

# **OUT OF THE BOX: SHARING STRATEGIES FOR ACCESSING NATURAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS**

Symposium 1-2 June, 2017, jointly hosted by the University of Canberra and CSIRO

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Natural history collections can be shy beasts – tucked away in drawers and cabinets. How do we get them out and about to inspire more people to love them, use them and support them? **Out of the Box** is a two-day symposium to bring together scientists, museum people, artists, citizen scientists and others who share an interest in promoting natural history collections to wider audiences.

Invited speakers will introduce art and natural history, citizen science, conservation of historic specimens and digital collection discovery, and our keynote speaker Deirdre Coleman of the University of Melbourne will delve into the complexities of historical taxonomy and connections between politics, personalities and natural history collections from the past. We will take these ideas forward into discussion sessions aimed at developing new, cross-disciplinary networks and relationships to get natural history collections Out of the Box. We will also have workshops on practical techniques for using and caring for natural history collections. We are looking for your ideas and contributions to help us imagine new futures for natural history collections.

**Registration: Full price \$160, \$80 for concession card holders**, plus symposium dinner on the evening of June 1 (cost TBA). For more information contact Alison Wain at [Alison.wain@canberra.edu.au](mailto:Alison.wain@canberra.edu.au) or see the symposium website at <http://www.canberra.edu.au/research/faculty-research-centres/cccr/events/outofthebox/>