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# Brand Style Guide

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**Device: Nested lettering**

Symbolising connection, highlighting that the National Archives:

- connects Australians with their identity, history and place in the world
- connects government to citizens
- builds connection with all stakeholders



**Device: Coloured 'N'**

Highlights the national role and reach of the Archives in serving the Commonwealth and citizens in all states and territories.

**Device: Coloured 'A'**

Emphasises 'Archives' at the centre of the branding device, distinguishing our core function and mission to provide stewardship of the records of the Australian Government.

**Device: Coloured 'A'**

Highlights that Archives exists for all Australians as the memory of our nation.

**Device: Agency name**

Interprets and promotes familiarity with the NAA acronym.

PRIMARY LOGO – STACKED VERSION

COLOUR



Primary blue

	CMYK	312 CP
	PMS	306 CP
	RGB	0/168/215

GREY SCALE



Primary grey

	K	37%
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MINIMUM HEIGHT: 16MM



Blue is the primary corporate colour for the NAA logo.

It may also be reproduced in any of the corporate colours on page 8 at the discretion of the CMPE section.

The words 'National Archives of Australia' can only be reproduced in black or white.

The NAA logo must be used on all resources. Preferably positioned at the top left of any item.

SPECIALTY ITEMS LOGO – INLINE VERSION

COLOUR



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GREY SCALE



This logo is only to be used on specialty items.  
Advice to use this logo must be sought from the CMPE section.

Do not transpose the colours.  
Middle A should **always** remain black, with PMS colours for letter's either side.  
When reversed out of black background the A become white.



Do not place on busy or cluttered backgrounds



**INLINE**



**STACKED**



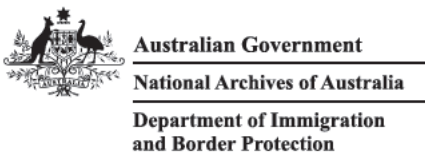
**MINIMUM HEIGHT: 15MM**



**MINIMUM HEIGHT: 20MM**



When identifying multiple Australian Government entities, the following version of the NAA government logo is to be used:



**COLOUR**

The NAA government logo can only be reproduced in black or white.

**APPLICATION**

The NAA government logo is to be used on all corporate resources where the NAA logo is applied.

Helvetica Neue is the NAA house font and is used in all collateral.

## Helvetica Neue Bold

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMN**OP**QRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890!@#\$%^&\*()\_+

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## Helvetica Neue Roman

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMN**OP**QRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890!@#\$%^&\*()\_+

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## Helvetica Neue Light

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMN**OP**QRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890!@#\$%^&\*()\_+

Arial is to be used when Helvetica is not available including on digital platforms.

## Arial Bold

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMN**OP**QRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890!@#\$%^&\*()\_+

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## Arial Regular

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMN**OP**QRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890!@#\$%^&\*()\_+





CMYK 312 CP  
 PMS 306 CP  
 RGB 0/168/215

The blue is predominantly used as our corporate colour. However, the use of any of these colours can be applied to collateral produced for the NAA.



CMYK 368 CP  
 PMS 7489 CP  
 RGB 101/179/46



CMYK 7662 CP  
 PMS 258 CP  
 RGB 130/60/138



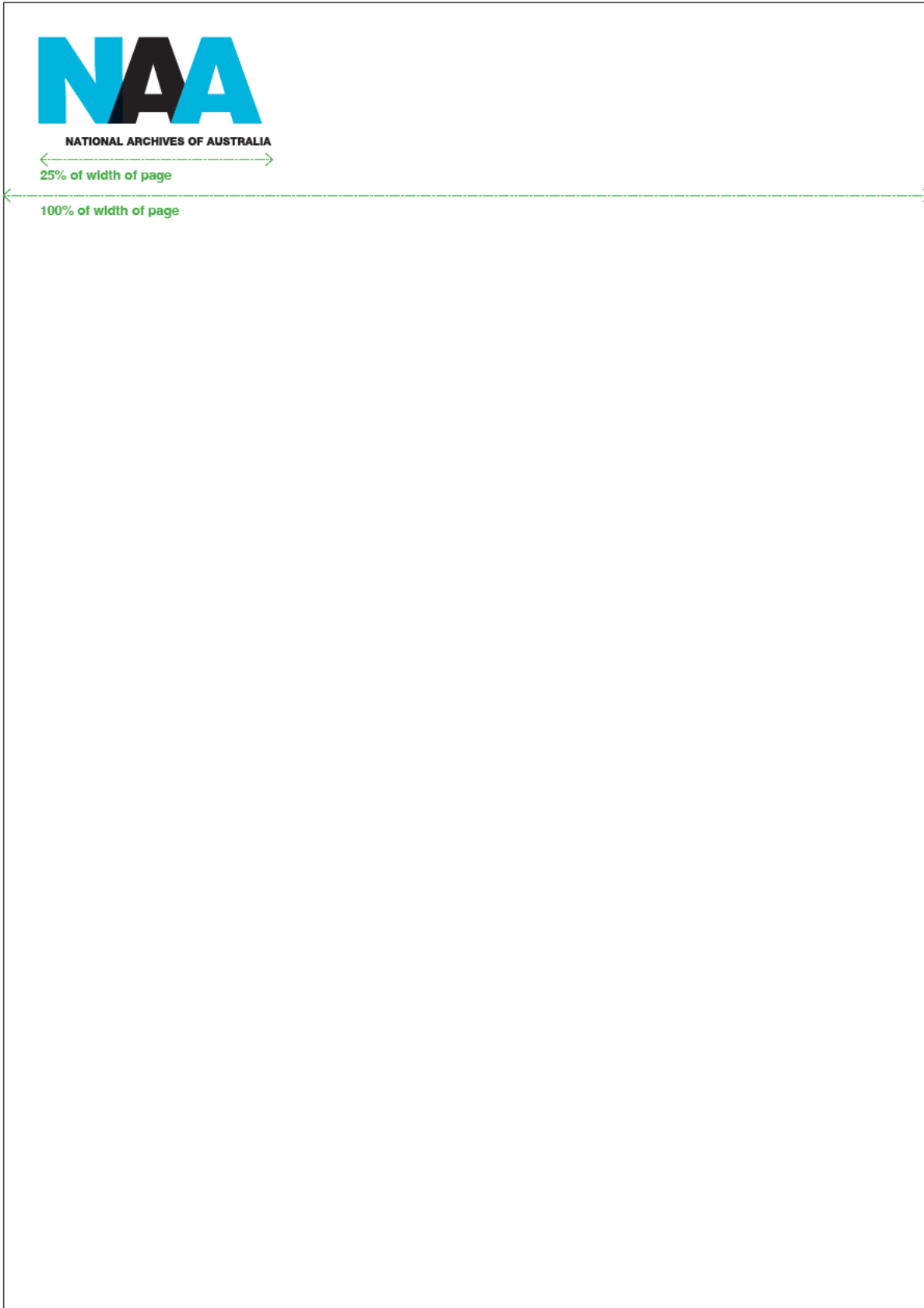
CMYK 151 CP  
 PMS 715 CP  
 RGB 239/125/0



CMYK 186 CP  
 PMS 7620 CP  
 RGB 215/9/38

**NAA LOGO SIZE**

NAA logo should be proportional to the amount of white space on the page or piece of collateral being produced.





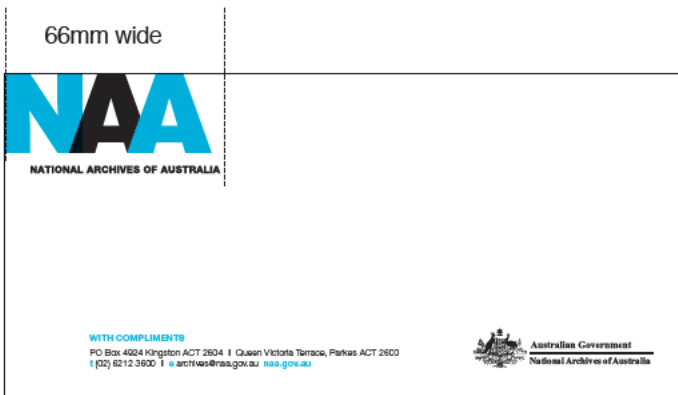
Word document – A4 title page template

Size: 210mm w x 297mm h

### How to apply the NAA logo in Word

The NAA logo is contemporary, vibrant and bold and should be applied so that it does not visually overpower the rest of the document.

