



MayDay 2010

This May, take at least one of the following steps to prepare your organisation for emergency prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.



- Register for *Disaster Proofing Heritage Collections: the Blue Shield Australia & DISACT Symposium 2010* on matters relating to emergency-preparedness for cultural heritage. This will be held at the National Library of Australia, Canberra, on Thursday 6 May 2010. For further details, contact info@blueshieldaustralia.org.au
- Dust off your counter-disaster plan and make sure it's current, or make a timeline for developing one, using *Be Prepared: Guidelines for writing a disaster preparedness plan*: http://www.collectionsaustralia.net/sector_info_item/2
- Identify and prioritise your important collection items and heritage sites
- Identify the three biggest risks to your collection or heritage site
- Get to know your local firefighters, police and SES – invite them to tour your organisation to give you pointers on safety and preparedness
- Find a 'partner' heritage organisation to work with in case of an emergency. A model for collaboration is DISACT: <http://www.anbg.gov.au/disact>
- Arrange or participate in an emergency response training day on firefighting, crowd control, flood water management etc.
- Attend a course on business continuity planning, a conference on resilience, or a workshop on emergency preparedness
- Host a morning tea to raise funds for Blue Shield Australia
- Consider the protection offered by your storage facilities – and plan to build safer repositories
- Familiarise yourself with Blue Shield Australia's webpages – particularly the one providing 'Useful links' regarding emergency prevention, preparedness, response and recovery – and share the information with your colleagues
- Contact Blue Shield Australia (info@blueshieldaustralia.org.au) in early April to request a media kit for promoting your MayDay activity and to register your participation in MayDay 2010

Promote MayDay to your colleagues by posting this flier on your notice boards and intranet, and facilitate discussion with colleagues about what you will do to mark MayDay on 1 May 2010, and throughout the month of May.