On Thursday 26 July 2018, the Library hosted the monthly meetup for Australasia Preserves, an informal digital preservation community of practice. The learning and networking event was aimed at individuals undertaking or interested in digital preservation in the Australasia region and provided attendees with the opportunity to learn about recent initiatives and activities from across galleries, libraries and archives.

The agenda was structured with seven, 10-minute lightning talks following by a networking morning tea supported by Ignite Services and finished with a panel discussion on the topic “Digitisation is not digital preservation. Or is it?”

The lightning talks included representatives from the State Library of NSW, University of Melbourne, Art Gallery of NSW, NSW State Archives, Nelson Mandela Foundation, University of Technology Sydney and the National Archives of Australia. Topics ranged from born-digital collections, digital preservation systems, automated workflows, implementation strategies, infrastructure, time-based media conservation, documentation, collaboration, managing digitised collections, archiving social media, cultural change, and even Star Wars.

The panel discussion highlighted the ongoing investment and commitment of digital preservation in the context of digitisation projects and digital collecting, with conversation covering topics such as storage, business cases, access, costs, digital curation lifecycle, archivists vs librarians, building relationships across organisations and obsolescence of physical carriers.
The event was recorded and is available on the [Australasia Preserves YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8vqPRPhXZB_4YcbG-F30sCh932mOFj09).