AUSTRALASIA PRESERVES 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

February
The University of Melbourne organised and ran the inaugural event of the Australasia Preserves digital preservation community of practice. 75 people attended, with 50 on the waitlist https://bit.ly/2EOmRwe

March
An online group forum was setup to continue the momentum of the inaugural event https://bit.ly/2RVB3pn The University of Melbourne team announced that they would host monthly meetups for this forum throughout 2018, aiming to share digital preservation topics of interest, including current issues and practice.

April
Monthly online meetups began, hosted by the University of Melbourne. Amy Joseph talked about efforts to scale up collecting, description, and ingest processes for born digital published material at the National Library of New Zealand, and Richard Lehane presented on Siegfried.

May
A small group participated in the Global Library Carpentry Sprint to investigate developing digital preservation carpentry lessons https://bit.ly/2kUa7Yf. This month's meetup featured Peter Neish and Jaye Weatherburn sharing the international survey responses from this work, and Max Sullivan and Stuart Yeates from Victoria University of Wellington Library talking about their experience migrating content into Rosetta. The presentation was recorded and is available for group forum members.

June
The online meetups went unconference-style with no organised speakers, spending the time to further discuss and develop the digital preservation carpentry.
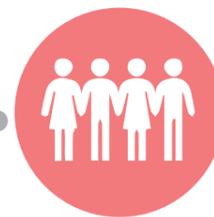
July
The State Library of New South Wales organised and hosted a face-to-face local event, featuring lightning talks, a panel discussion, and a morning tea. There were 130 registered attendees, 38 on the waitlist. The proceedings were livestreamed and recorded https://bit.ly/2vDn8dw

August
Andrea Goethals and Cynthia Wu from the National Library of New Zealand shared details about Preservation Storage Criteria. The presentation was recorded and is available for Australasia Preserves group forum members.

October
A few forum members shared their key takeaways, learnings, and experiences from digital preservation conferences and events: iPRES 2018 in Boston, the Lost in the Cloud event held in Canberra, and the Australian Society of Archivists' conference in Perth. Shared notes are available on the group forum.

November
A local face-to-face event, "Digital Preservation for Everyone", was hosted by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and supported by AARNet https://bit.ly/2QPXlGf There were 97 registrations for the event and over 70 attending via the livestream. Proceedings were recorded https://bit.ly/2Gg0Zux

Australasia Preserves ascended as the baked goods precinct of the world https://bit.ly/2EheUxF

A new award in the digital preservation world emerged: "Best Digital Preservation `Song and Dance" https://bit.ly/2SKb4kt

The community pitched in to develop a group forum code of conduct https://bit.ly/2Le9epF

December
At the end of 2018, the Australasia Preserves online group forum has 213 members. Planning is underway for the next Australasia Preserves event, to take place on Thursday 7 February as part of the IDCC 2019 unconference. We encourage everyone who can to register and come along to help shape the future directions of this community https://bit.ly/2Le0glW

The digital preservation carpentry work progressed and is being offered as a workshop at the IDCC conference https://bit.ly/2GewwwM