The Collection Council of Australia Ltd is the peak body for the Australian collections sector. The purpose of the Collections Council is to assist collecting organisations achieve their potential and to ensure collections are recognised for their significance, used collaboratively, and managed for sustainability.

CollectionsCare…
- CollectionsCare is a proposal developed by the Collections Council to increase support to regional collections across Australia.
- Collections mapping is one of six programs, and one of the first steps, in the CollectionsCare proposal. It aims to assist regional communities identify, document and promote their collections which are held in archives, galleries, libraries, museums, historical societies and keeping places etc.

Collections Mapping…
- Collections mapping builds upon existing cultural mapping methodologies that encourage communities to create a tool for social and economic development.
- Each collections mapping project will be designed, executed and evaluated within a CollectionsCare Region and facilitated by a CollectionsCare Coordinator in collaboration with the community.

A ‘Collections Mapping Guide’…
- The aim of the project was to devise a ‘collections mapping guide’, which will help CollectionsCare Coordinators facilitate collections mapping in communities. It is intended that the ‘guide’ becomes a working record of community objectives, resources and achievements.
- The ‘collections mapping guide’ will contribute to the outcomes of CollectionsCare by promoting:
  - collaboration across the collections sector (regional, state and national);
  - new educational and cultural opportunities through the sharing of resources and expertise;
  - improved skills and resources; and
  - increased support for volunteers.

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