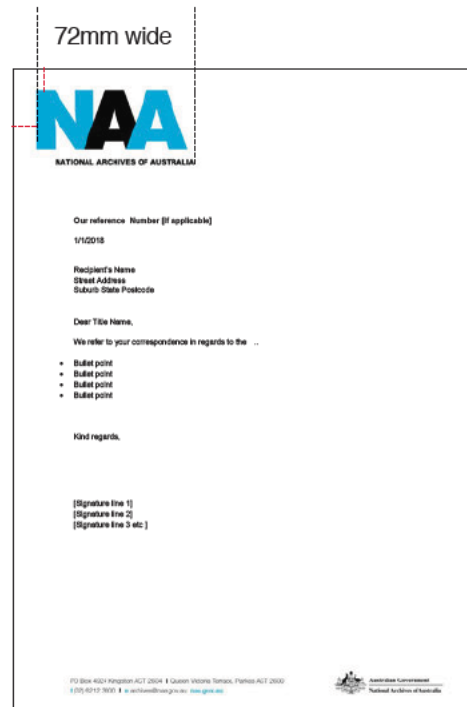
- The logo must be positioned preferably in the top left corner and the maximum size should not be larger than 82mm wide.
- Remember to fit to page when printing so the logo does not get cut off.



With comps slip  
Size: 210mm w x 99mm h



A4 NAA magazine  
Size: 210mm w x 270mm h



Letterhead  
Size: 210mm w x 270mm h

### How the NAA logo should be applied to standard NAA items

The NAA produces a wide range of printed material. Each application of the logo must be consistent and proportioned correctly to the finished size. The logo size must not exceed 25% of the overall finished size.

The approved design placement and treatment of the NAA logo is preferably on the top left of any collateral and bleeding of the page.

When the collateral is professionally printed the NAA logo must bleed off the top left edge as illustrated in the with comps slip and NAA magazine cover. However, when the collateral is printed in-house the NAA logo must be placed inside the print area at least 8mm from the top and left hand-side edge, as illustrated in the letterhead example. This avoids the NAA logo being cut off the page.

Contact the Design team if you require guidance on how to apply the NAA logo.

49mm wide



Promotional postcard

Size: 100mm w x 150mm h

635mm wide



Banner bug

Size: 850mm w x 2170mm h

59mm wide



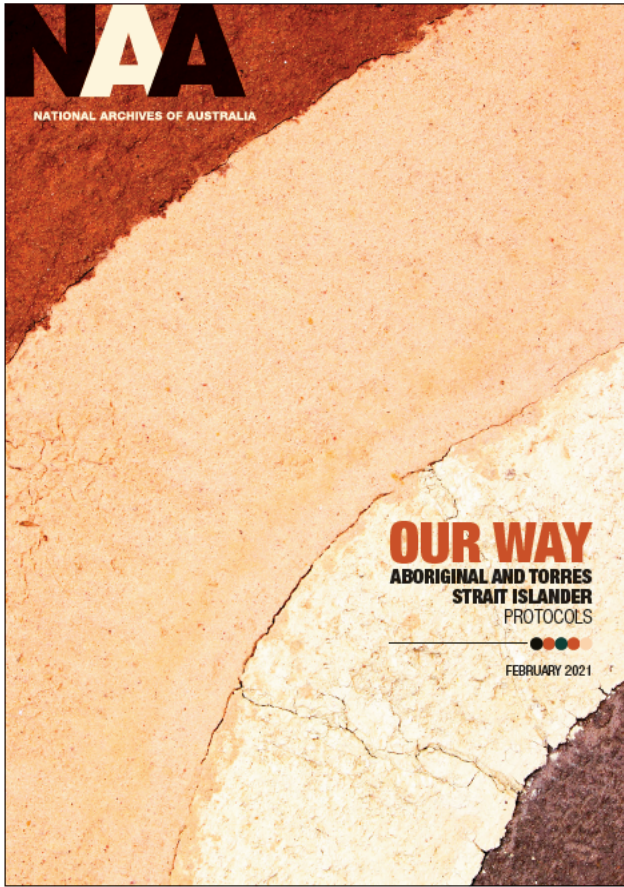
Business cards

Size: 210mm w x 270mm h

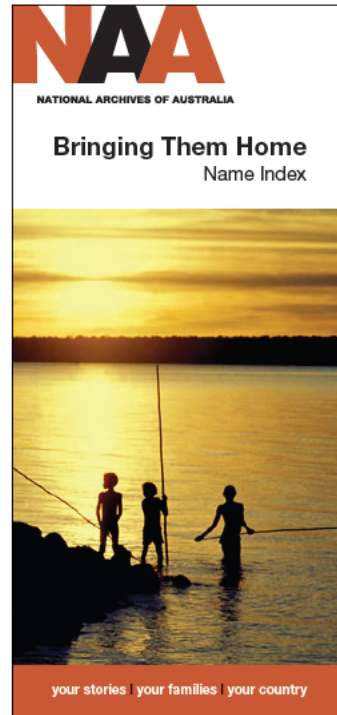
### Printed collateral with exceptions

In order for the NAA logo to make a visual impact in the marketplace it needs to stand out.

For items such as banner bugs, business cards, signage and smaller promotional material such as postcards, the NAA logo needs can be applied at a larger scale to leave that lasting impression.



Our way: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Protocols



Bringing Them Home Name Index



Business cards

COLOUR PALETTE

Primary colour



RGB 200/80/40  
 CMYK 16/78/90/5  
 Web #C850527

Secondary colour



RGB 8/64/56  
 CMYK 90/45/67/57  
 Web #084037

Tertiary colour



RGB 250/212/173  
 CMYK 1/21/36/0  
 Web #fad3ac





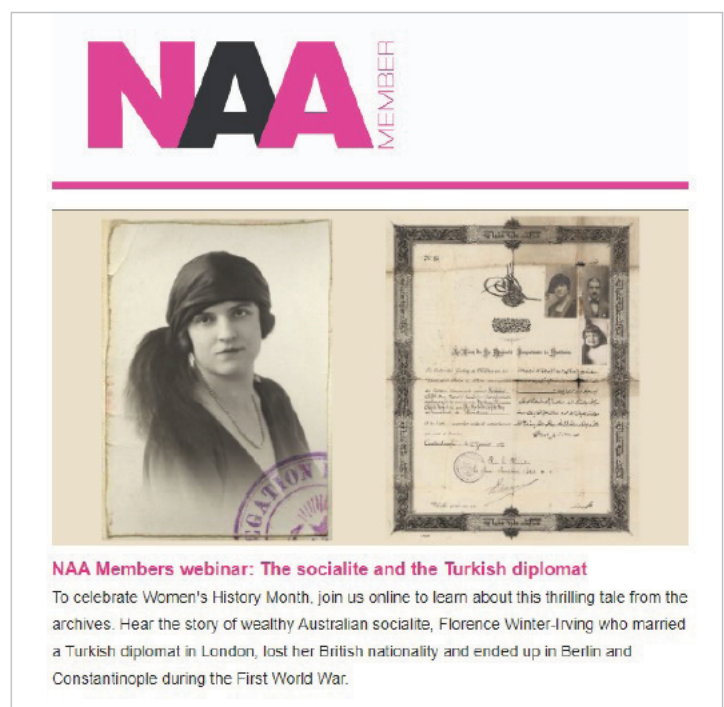
NAA Members logo (EPS, AI, PNG and JPG formats)



NAA Members logo reversed



NAA Members promotional postcard (100w x 150h mm)



NAA Members email template



NAA Member digital membership card (90w x 55h mm)

COLOUR PALETTE

Primary colour



RGB	228/67/152
CMYK	4/88/0/0
Web	#e44398

The NAA Brand Style Guide has been produced by the Communications, Marketing, Partnerships and Events team to ensure the NAA brand is consistently and professionally applied to communicate the brand of National Archives of Australia and to support brand recognition.

