



The National Trust of South Australia

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The background of the slide is a detailed embroidery on a light beige fabric. It features several clusters of small, five-petaled purple flowers with yellow centers, interspersed with green leaves of various shapes. Some leaves show signs of aging or damage, with yellowing and fraying at the edges. A single bird, possibly a swallow or swift, is embroidered in flight on the right side, with dark blue-black wings and a yellowish-buff underbelly. The embroidery uses various stitch directions to create texture and depth in the floral and avian motifs.

Maintenance & Preventive Care for Sites & Collections

Visible and UV light can cause fading and degrading of watercolours and textile fibres over time.

Pests & debris coming through gaps in doors/windows/frames, cause damage to items from dirt, cobwebs and buildup of insects, larvae and detritus.



Carriage uncovered in a shed packed with rubbish- well done to Alex on having many tonnes of rubbish removed!



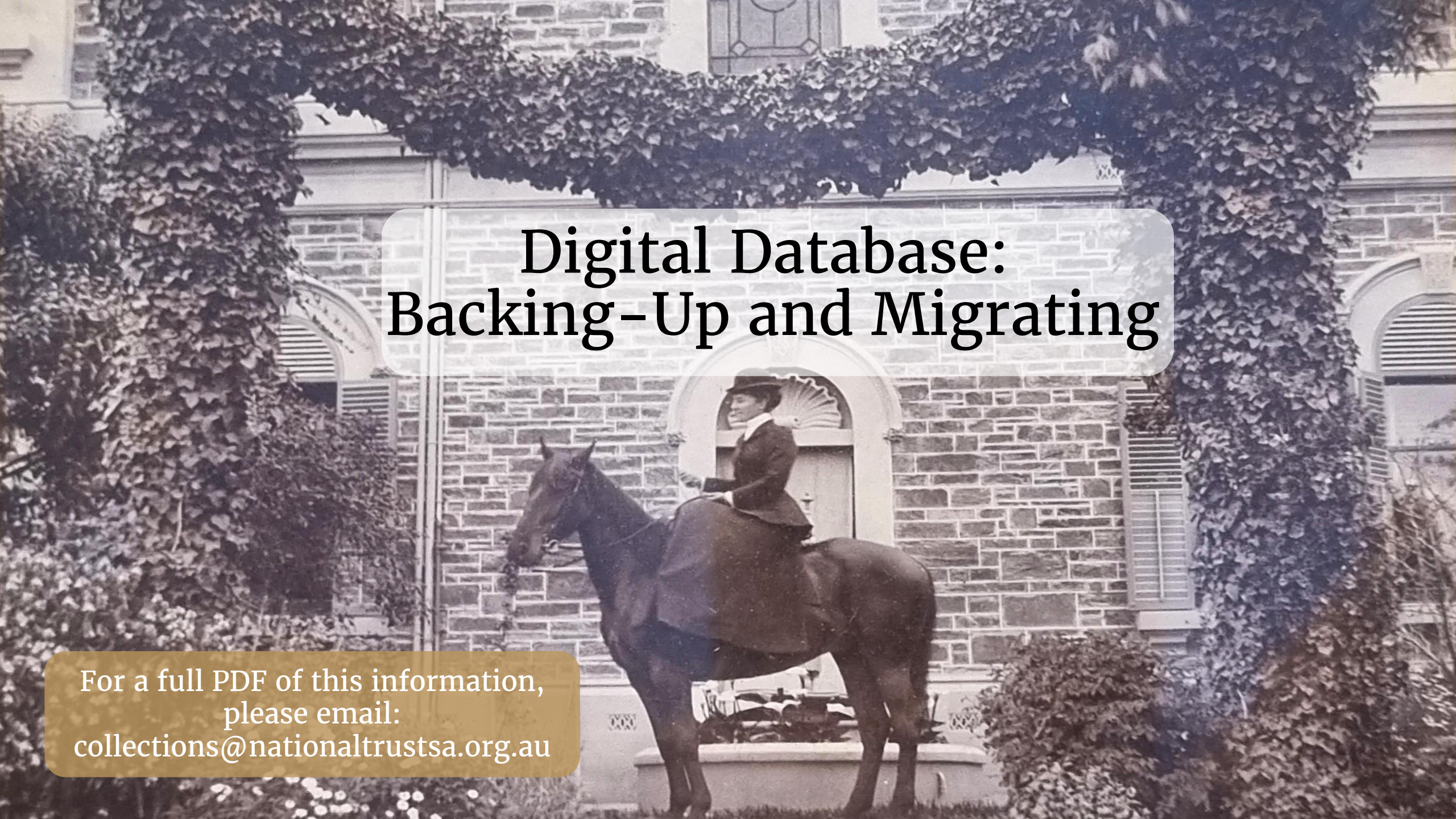
A hailstorm filled the gutters in 2022, leaving water damage on this wall, the painting and the piano beneath.



Cultural objects discovered, from First Nations and also Pacific Islands and Africa.

Basic Collection Care Kit

- Cloth dusters – lots of! Washable 100% cotton preferable. Can use microfibre – but minimally.
- Vacuum cleaner – variable suction is ideal, but any vacuum will remove dust and dirt.
- Nitrile gloves – a must for handling of *any* metal or gilded items. Otherwise - clean hands!
- Extendable 'fluffy' duster - for hard-to-reach areas.
- Pony hair / hogs-hair brushes - for more intricate cleaning of items.
- Tie on labels (various sizes) for catalogue numbers – *no* sticky labels on items.
- Camera/Phone camera – useful for uploading to CatalogIT and identifies items more easily rather than a description only. Also useful for condition checking – shows if items have deteriorated over time.
- Torch – useful to show up any damage of items.
- Control of sunlight with blinds/curtains. Black Corflute is also helpful to block light at windows.
- Other items that are also useful:
 - dust sheets, pool noodles, soft foam, acid free tissue paper, bubble wrap



Digital Database: Backing-Up and Migrating

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Quick Mentions

- MaC Program: <https://www.history.sa.gov.au/get-involved/mac-program/>
- Collections Policy for NTSA
- We want to hear from you! collections@nationaltrustsa.org.au



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