

# Uiver Collection Policy

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this document is to provide direction on the management and development related to the Uiver Collection – a sub-collection of the AlburyCity Museum & Social History Collection. The Uiver Collection is a NSW State Heritage listed collection. The collection is not limited to any media or format. The Uiver story is one of the key stories of our museum and our region.
- 1.2. The Policy provides the framework for the Museum and Social History and Archives Acquisition and De-accession Committee and AlburyCity Museum & Social History team officers to make decisions regarding the appropriateness of collection development related to the Uiver story.

## 2. Scope

- 2.1. The Policy is to apply to all moveable heritage objects related to the Uiver story, that are managed by the AlburyCity Museum and Social History Team. (Note that reference and secondary materials are not part of this collection however may be considered for acquisition into the Local Studies Collection.
- 2.2. The Uiver Collection Policy is consistent with the guidance and direction of the AlburyCity Cultural Assets Development and Management Policy and the AlburyCity Cultural Collection Development Plan 2015 – 2020. The main aim of both the Policy and the Plan are to ensure that existing and future collections are not only a strong record of our own culture but incorporate items that are significant, well conserved, unique and complete. This policy does not supersede any of these policies and procedures.
- 2.3. The Uiver Collection was added to the NSW State Heritage Register in 2017. Under the Heritage Act 1977 (NSW) the Collection is legally protected and requires approval from the Heritage Office for major changes. On listing, an exemption was given for the Collection to be managed in accordance with the Albury City Council's current heritage and planning management documents. Specifically, *'all activities and works in accordance with the Albury City Cultural Assets Development and Management Plan and the Albury City Cultural Assets Development Management Policy to ensure the ongoing development and upkeep of the Uiver Collection'*.

## 3. Definitions

- 3.1. Acquisition - Adding items to the collection through various means, including purchase, donation and bequest.

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- 3.2. De-accession - Removing items from the collection against agreed criteria and through a transparent legal and ethical process that has been approved by AlburyCity.
- 3.3. AlburyCity Museum and Social History and Archives Acquisition and De-accession Committee - The role of the Committee is to ensure that the Cultural Assets Development and Management Policy, Uiver Collection Policy and the associated Permanent Collections Acquisition and De-accession Procedure are adhered and in doing so ensure an objective and professional approach to the management of the Museum and Social History Collection.
- 3.4. Uiver Memorial Community Trust - The Uiver Memorial Community Trust (UMCT) is a not-for-profit organisation with a mission to restore the DC-2 representative Uiver aircraft and establish a museum to display it and tell the Uiver story.

## 4. References

- 4.1. AlburyCity Cultural Assets Development and Management Policy, 2013
- 4.2. AlburyCity Permanent Collections Acquisition and De-Accession Procedure, 2009
- 4.3. AlburyCity Cultural Collection Development Plan, 2015 – 2020
- 4.4. NSW Heritage Act (1977)
- 4.5. reCollections: Caring for collections across Australia; [Collection Care - Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material \(aiccmm.org.au\)](http://aiccmm.org.au)
- 4.6. Significance 2.0: a guide to assessing the significance of collections. (Robyn Russell & Kylie Winkworth, Collections Council of Australia, 2009)
- 4.7. ICOM (International Council of Museums) Code of Ethics for Museums, 1986, Revised 2004.

## 5. Content

- 5.1. The AlburyCity Uiver Collection is to be managed in accordance with the AlburyCity Cultural Assets Development and Management Policy and the AlburyCity Cultural Collection Development Plan 2015 – 2020. The AlburyCity Cultural Assets Development and Management Policy states that:

*"All of the [Museum & Social History] collections will be relevant to AlburyCity and the immediate region".*

The AlburyCity Cultural Collection Development Plan 2015 – 2020 provides further guidance:

*"The Museum and Social History Collection has an estimated 27,992 objects and consists of historical collections that document Albury and the surrounding region."*

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## 5.2 The Uiver Collection should include and accept:

- Material that covers the MacRobertson London to Melbourne Air Race of 1934 from the Uiver perspective (there and back again),
- Material that covers the Uiver emergency landing event in Albury,
- Material related to key individuals as it connects to the Uiver race entry (including Crew and passengers),
- Material related to local individuals involved in the Uiver emergency landing event,
- Administrative material relating to the Uiver race entry,
- Material related to Civic and personal correspondence, gift giving and visits, to and from Albury, stemming from the Uiver event,
- Representative Uiver commercial material manufactured in the period that followed the Uiver event,
- Samples of material related to Uiver Commemorative events, with a focus on Albury events,
- Samples of material related to the Uiver representative DC-2 aircraft as part of Albury's social history.

## 5.3 The AlburyCity Uiver Collection should exclude:

- General items without an Albury connection,
- General material related to the Air Race without a specific focus on the Uiver perspective,
- General material related to DC-2 aircraft,
- General material related to KLM,
- Dutch Royal family and Government material, unless directly related to the Uiver story, or with an Albury connection,
- Reference material and secondary source material (These may be considered for acquisition into the Local Studies Collection),
- Bulk of material related to the Uiver Representative DC-2 aircraft.

General stories or items related to DC-2 aircraft, KLM or the air race do not fit the boundaries of documenting Albury or the surrounding region.

The Uiver Collection should exclude duplicate items, unless in better condition or with strong provenance and connected stories.

5.4 When declining a donation offer, the Museum & Social History Team may suggest other suitable collections for the donation to be offered to, with the permission of the legal owner and in line with professional practice and the AlburyCity Permanent Collections Acquisition and De-Accession Procedure.

5.5 Due diligence should be performed on any object offered by an international donor, ensuring that it does not breach that country's cultural property regulations. This is consistent with the ICOM Code of Ethics for Museums.

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5.6 The Uiver Memorial Community Trust (UMCT) have developed a draft collecting policy to guide development of their own collection. Consultation will occur with the Uiver Memorial Community Trust on any object that potentially relates to both collections, in order to establish the most suitable management of that item. All such consultation will occur with the permission of the legal owner.

## 6. Documentation

- 6.1. Office of the Environment and Heritage NSW, The Uiver Collection, <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=5063160>
- 6.2. Office of the Environment and Heritage NSW, Heritage information series, Standard Exemptions for works requiring Heritage Council approval. <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/heritagebranch/heritage/StandardExemptions.pdf>
- 6.3. DOC16/8019 Uiver Collection Significance Assessment Report 11.1.2016
- 6.4. DOC17/77213 Uiver Collection Preservation Needs Assessment
- 6.5. DOC17/138639 Notification – Heritage Council list on the State Heritage Register - The Uiver Collection - Heritage Council of New South Wales
- 6.6. DOC18/47662 Uiver Preservation Needs Assessment Conservation Action Plan.

## 7. Authorisation

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	Business, Growth & Community
	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Team Leader Libraries & Museum
<b>Authorisation</b>	Insert 'Approved Executive' or 'Adopted Council' Include date approved/adopted	
<b>Review Date</b>	Insert date four years from last issue date, or earlier if required	
<b>Register</b>	This policy is included in the Public Policy and Procedure Register.	
<b>Record of Amendments</b>	Insert date	Provide brief description of the change.
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