When engaging an external company for any design work please make sure the design team is aware of the project and provide proofs for approval before finalising the project.

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Contact the design team if you require advice on how to apply the NAA brand or logo.

Email **xxxxxx@xxx.xxx.au**



# Writing and editing guide

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## About this guide

National Archives of Australia follows the writing and editing conventions set out in the [Australian Government Style manual](#). The *Style manual* is for everyone who writes, edits or approves Australian Government content. Use it as your primary reference for creating clear, consistent writing.

This writing and editing guide, sets out the National Archives' preferred style:

- where the *Style manual* indicates that there is more than one acceptable style
- for National Archives – specific terms and content.

Where appropriate, it includes links to the relevant section in the *Style manual*.

This guide sets out writing and editing style only; it is not a guide to visual design. Preferred fonts, colours and logos for National Archives' publications are outlined in our [Branding strategy and Branding style guide](#).

### Who is this guide for?

This guide is for anyone who writes or edits for National Archives, including staff, contractors and volunteers.

If you are outsourcing writing or editing, make sure you supply this guide to the person doing the work so they know what style to follow.

### When should I use this guide?

Follow the conventions set out in this guide for all written content, whether for an internal or external audience.

Use it when writing or editing:

- strategies, reports, plans and policies
- website and Infonet content
- educational resources and training materials
- exhibition text
- marketing material and media releases
- newsletters, magazines, books and research guides
- essays and papers.

The conventions set out in this guide apply to both print and digital (web) content, unless otherwise stated.

### What dictionary should I use?

Use the [Macquarie Dictionary online](#) to check spelling, capitalisation and hyphenation.

The log in details for National Archives' staff are:

Username: naa

Password: Dictionary1

### What if I have questions or need help?

Contact the Digital Publishing Taskforce if you:

- have questions about National Archives style
- need writing or editing help or training
- have suggestions for improving this guide.

## Abbreviations

### [Style manual – abbreviations](#)

e.g. and i.e.

Everyday words are more user friendly than Latin abbreviations. Rather than using Latin abbreviations, write the English words out in full.

#### **Example: e.g.**

We hold some key records that document Australia’s history. For example, we have records about immigration, military service and transport.

*not*

We hold some key records that document Australia’s history e.g. we have records about immigration, military service and transport.

#### **Example: i.e.**

The plan will help us achieve our vision – that is, to be a world leading archive in this digital age.

*not*

The plan will help us achieve our vision i.e. to be a world leading archive in this digital age.

If you must use these abbreviations (for example, if space is an issue), punctuate them with full stops.

#### **Example**

We hold some key records that document Australia’s e.g. records about immigration, military service and transport.

#### **Example**

The plan will help us achieve our vision i.e. to be a world leading archive in this digital age.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

### [Style manual – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples](#)

#### Referring to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

There is a wide range of nations, cultures and languages across mainland Australia and throughout the Torres Strait. Respectful language:

- recognises diversity
- depends on what different communities find appropriate.

Wherever possible, use specific terms, like the name of a community, before using broader terms such as ‘Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’.



If you need to refer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples more generally, the preferred term is 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples'.

If space is an issue, you may also use:

- First Australians
- First Nations Australians.

Avoid shorthand terms like 'Aborigines' or 'Islanders' or acronyms like 'ATSI' as they can be considered discriminatory or offensive.

Avoid the term 'Indigenous Australians'. While the term is in common use, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples may not be comfortable with it.

## Cultural sensitivities

### Sensitive information in records

Some National Archives records contain information that is culturally sensitive. Sensitive information may be found in digital and paper records, photos, audio, film, objects and maps.

The National Archives' *Subject guidelines: Indigenous cultural sensitivities* (R717972019) can help you identify potentially sensitive information.

### Cultural sensitivity warnings

Warnings are important to demonstrate respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures, and to acknowledge any cultural sensitivities.

You should include a warning where your publication, exhibition or web content includes:

- references to deceased people
- references to secret/sacred or culturally restricted information
- offensive terms in records or in their descriptions.

Approved wording for cultural sensitivity warnings at the National Archives is in the *Use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sensitivity warnings* guidelines (R587182020).

## Engagement and consultation

### [Style manual – authoritative guidance lives with the relevant community or individual](#)

Engagement and consultation are essential when writing about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, history and culture.

Proper engagement will help ensure your content:

- reflects the preferences, knowledge and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Islander peoples
- is accurate
- treats secret/sacred material and culturally sensitive content appropriately.

Guidelines for engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including when and how to engage, are contained in the National Archives' *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement tools* (R410692021).

## Acknowledgement of Country

Our state and territory offices are located on the land of the following Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples:

### Australian Capital Territory Office: Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples

- New South Wales Office: Darug and Eora peoples
- Northern Territory Office: Larrakia people
- Queensland Office: Turrbal and Yugara peoples
- South Australia Office: Kurna people
- Tasmania Office: muwinina people [note that palawa kani, the language of the Tasmanian people, does not use capitals]
- Victoria Office: Wurundjeri people.
- Western Australia Office: Whadjuk Noongar people.

## Words in language

Do not italicise names or words from First Nations languages. They are Australian languages, not foreign languages.

## Acronyms

### [Style manual – acronyms and initialisms](#)

Acronyms are terms that comprise initial letters and you can pronounce as a word – for example, GAIN.

Initialisms are terms that comprise initial letters and you pronounce as letters, not a word – for example, RkS.

If there's a chance your users won't know the meaning of an acronym or initialism, define it at first mention. Write the term in full first and follow with the acronym or initialism in parentheses. Use the shortened form rather than the full term for later mentions.

#### **Example**

The Government Agencies Information Network (GAIN Australia) supports agency information and records managers. GAIN Australia provides professional development and networking opportunities.

If you are only using the term once on your web page or in your publication, you do not need to include the acronym or initialism.

#### **Example**

The Protective Security Policy Framework is the Australian Government's protective security policy. It is designed to help government agencies protect their people, information and assets, both in

Australia and overseas. It sets out government protective security policy and supports entities to effectively implement the policy across the following outcomes:

- security governance
- information security
- personnel security
- physical security.

*not*

The Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) is the Australian Government's protective security policy. It is designed to help government agencies protect their people, information and assets, both in Australia and overseas. It sets out government protective security policy and supports entities to effectively implement the policy across the following outcomes:

- security governance
- information security
- personnel security
- physical security.

## Capitalisation

[Style manual – punctuation and capitalisation](#)

Too many capitals make text harder to read. Follow the principles of minimal capitalisation – that is, write with the minimum amount of capitalisation required to make the context understood.

### **Example**

The Advisory Council met on Thursday. The council accepted the minutes of the previous meeting.

*not*

The Advisory Council met on Thursday. The Council accepted the minutes of the previous meeting.

### **Example**

Review your records authorities periodically

*not*

Review your Records Authorities periodically.

### **Example**

He is the section director.

*not*

He is the section Director.

### Example

We welcome the findings of the [Functional and efficiency review of the National Archives of Australia](#).

*not*

We welcome the findings of the [Functional and Efficiency Review of the National Archives of Australia](#).

## Dates and times

### [Style manual – dates and time](#)

#### Dates

Use minimal punctuation (no commas) for dates.

### Example

Sunday 14 May 2011

#### Times

Use ‘am’ and ‘pm’ in lower case, with a space after the number. Use a colon between hours and minutes.

### Example

9 am

from 9:30 am to 5 pm

Do not include the colon or zeros when referring to a time on the hour.

### Example

from 9:30 am to 5 pm

*not*

from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

#### Decades

Use numerals for decades. Do not use an apostrophe.

### Example

It was built in the 1920s. [*not* 1920’s or nineteen twenties]

In less formal writing, you can use expressions such as ‘the seventies’.

