



Attention editor/chief of staff

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***Disrupt, persist, invent: Australians in an ever-changing world***  
**exhibition on at the Museum of the Goldfields**

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The Museum of the Goldfields highlights social change in Australia.

Australia, home of the 'fair go', but who are the ordinary and extraordinary people who have made our nation what it is today? And how can we learn from their actions? National Archives of Australia asks these questions in its touring exhibition *Disrupt, persist, invent: Australians in an ever-changing world*.

On display at the Museum of the Goldfields until 23 August, this exhibition profiles the many different and sometimes unexpected ways people have pushed for change in Australia.

*Disrupt, persist, invent* highlights stories illustrating how change has impacted our society. This exhibition's most compelling message is that change takes a tremendous investment of time and energy but that people's sustained actions over time really can make a difference.

Museum of the Goldfields Regional Manager Kirsty Brooks said, "We are really pleased to be able to offer this latest exhibition from National Archives of Australia as it explores topics that are still very much relevant today.

The free exhibition will be open to visitors until late August and I encourage everyone to come."

Exhibition curator Ms Catriona Donnelly explains, "the catalyst for social change might arise from a significant event or through likeminded people campaigning for a common cause. They are passionate, determined and often prepared to put their bodies on the line to achieve their objectives.'

'The exhibition is arranged not by the cause or campaign, but by how the change was effected. This could be through noisy protests or by quiet persistence. Themes, such as women's rights, environmental campaigns, First Nations rights and equality, run as undercurrents, however the focus is on how the change was achieved,' said Ms Donnelly.

National Archives Director-General Simon Froude said, 'This exhibition calls upon many records held by National Archives, records that help to tell the important stories that have shaped our nation.

If there is one takeaway from this exhibition, it is that the simplest of acts really can inspire others. It is often the stories of quiet persistence, innovation and creativity that resonate just as loudly as public protests.'

This exhibition is developed by National Archives of Australia and supported by Visions of Australia and the National Collecting Institutions Touring and Outreach Program.

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**Venue:** Museum of the Goldfields  
17 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie, WA, 6430

**Further information:** phone 9021 8533 or visit [here](#).

**Bookings:** required for some activities via 9021 8533

Programs are subject to availability. All children 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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