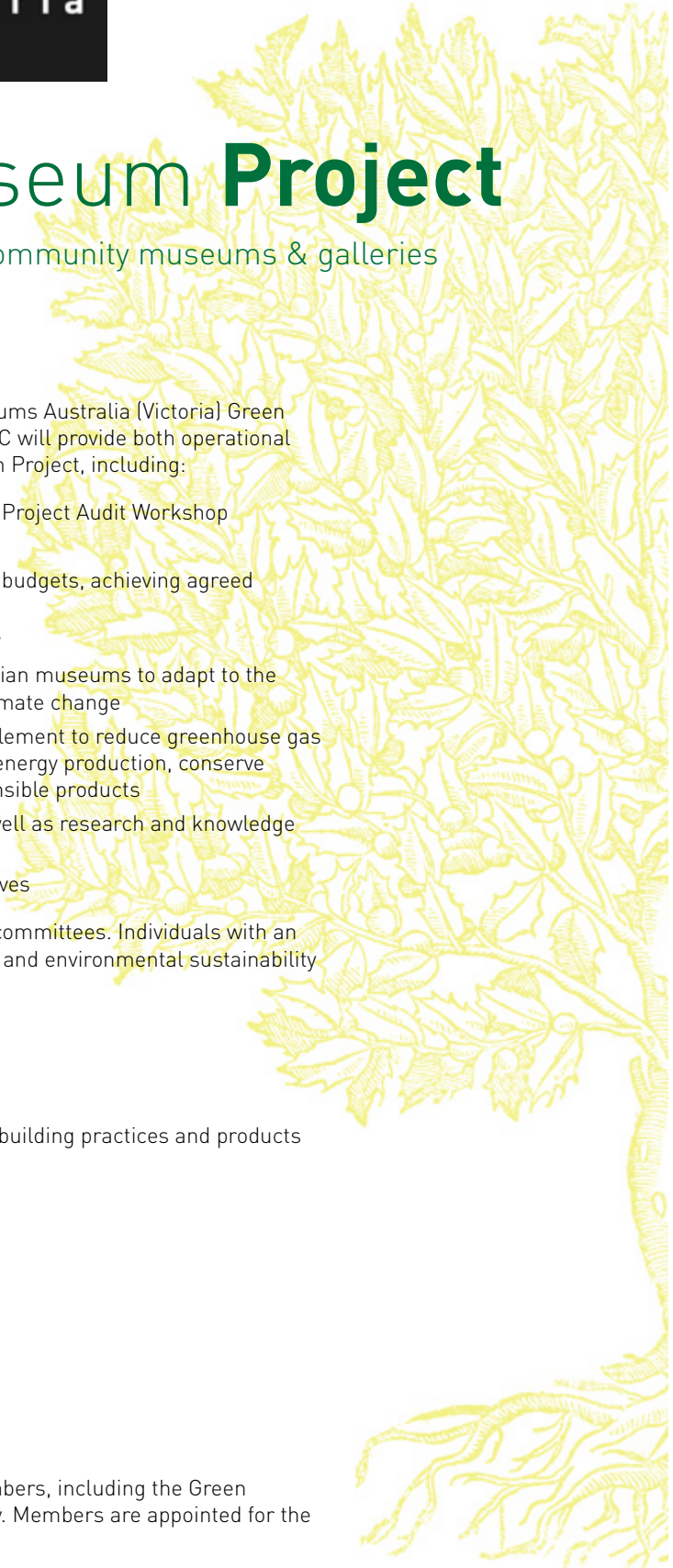
- Conservators
- Climate scientists
- Meteorologists
- Architects and builders with a knowledge of sustainable building practices and products
- Technical museum and gallery facility operation staff
- Exhibition installation and design staff
- Risk assessors
- Artists and professionals working within the arts sector
- Collection managers
- Local government sustainability staff
- Sustainable energy consultants
- Sustainable gardening and landscaping professionals
- Environmental sustainability lawyers and policymakers

The GMPAC will have a membership of between 6-10 members, including the Green Museum Project Manager, a Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary. Members are appointed for the duration of the project (until December 2017).

Meetings will be held once every two months at Melbourne Museum commencing June 2016. Regional GMPAC members will have the opportunity to contribute to meetings via teleconference.

To register your interest in joining the GMPAC, please complete and return the GMPAC membership Expression of Interest Form by COB Thursday 30 June 2016.

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ABOUT THE GREEN MUSEUM PROJECT

The Green Museum Project is a new sustainability initiative developed by Museums Australia (Victoria) and made possible by the generous support of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation with additional support from Creative Victoria.

The project combines preventive conservation and environmental sustainability practices to provide community museums and galleries with the tools and knowledge to reduce their energy use. Participating organisations will benefit by saving money, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving lighting facilities, reducing the risk to collections from light and ultraviolet damage, and positioning themselves as a local leader in sustainability.

The Green Museum Project has been designed to complement the Museum Accreditation Program (MAP). Training is open to all museums and galleries operating in Victoria with priority given to MAP-Accredited and MAP-enrolled organisations. Participants will be trained on how to:

- Conduct an energy and lighting audit to establish baseline measures
- Measure and adjust exhibition and display lighting to meet conservation standards
- Ensure long-term preservation of collection material through object rotation schedules
- Create and implement an Environmental Sustainability Policy
- Design an Action Plan for sustainable operations

ABOUT MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA)

Established in 1994, Museums Australia (Victoria), also known as MA (Vic), is the Victorian state branch of Museums Australia, the national association for the museum and gallery sector. MA (Vic) represents 1,000+ organisations that care for 43 million artefacts. MA (Vic) supports museums and galleries with a range of programs and services including:

- Accreditation of museums and galleries based on National Guidelines
- Professional events such as The Victorian Museums & Galleries Conference and the Victorian Museums & Galleries Forum
- Professional development—over twenty events, workshops and seminars each year for museum volunteers and paid staff across the state
- Professional resources (including exhibition books, National Standards for Australian Museums, INSITE magazine, Weekly e-bulletins, fact sheets and YouTube videos)
- Advocacy and profile raising of the Victorian museum sector
- Environmental sustainability training and support as a part of our Green Museum Project
- Media coverage and publicity
- Expert advice on museum practice and development including advisory visits to regional and metropolitan Victorian museums
- The Roving Curator Program that assists museums and galleries develop engaging and dynamic exhibitions
- Digitisation training and support through Victorian Collections (a free and easy to use, online cataloguing system that currently provides digital access to 65,000 cultural treasures)

For further information about Museums Australia (Victoria) visit: www.mavic.asn.au