**Example**

He was in his fifties when he took up photography. [*not* 50s]

**Example**

Her outfit is an eighties throwback. [*not* 80s]

## Centuries

Use numerals for centuries.

**Example**

19th century [*not* nineteenth century]

## Spans of years

Do not use en dashes for spans of years. Write the years out in full.

**Example**

The committee met monthly from 2015 to 2019.

There are two exceptions to this general rule:

- when writing about financial years
- when including information in parentheses, such as terms of office and years of birth and death.

For these, use an en dash without any spaces on either side.

**Example: financial years**

the 2020–21 financial year

**Example: term of office**

For a date span describing a term of office, include as many digits in the second number as are needed for clarity.

Sir John See, Mayor of Randwick (1880–81) [*not* 1880–1]

Sir John See, Colonial Secretary of New South Wales (1899–1904)

**Example: birth and death dates**

For birth and death dates, always use four digits on each side of the span.

Stella Miles Franklin (1879–1954)

Sir Henry Parkes (1815–1896)

## Government terms

### [Style manual – government terms](#)

#### 'Government'

Use an initial capital for the word 'government' if it is part of a formal name. Use lower case everywhere else, including for generic and plural references.

##### **Example: formal name**

The Victorian Government announced a strict lockdown during COVID-19.

##### **Example: not a formal name**

The Whitlam government established the agency in 1973.

##### **Example: generic reference**

Road maintenance is a local government responsibility.

##### **Example: generic reference**

The government has agreed to the recommendations made by the Tune Review.

##### **Example: plural**

The Australian and New Zealand governments came to an agreement.

Use 'Australian Government' (not 'the Government', 'federal Government' or 'Commonwealth Government') when talking about the current national government of Australia.

##### **Example**

The Australian Government has set itself the goal of being among the world's top 3 e-governments by 2025.

If required for clarity, use 'Australian Government' before a departmental name.

##### **Example**

the Australian Government Department of Immigration

*not*

the Commonwealth Department of Immigration

In a historical context – for example, when referring to a previous government in an exhibition or historical biography – it may be appropriate to use the terms 'federal government' or 'Commonwealth government'. Use a lower-case g for government in this case.

### Example

The *Transport Workers Act 1928* allowed the Commonwealth government, by regulation, to effectively control who worked on the docks.

### ‘Commonwealth’

Use ‘Commonwealth’ to refer to the body politic established by the Constitution.

### Example

Section 51 empowers the parliament to make laws for the peace, order and good government of the Commonwealth.

The Australian Constitution created new federal institutions (legislative, judicial and executive) to administer power over the body politic.

Use ‘Commonwealth’ when referring collectively to these institutions and the records created by them.

### Example

The *Archives Act 1983* governs access to Commonwealth archival records, including Cabinet records, records of governors-general and some High Court records.

### Ministers

*Style manual* – [government terms](#) new

Use initial capitals for the official titles of ministers.

### Example

The Minister for Education announced the new policy today.

Use lower case for:

- generic references
- plurals
- former ministers.

### Example: generic reference

Education groups met with the minister to present their views.

### Example: plural

Several ministers attended the event.

**Example: former minister**

She was minister for finance from 2005 to 2007.

## Prime ministers and treasurers

[Style manual – members of Australian parliaments and councils](#)

Capitalise the titles of the current holders of the positions of:

- Prime Minister
- Treasurer.

**Example**

The Prime Minister announced the new initiative this morning.

Use lower case for:

- former prime ministers and treasurers
- more than one prime minister or treasurer.

**Example: former prime minister**

Australia's first female prime minister was Julia Gillard. She took office in 2010.

**Example: plural**

Terms of office vary for prime ministers around the world.

## Lists

[Style manual – lists](#)

### Bullet points

Bullet points can be made up of either sentence fragments or full sentences.

Where bullet points are made up of sentence fragments, use:

- a lead-in phrase
- a lower-case letter at the start of each point
- a full stop at the end of the last point.



### Example

The Act applies to most records except:

- court records
- some records of parliament
- some records of governors-general.

Where bullet points are made up of full sentences, use:

- a lead-in phrase
- a capital letter at the start of each point
- a full stop at the end of each point.

### Example

The *Information management standard for Australian Government* is based on some key principles:

- Business information is systematically governed.
- Necessary business information is created.
- Business information is adequately described.

## National Archives—specific terms and content

### Referring to the National Archives

Use 'National Archives of Australia' or 'National Archives'. Never use just 'Archives'.

### Example

If you are interested in your family history, the National Archives of Australia can help you find what you need. The National Archives holds an extraordinary range of fascinating historical records.

Only use the abbreviation 'NAA' when:

- captioning images
- citing records or series
- referring to programs or publications which include 'NAA' as part of their official title e.g. the *NAA Magazine*; the NAA Members Program.

### Example: image caption

Lobbyists for the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.  
NAA: A1200, L62232

### Example: NAA is part of an official title

The National Archives is proud to launch the NAA Members Program.

Include 'the' when the National Archives is the subject of the sentence.

Tip: try substituting 'National Archives' with 'museum' or 'organisation'.

**Example**

The National Archives has a long history.

*not*

National Archives has a long history.

## Job titles

[Style manual – capital letters in job titles](#)

Do not capitalise job titles for generic or plural references to a position.

**Example: generic reference**

Let your director know if you would like to register for this workshop.

**Example: plural**

The National Archives has 4 assistant directors-general and several directors.

Use a comma between a person's job title and their branch or section.

**Example**

Assistant Director-General, Access and Public Engagement

## Branches and sections

Do not capitalise the words 'branch' or 'section'.

**Example: branch**

The People and Culture branch is responsible for our professional development programs.

*not*

The People and Culture Branch is responsible for our professional development programs.

**Example: section**

Today we welcome a new member of staff in the Property and Security section.

*not*

Today we welcome a new member of staff in the Property and Security Section.

## State and territory offices

The National Archives' offices are:

- National Office
- New South Wales Office
- Northern Territory Office
- Queensland Office
- South Australia Office
- Tasmania Office
- Victoria Office
- Western Australia Office.

Use the name of the state, not the city. Capitalise 'Office'.

### Example

A new display opened at the Victoria Office today. [*not* Victoria office, Victorian Office or Melbourne Office]

Some state and territory offices have more than one site. If necessary, differentiate between sites by noting the suburb name.

### Example

Our Victoria Office staff work at the research centre at North Melbourne and at the repository at Burwood East.

### Example

In Canberra, records are transported between the Peter Durack Building in Mitchell and East Block in Parkes.

## Exhibitions

### Exhibition titles

Use sentence case when creating titles, including subtitles, for exhibitions.

### Example

Connections: archives, people, place

If an exhibition or building has an English and a name in the local language, use a vertical slash between them (with a space either side of the slash).

### Example

Connections | Mura gadi

## Referring to exhibitions

When referring to exhibitions, use italics.

### Example

*Connections: archives, people, place* is a permanent exhibition.

### Example

*Connections | Mura gadi*

Use sentence case to refer to exhibitions, even if the name of the exhibition was originally in title case.

### Example

*Out of this world: Australia in the space age* is touring regional Australia.

## Panel headings

Use sentence case for panel headings.

### Example

Woomera: a ladder to the stars

## Captions

Note: This is the style for image captions in exhibitions. Image captions in print publications and on the web are set out slightly differently – see ‘Photographs and works of art’.

### *Photographs from the National Archives’ collection*

Captions for photographs from the National Archives’ collection should include:

- a short, descriptive title of the image
- the date
- the series number and control symbol.

