

# iPRES 2021 Lightning Talk Proposal

**Title:** The DPC in Australasia: Implementing a global strategy

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**Abstract:**

Digital preservation is a global concern which needs to be addressed as such. To foster the growth of the global digital preservation community in new geographies, the Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) adopted a global objective as a supplement to its Strategic Plan (2018-2022) in June 2019. This global objective states the need for a “A Coalition Scaled to the Digital Preservation Challenge”.

To achieve this objective, the DPC identified Australasia as one vibrant region of the global digital preservation community, particularly recognised by the active community of practice, Australasia Preserves. In January 2020, a memorandum of understanding for a two-year project was signed by the DPC and the University of Melbourne: a partnership established to explore and develop sustainable operations for the DPC in the Australasian region.

Since the establishment of the Australasian DPC office in early 2020, Australasian-based DPC members have grown from 3 to 14, highlighting the keen response from the digital preservation community in the region that is contributing overwhelming support for this initiative.

This lightning talk will share the collaborative work in Australasia that has brought greater attention and global access to the good practice and excellence within this dynamic regional community.