

# RCH Archives

## Criteria for Acquisition



To be eligible for acquisition to the collection, an item must be assessed as having value in relation to the following criteria for acquisition:

- **Relevance:** material will be acquired that relates to the Archives' mission and key collecting areas.
- **Significance:** priority is given to materials that are significant for their historic, aesthetic, research and/or social value.
- **Provenance and documentation:** priority will be given to material where the history of the material is known and associated documentation and support material can be provided.
- **Condition, intactness and integrity:** the condition of the material must be taken into consideration. Material in poor condition ordinarily will not be acquired.
- **Interpretive potential:** material that enhances the interpretation of the collection themes will be prioritised.
- **Rarity:** materials may be prioritised if they are rare examples of a particular kind of material.
- **Representativeness:** materials may be prioritised if they are an excellent representative example of a particular kind of material.
- **Duplications:** duplications of materials already in the collection will not be accepted unless they are of superior condition and/or historic value.
- **Legal requirements:** the Archives will only acquire material where the donor or vendor owns the material.