Use sentence case and put the title in bold. Separate the title and date with a space (not a comma, as is used in non-exhibition image captions). Put the control symbol on a new line with no full stop:

### **Title Date**

NAA: Series number, Control symbol

### Example

**New flats at Woomera 1959**

NAA: A1200, L33585

If space is an issue, rather than using two lines, you may run the caption on. In this case, put the title in bold, separate the title and date with a space (not a comma), and place a full stop after the date. Do not use a full stop after the control symbol:

**Title Date.** NAA: Series number, Control symbol

#### **Example**

**Gibber plains near Woomera 1960.** NAA: A1200, L36399

#### *Photographs from other collections or organisations*

For photographs from other collections or organisations, include the name of the organisation:

**Title Date**

Organisation name

#### **Example**

**Maybanke Wolstenholme (later Anderson), suffragette and signatory to the petition for equal voting rights 1890**

University of Sydney Archives

Include the registration number if there is one:

**Title Date**

Organisation, registration number

#### **Example**

**Two dogs that were the mascots for unidentified units 1915–18**

Australian War Memorial, COO599

#### *Artistic works*

For photographs that are artistic works, include the name of the creator. Whether or not the photograph is an artistic work is a matter for your judgement and may depend on the nature of the work, the context in which it appears, or the notoriety of the creator.

**Title Date**

Creator, Organisation

### Example

**Senior Anangu traditional owners Reggie Uluru and Malya Teamay 2019**

Alex Ellinghausen, Fairfax Photos

If a photograph is documentary, rather than artistic, including the creator's name is optional:

**Title Date**

NAA: Series number, Control symbol

### Example

**Robert Hirschbolz, photographed at the time of his internment in Liverpool camp between 1914 and 1921**

NAA: D3597, 1361

### *Courtesy lines*

For objects borrowed from private collections or individuals, include a courtesy line:

**Title Date**

Courtesy Name of lender

### Example

**WRESAT launcher model 2017**

Courtesy Peter Nikoloff [*not* Courtesy of Peter Nikoloff]

### *Approximate dates*

Everyday words are more user friendly than Latin abbreviations. Where dates are approximate, use 'about', rather than 'circa' or 'c.'

### Example

**General Post Office, Sydney about 1892**

NAA: C4078, N7111

## Numbers and measurements

### [Style manual – numbers and measurements](#)

#### Numerals or words?

##### [Style manual – choosing numerals or words](#)

Use words for zero and one, and numerals for everything else.

There are some exceptions:

- Use words, not numbers, when starting a sentence.
- Write *all* numbers as numerals in tables and charts, for measurements, and for dates and times.
- In media releases (which follow journalistic conventions), use words for numbers one to nine, and numerals for everything else.

#### **Example: number at the start of a sentence**

Fifty-four children attended Preschool Storytime.

#### Large numbers

##### [Style manual – commas](#)

Use a comma to break up numbers of four or more digits.

#### **Example**

Over 1,200 people accessed our online resources this month.

#### Percentages

##### [Style manual – percentages](#)

Use % (rather than per cent). Do not put a space between the number and the percentage sign.

#### **Example**

Visitation to the Connections Gallery increased by 12%.

Avoid starting a sentence with a percentage. Reword the sentence if possible. If you can't reword the sentence, write the numbers and 'per cent' in words.

**Example**

Eighty per cent of visitors rated the exhibition 'Very good' or 'Excellent'.

*or*

The exhibition was rated 'Very good' or 'Excellent' by 80% of visitors.

## Ordinal numbers

### [Style manual – ordinal numbers](#)

Ordinal numbers show the order of something in a sequence (first, second, 11th, and so on).

Write ordinal numbers up to 'ninth' in words, and use numerals after that.

**Example**

It was the repository's third emergency evacuation that year.

**Example**

The committee adopted the report's 10th recommendation.

Do not use superscript for ordinals.

**Example**

The committee adopted the report's 10th recommendation.

*not*

The committee adopted the report's 10<sup>th</sup> recommendation.

## Photographs and works of art



## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture

### Images of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Be mindful of possible sensitivities around depicting and naming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – see the [Australian Government Style manual](#) for more information and guidance.

### Images containing cultural content

When using images containing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural content, you may need to seek clearance from relevant communities and individuals – see ‘Engagement and consultation’.

### Copyright

Before reproducing a photograph or work of art, make sure you check its copyright status and any attribution requirements. If in doubt, contact the National Archives’ [Copyright Officer](#).

### Photographs from the National Archives’ collection

Always include a caption with photographs from the National Archives’ collection. The exception is where you are using a photograph as a decorative banner on a web page – in this case, do not include a caption.

Image captions should include:

- a short, descriptive title of the image, in roman (not italics)
- the date
- the series number and control symbol.

Separate the title and date with a comma, and place a full stop after the date. Do not use a full stop after the control symbol:

Title, date. NAA: Series number, Control symbol

#### **Example**

Space angels in orbit, 1969. NAA: A1200, L81933

Note: This is the style for image captions in print publications and on the web. Image captions in exhibitions are set out slightly differently – see ‘Exhibitions’.

When titling images in captions, you do not need to use the title exactly as it appears in RecordSearch. Rather, use the information in RecordSearch to create a descriptive title.

Use your discretion when deciding what information to include in a caption and how long to make it. For example, you may decide to significantly shorten the title for a caption on a postcard or in a magazine article. If the image caption is appearing in a book or exhibition, you may want to include extra or different information.

You may also wish to modify an image caption where the original caption in RecordSearch includes offensive or racist terminology. If unsure, seek advice from staff in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement section.

#### **Example**

Title in RecordSearch:

New flats at Woomera, the town that sprang from nowhere in the South Australian desert when the British and Australian Governments started their joint guided missiles testing programme in 1947

Image caption (for a promotional postcard):

New flats at Woomera, 1959. NAA: A1200, L81933

If only showing part of the image – for example, where it has been cropped or deep etched – include the word ‘detail’ in brackets.

Whether or not the image is a detail is a matter for your judgement. Something is usually considered a ‘detail’ if a significant or substantial part of the original image has been removed or cropped out.

#### **Example**

May Day march, Sydney, 1966 (detail). NAA: A9626, 150

If captioning an artistic work, include the creator of the image (if known).

Whether or not the captioned image is an artistic work is a matter for your judgement and may depend on the nature of the work, the context in which it appears, or the reputation of the creator.

#### **Example**

Bourke Street at night, Melbourne, 1959. Photographer: Clifford Bottomley. NAA: A1200, L30155

If a photograph is documentary, rather than artistic, including the creator’s name is optional.

#### **Example**

Robert Hirschbolz, photographed at the time of his internment in Liverpool camp. NAA: D3597, 1361

### [Photographs from other collections](#)

When using a photograph from another collection, include the name of the institution (and the registration number, if there is one):

Title, date. Organisation, Registration number

#### **Example**

Two dogs that were the mascots for unidentified units, 1915–18. Australian War Memorial, CO0599

## Naming people in a photograph

Where there are multiple people in a photograph, use 'Left to right', 'Clockwise from left' and so on to give the name of each person. Separate names with commas. Do not use a full stop at the end of the caption.

### Example

Clockwise from left: s 47F(1) , Louise Doyle

### Example

Left to right: Yaso Arumugam, David Fricker, Steven Fox

## Plain language

### [Style manual – plain language and word choice](#)

At the National Archives, we are committed to using plain language in all our written communication.

Plain language writing is 'writing that gives a cooperative, motivated person a good chance of understanding it at first reading' (*Oxford guide to plain English*).

Writing plainly doesn't mean 'dumbing down' your message or using baby talk. It means respecting and valuing your audience by writing in a way that doesn't confuse them or waste their time. Even experts appreciate clear, well-organised and easy-to-follow writing.

There are many techniques for ensuring your writing meets your intended audience's needs – see the 'Plain language resources' section of this guide.

## Punctuation

### [Style manual – punctuation marks](#)

### Apostrophes

#### [Style manual – apostrophes](#)

For proper names ending in s, add an apostrophe and another s.

### Example

Dickens's cat [not Dickens' cat]

For plural nouns ending in s, add an apostrophe only.

### Example

the National Archives' state and territory offices [not National Archives's or National Archive's]

## Dashes

### [Style manual – dashes](#)

Use a spaced en dash to set off non-essential information.

#### **Example**

War widow Freda Bennett Neill – better known as Anne Neill – became an ASIO agent in her fifties.

