

# Australian Society of Archivists, Victorian Branch

## Public Seminar



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*Cropped image of a Graham Brown Field Diary / Source: Museums Victoria*

## Using digitisation and transcription to unlock Australia's biological archives

Nicole Kearney, Coordinator Biodiversity Heritage Library

**Wednesday, 1 March 2017**

The handwritten archives of natural history libraries – the diaries and correspondence of our early naturalists – are an invaluable resource for today's scientists and historians. Yet, because of the nature of these archives and the way they are managed, they are hugely underutilised.

Nicole Kearney coordinates the Australian component of the Biodiversity Heritage Library, the world's largest online repository of biodiversity literature and archival materials. Since 2014 she has been striving to turn Australia's handwritten (read hidden) biological heritage into an online resource that is accessible, discoverable and, most importantly, searchable.

5:00 - 5:30pm

Drinks and nibbles

5:30 - 6:30pm

**Seminar - presentation and discussion**



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Multipurpose Room 1

**Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre**

251 Faraday St, Carlton

**Cost:** Free (gold coin donation on entry to assist with venue and catering costs)

**Register:** <http://www.archivists.org.au/events/event/victorian-branch-seminar>

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