



Digital Futures for Scientific Collections

Increasing the availability and use of scientific collections is a priority for our scientific institutions. Digitising collections, enabling remote access and collaboration, is the obvious solution but one which presents challenges along with the opportunities. Our speakers addressed the issue related to their institutions.

This event is the first of a series of online events planned to commemorate 20 years of the [Queensland – Smithsonian Fellowships](#).

PROGRAM

Welcomes

- **Hugh Possingham**, Queensland Chief Scientist
- **Scott Miller**, Chief Scientist and Interim Director of Smithsonian Libraries, Smithsonian Institution

Session 1 Collections online—impacting research, exhibitions, and community outreach

- **Terry Miller**, Head of Biodiversity and Geosciences, Queensland Museum will provide an overview of the Museum’s digital collections and initiatives being undertaken to increase accessibility to the research community, public and exhibition audiences.
- **Carol Butler**, Assistant Director Collections Management, Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History will provide an overview of the institution’s digital collections strategy – its impact on research through to exhibitions, interaction with audiences and into the broader community.

Session 2 Enabling collections to go online—2D, 3D and beyond

- **Rebecca Snyder**, Infomatics Branch Leader Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History tackles online collection data issues – how to make it findable, accessible, and interoperable.
- **Mandy Swingle**, Senior Manager Digital Capability Support, Library, The University of Queensland on digital collections for online teaching and research; and developing digital expertise is researchers and students.

Panel Q&A

Chaired by Hugh Possingham, Queensland Chief Scientist, all speakers had a chance to answer questions from the audience.