## Ellipses

### [Style manual – ellipses](#)

An ellipsis is a character of exactly 3 dots. It is used to show that words have been omitted – for example, from a quote.

Include a space on each side of the ellipsis.

Do not include ellipses at the start or end of quoted material.

#### **Example**

In his famous speech, Whitlam declared: ‘The proclamation which you have just heard ... was countersigned “Malcolm Fraser” who will undoubtedly go down in Australian history from Remembrance Day 1975 as Kerr’s cur.’

## Hyphens

### [Style manual – hyphens](#)

There are many rules about correctly using hyphens. If you are not sure whether or not a word is hyphenated, check the [Macquarie dictionary online](#).

When joining a prefix to a phrase, use an en dash (rather than a hyphen) to join them. This shows that the prefix applies to all the words in the phrase.

#### **Example**

pre–First World War policies [‘pre’ applies to the phrase ‘First World War’]

If the phrase is already hyphenated, use a hyphen to join the prefix to the phrase.

#### **Example**

mid-20th-century furniture [‘mid’ applies to the hyphenated phrase 20th-century furniture]

## Quotation marks

### [Style manual – quotation marks](#)

Use single (not double) quote marks.

Only use double quote marks for a quote within a quote.

Use curly quote marks ( ‘ ’ ) rather than straight quote marks ( ' ' ).

To get curly quote marks in Word:

- File
- Options
- Proofing
- AutoCorrect Options
- AutoFormat As You Type
- under ‘Replace as you type’, check the “Straight quotes” with “smart quotes” box.

#### **Example: quotation**

‘My mother was way ahead of her time,’ Hawke said.

#### **Example: quote within a quote**

‘My mother referred to herself as a “kitchen commando” – a pretty accurate description!’ laughed Kwong.

When quoting a fragment, place the punctuation mark outside the closing quotation mark. When quoting a full sentence, place the punctuation mark inside the closing quotation mark.

#### **Example: fragment**

She called him ‘a bloody great fool’.

#### **Example: full sentence**

He stated: ‘Here I stand; I can do no other.’

Format long quotes (more than 30 words) as block quotes (indented, smaller font, not italics, no quote marks).

#### **Example**

Hawke said of his mother:

She was way ahead of her time. She was a woman’s liberationist. I remember Dad had a church out in the country in South Australia, Yorke Peninsula, and ... Mum used to berate the farmers, really knock their ears off because they would save money to send their kids to college in Adelaide, the sons, not their daughters.

## Referencing

### Use the author–date system

#### [Style manual – author–date](#)

Use the author–date (Harvard) system of citation.

The author–date system is:

- the accepted referencing style for government reports
- more accessible than the documentary–note system, as there are no superscript numbers or symbols
- useful when you have many sources to cite.

Note the source in brackets in the text, then list it in full in a reference list at the end of the document or chapter.

The [Style manual](#) includes examples of how to cite a range of print and online materials using the Harvard system, including:

- books
- journal articles
- websites
- reports
- social media posts.

The *Style manual* does not currently provide guidance about how to cite:

- newspaper articles with no author
- books with an approximate date of publication
- spans of page numbers, including in newspapers
- collection material.

Examples of the National Archives' preferred style for these cases are provided below.

#### Newspaper article, no author

Where a newspaper article has no author listed, for the in-text reference use a small number of words from the start of the title in place of the author's name:

(‘Abbreviated article title’ Date:Page number)

Use your judgement about how many words to include, depending on where it makes sense to break the title.

#### Example

In a radio broadcast, Menzies spoke about his modest upbringing and emphasised that he was not ‘born to the purple’ (‘Ministry’s policy’ 1939:9).

Cite the article title in full in the reference list, and include the full date of publication:

'Article title' (Date of publication) *Newspaper Title*, page number.

#### **Example**

'Ministry's policy. Broadcast by Mr Menzies' (27 April 1939) *The Sydney Morning Herald*, p 9.

### Approximate date of publication

For an approximate date of publication in a citation, use c. This is an exception to the usual preference for not using Latin abbreviations.

#### **Example**

In-text reference:

The photocopy machine changed workplaces beyond recognition (Batterham c. 2008).

Reference list:

Batterham I (c. 2008) *The office copying revolution: history, identification and preservation*, National Archives of Australia, Canberra.

### Spans of page numbers

For spans of page numbers in citations, use an en dash without any spaces on either side. Only include as many digits in the second number as are needed for clarity.

#### **Example**

'Ministry's policy. Broadcast by Mr Menzies' (27 April 1939) *The Sydney Morning Herald*, pp 110–11.  
[not pp 110–1 or pp 110–111]

Waters WJ (1969) 'The opposition and the "powers" referendum, 1944', *Politics*, 4(1):99–107.

### Collection material

Material from the National Archives' collection

When citing material from the National Archives' collection, for the in-text reference, in brackets write 'NAA:' followed by the series number and control symbol:

(NAA: Series number, control symbol)

#### **Example**

Menzies struck up a friendly relationship with John F Kennedy, who promised to 'definitely' visit Australia (NAA: M2576, 20).

Include the full details of the item in a reference list at the end of the document or chapter:  
Title, date, NAA: Series number, Control symbol

### Example

Beale to Menzies, Australian Embassy, Washington, regarding discussion with President Kennedy, 25 April 1963, NAA: M2576, 20.

### *Offensive or racist terminology in RecordSearch*

In support of *Our way: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander protocols* (R580772021) the National Archives is undertaking ongoing work to address offensive or racist terminology used in RecordSearch.

If you encounter material with an offensive or racist title or description in RecordSearch and are unsure how to cite it, talk to staff from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement section. In some instances, it may be necessary to reproduce offensive terminology when citing material from the National Archives' collection -- for example, a Commonwealth agency title such as Board for the Protection of Aborigines.

### Material from other collections

For the in-text reference, in brackets write the author's name and the date of the material:  
(Author name Date)

### Example

Menzies's relationship with his father was strained. Menzies described his father as 'very intense' and 'serious' (Dawes 1951–52).

In a reference list at the end of the document or chapter, include the full details of the item, including the name of the organisation or institution:

Author name Initials (date of material) Name of item, item details, organisation.

### Example

Dawes A (1951–52) Interview with Robert Menzies, Papers of Frances McNicoll, MS 9246, Series 7, Box 12, File 1, National Library of Australia.

### Footnotes

Avoid using reference markers and footnotes.

They can be inaccessible to:



- people who have low vision
- people who use screen readers to access content
- users of mobile phones.

## Titles: print and online publications

### Books, reports and plans

Use sentence case for the titles of books, reports and plans, even if the original version used title case, and whether or not they are published by the National Archives.

#### Example: book

The Whitlam years

#### Example: plan

Corporate plan 2018–19 to 2021–22

When referring to books, reports and plans, use italics.

#### Example: book

*The Whitlam years* consolidates essays by historians Ian Hancock and Kellie Abbott.

#### Example: plan

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our *Corporate plan 2020–21 to 2023–24* will not be available until 30 November 2020.

### Chapters

Use sentence case for chapter titles.

#### Example

3. Diaries and notebooks

When referring to chapters in publications, use single quote marks.

#### Example

‘Diaries and notebooks’ is the third chapter in *Keeping family treasures*.

### Conferences

Use title case for the names of conferences.

#### Example

Designing the Archives

When referring to conferences, use roman (not italics).

#### **Example**

The team attended the Designing the Archives conference in 2019.

### Policies

Use sentence case for the titles of policies, including subtitles.

#### **Example**

Digital continuity 2020 policy

When referring to policies, use italics. Only italicise the word 'policy' if it is part of the official title of the policy. Check the title page of the policy document.

#### **Example**

The *Building trust in the public record: managing information and data for government and community* policy aims to improve how Australian Government agencies create, collect, manage and use information assets. ['policy' is not part of the official title]

#### **Example**

The *Digital continuity 2020 policy* supports the Australian Government's digital transformation agenda. ['policy' is part of the official title]

### Projects

Use title case for the names of projects.

#### **Example**

the Integrated Archival Management System Project

When referring to projects, use roman (not italics).

#### **Example**

The team is developing a schedule for the Business Continuity Policy and Framework Project.

### Magazines, journals and newspapers

Use title case for the titles of magazines, journals and newspapers.

#### **Example**

NAA Magazine

When referring to magazines, journals and newspapers, use italics.

**Example: magazine**

Get your copy of *NAA Magazine* today.

**Example: journal**

*Archives and Manuscripts* is the Australian Society of Archivists' scholarly journal.

Example: newspaper

We have early copies of *The Sydney Morning Herald*.

## Legislation

### [Style manual – Acts of parliament](#)

When first mentioning a piece of legislation, use the full title, including the date. Use title case and italics.

For subsequent mentions, you can use a short version of the title. Use title case and roman (not italics).

**Example**

The *Archives Act 1983* governs access to Commonwealth archival records. Under the Archives Act, you can access most Commonwealth records in the open access period. The Act does not apply to court records.

## Standards

When referring to standards, use sentence case and italics.

**Example**

*ISO 15489 Records management* was the first global standard for records management.

## Websites

When writing for the web, use sentence case and roman (not italics) to refer to the title of a website. Hyperlink to the website.

**Example**

The [Destination: Australia](#) website features thousands of photographs of people arriving and living in Australia.

When writing for print, use sentence case and italics to refer to the title of a website.

**Example**

The *Australia's prime ministers* website has been updated.

When writing for print, do not include www in the URL.

**Example**

You can find more information on the National Archives' website: [naa.gov.au](http://naa.gov.au).

## Word list (preferred spelling, capitalisation and hyphenation)

ABCD	EFGH
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people [note the capitals]	ecommerce [no hyphen]
adviser [ <i>not</i> advisor]	enquiry [unless used in relation to government inquiries or the Australian Curriculum – for these, use ‘inquiry’]
the <i>Archives Act 1983</i> ; the Archives Act	Federation [capital f]
Archives Store [National Office; caps]	First World War; Second World War [ <i>not</i> World War I, World War II or WWI, WWII]
The Archives Way	<i>Functional and efficiency review of the National Archives of Australia</i> (Tune Review)
atrium [National Office; lower-case]	Gallery Three [National Office temporary exhibitions gallery]
Attorney-General's Department	
audiovisual	
the Bringing Them Home name index	
<i>Building trust in the public record: managing information and data for government and community</i> ; the <i>Building trust in the public record</i> policy [ <i>not</i> the <i>Building trust</i> policy]	
Australian Labor Party [ <i>not</i> Labour]	
cafe [no accent]	
Cafe Constitution [no accent, caps]	
central hall [National Office; lower case]	
Check-up PLUS	
<i>Connections / Mura gadi</i>	
Connections Gallery [caps, no italics]	
Constitution [when referring to the Australian Constitution, use a capital c]	
constitutional [lower-case c]	
cyber safety [two words]	
cybersecurity [one word]	

<p>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet [note the ‘the’]</p> <p>decision-making; decision-maker [hyphenated]</p> <p>Director-General [hyphenated]</p> <p>Assistant Director-General [hyphenated]</p>	
<p><b>IJKL</b></p> <p>Infonet</p> <p>information desk [National Office; lower case, <i>not</i> reception desk]</p> <p>inquiry [only when used in relation to government inquiries or the Australian Curriculum – otherwise, use enquiry]</p> <p>International Council on Archives [<i>not</i> of]</p> <p>Liberal–National Coalition [use en dash, capitalise coalition]</p>	<p><b>MNOP</b></p> <p>NAA Members Program [capitals, no apostrophe, <i>not</i> Programme]</p> <p>Members Lounge [capitals, no apostrophe]</p> <p>member [of the NAA Members Program, lower-case m]</p> <p>multimedia [one word]</p> <p>parents room [no apostrophe]</p> <p>Peter Durack Building [<i>not</i> NAPF]</p> <p>Policymaking; policymaker [one word; not hyphenated]</p> <p>prewar; postwar [one word]</p> <p>program [<i>not</i> programme]</p> <p>Protect the Past, Defend the Future Program</p> <p>Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) [<i>not</i> Records; <i>not</i> of Victoria]</p>
<p><b>QRST</b></p> <p>recordkeeping</p> <p>RecordSearch</p> <p>records authority; agency-specific records authorities; general records authorities (GRAs)</p> <p>Research Centre; research centres</p>	<p><b>UVWOYZ</b></p> <p>White Australia policy [lower-case p]</p> <p>Voices Gallery [caps, no italics]</p> <p><i>Voices   Dhuniai</i></p> <p>wi-fi [hyphenated, lower-case]</p>

re-use

State Library Victoria [*not* of Victoria]

security desk [National Office]

state and territory offices [lower case]

*Strategy 2030: a transformed and trusted  
National Archives* [abbreviate to: *Strategy 2030*]

the *Tandanya–Adelaide declaration*

toilets [*not* restrooms]

## Plain language resources

### What is plain language?

Plain language isn't just about using plain words. Learn what plain language is (and isn't).

[What is plain language?](#)

### Plain language for specialised audiences

Get some useful insights into how to write for specialised audiences.

[Plain language is for everyone, even experts](#)

[Writing digital copy for domain experts](#)

### How people read

Understand how people read and digest written material so you can write in a more user-friendly way.

[How people read](#)

[Sentence length: why 25 words is our limit](#)

[Capital letters: less is more](#)

### Plain language guidelines

Get some tips for making your writing more readable. Learn how to better understand your audience, organise your material and make complex material easier to understand.

[Federal plain language guidelines](#) (These US guidelines focus on writing clear and effective legal material, but are useful for any kind of government writing)

[Readability guidelines](#) (Evidence-based guidelines for more readable writing.)



## Glossary

### En dash

#### [Style manual – dashes](#)

A mid-sized dash.

En dashes are longer than hyphens. This is an en dash: – This is a hyphen: -

En dashes have different uses to hyphens.

Hyphens are used to join words or parts of words (for example: non-smoking).

En dashes are used for things like financial years (for example: 2019–20 budget) and to create a pause in a sentence (for example: There was no time to plan – a shortcoming that would later cost millions).

### Minimal capitalisation

The principle of writing with the minimum amount of capitalisation required to make the context understood.

### Minimal punctuation

The principle of writing with the minimum amount of punctuation required to make the context understood.

### Roman

Roman font is font that is upright – that is, not italicised.

### Sentence case

Apart from the first letter of the first word, words in the title are only capitalised if they would have a capital in a normal sentence.

#### **Example**

*A vision splendid: how the Griffins imagined Australia's capital* is a fascinating book.

### Title case

The first letters of all the words in a title, including the subtitle, are capitalised except for:

- articles (for example, 'the')
- conjunctions (for example, 'and')
- prepositions (for example, 'in', 'on').

#### **Example**

*Archives and Manuscripts* is the Australian Society of Archivists' scholarly journal.

## Keyboard shortcuts

### **Ellipsis**

Ctrl + Alt = . (full stop)**En dash**

Ctrl + – (minus sign on the numeric keyboard)

### **Roman**

Roman font is font that is upright – that is, not italicised.**Vertical slash**

Shift + \



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Videos are an important medium for communication. Video works best when it is short, accessible and shows something people need to know quickly.

At National Archives we use video to communicate with our staff and the public. Some uses are to:

- promote best practice in record keeping and archival practices.
- communicate strategic direction, policies or procedures to employees.
- promote the collection through interpretation and storytelling.

Videos produced for National Archives should be of the highest quality to properly represent the organisation and its identity. These guidelines set a minimum production quality standard to ensure we provide our audiences with a highest quality viewer experience.

Further advice can be found  
by visiting the Australian  
Government Style Guide:  
[Video and audio | Style Manual](#)

## ASPECT RATIO

Recommended aspect ratio = 16:9



## VIDEO FORMAT

Preferred file types to upload to YouTube: MPEG (.mp4)

## RESOLUTION

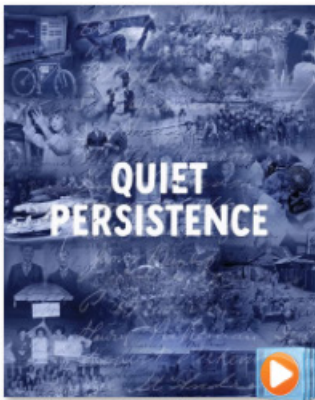
High Definition (HD) video at either 1920x1080 or 1280x720

## SOCIAL MEDIA CONSIDERATIONS

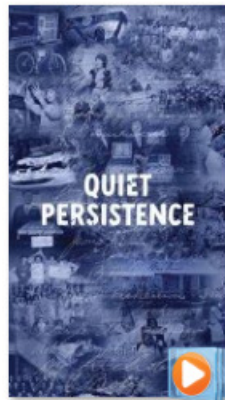
If you intend to produce and share a video on social media, consider how the video will be distributed and on which platform as this will help guide the video's aspect, duration and framing.

For all social media videos, consider the following:

- Keep your video short as possible with a clear structure that is easy to understand.
- Capture attention in the first few seconds with a creative hook and powerful visuals.
- Produce a video that is easy-to-consume by using simple edits and transitions.
- Incorporate subtitles as viewers multitask and watch videos without sound.
- Use an external microphone to clear, crisp, and consistent audio.
- Check if captions or other features will be overlaid on the video once published.
- End the video with a strong call-to-action that encourages viewers to do something.



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Disrupt Persist Invent - Reel Promo 1080 x 1920\_no dates\_fa.mp4



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## **VISUAL STYLE**

- Capture genuine expressions to convey authenticity, intimacy and relatability.
- Minimize ‘talking head’ shots; instead, use engaging B-roll that compliments the content.
- Use natural light and shallow depth of field to keep the focus on the subject and prevent backgrounds from being distracting.

## **DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY**

As government agency, National Archives is legally required to make all of our digital resources accessible.

Closed captioning, also known as subtitling, is an on-screen / visual transcription of the audio portion of the video. Many video platforms, such as YouTube, offer automatic captioning, but this can often have errors, especially when the audio quality is low. It's important to check and edit automatic captioning, or have your video transcribed by a professional service.

Readability is important. To ensure people can easily read words you put on the screen, keep these factors in mind:

- Sizing – Many people consume video on mobile devices, so always test your videos on a smartphone.
- Contrast – Make sure there's proper contrast between the text and its background. Use our Interactive Colour Palette, and don't overlay text on busy backgrounds.



### LOWER THIRDS

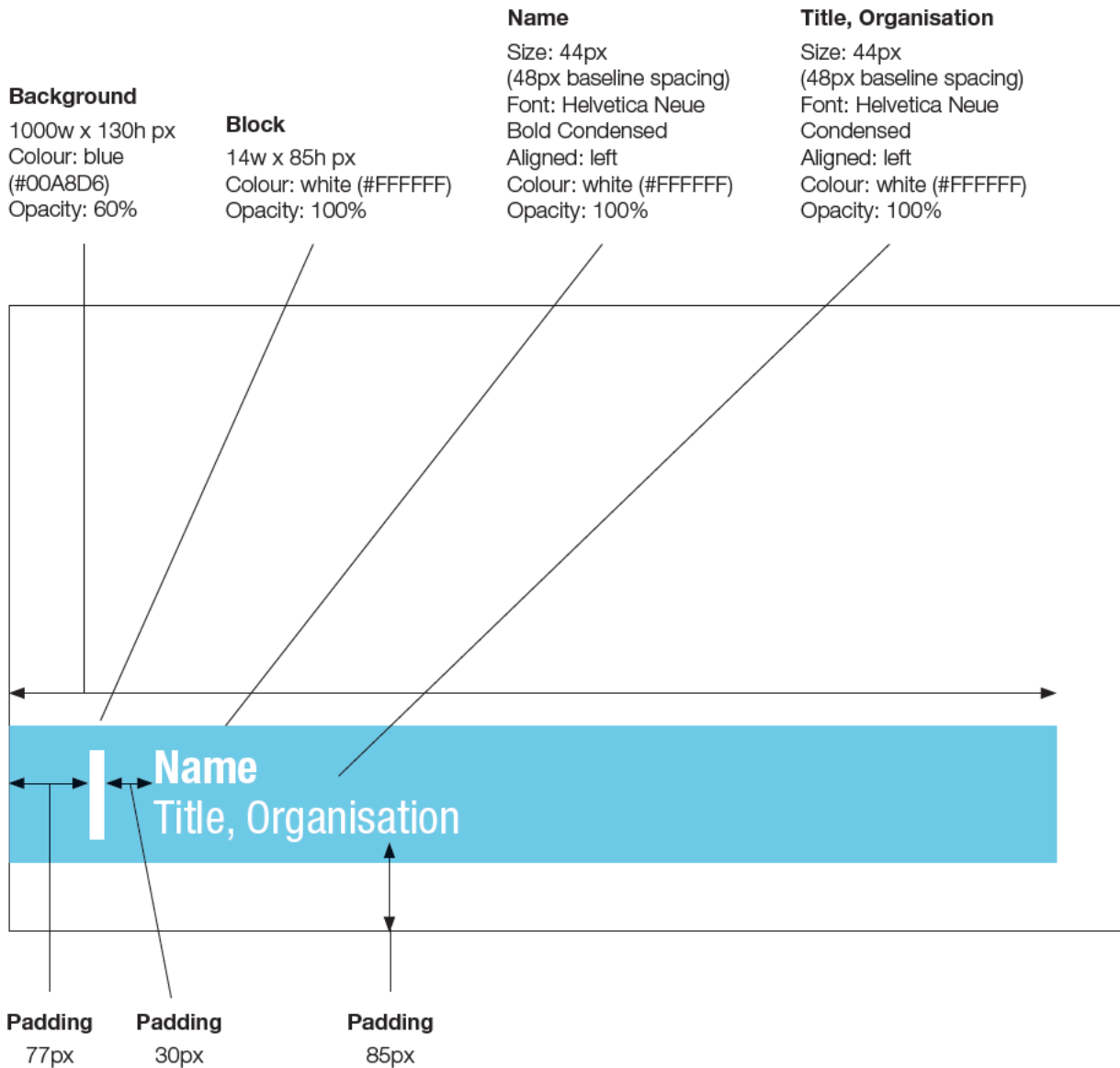
A lower third is a graphic overlay that is used to introduce and identify a subject featured in a video. It includes the individual's name and title in a title-safe area of the screen.

The format is:

[First Name] [Last Name]

[Title] [Organisation]

#### Example:



## **WATERMARK**

The only instance of watermark usage is for audiovisual material from the collection. This watermark is added when exported for use from Media flex.

## **END CREDITS**

End credits can be used to acknowledge others involved in the production of the video, including partners and sponsors.

It may be appropriate to use end credits for videos that include:

- Unlicensed music, images or graphics with permission of use at no charge, or that requires attribution.
- Sponsorship, funding or partnership acknowledgements.

\*Note: End credits should appear after the main content is finished and before the closing slide.

## **CLOSING SLIDE AND ANIMATION**

While the beginning of the video sets the tone, the ending should always feel like a friendly goodbye.

The closing slide should feature the widely recognisable NAA logo and fade in animation (provided).

Please avoid adjusting the style and length of the animation provided.



## PERMISSIONS

Anyone featured in a National Archives produced video, including interviewees and other individuals clearly visible, must complete a media release form permitting National Archives of Australia's use of their identity.

## MEDIA ASSETS AVAILABLE

- Logos as static graphic formats (vector, jpg etc).
- Animated logos in various formats (alpha channel/colour background; inverse colour option; horizontal/vertical; duration; HD/4K etc).
- Motion Graphics Templates (MOGRT)
- Animated brand elements – lower thirds, full screen graphics, logo animations
- Static graphics/text screen templates – Introduction screens; call to actions/end tags; full screen bullet points/slides

For information, media release forms  
and media assets, please

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Please allow 3 working days for a response.