Collecting the stories of the Indian diaspora in Australia

The National Library of Australia is actively looking for stories from Australians with Indian heritage to add to the national collection.

Australians with Indian heritage are Australia's fastest growing migrant group, comprising over 750,000 people in 2022. Indian diaspora communities have made very significant contributions to many aspects of Australian society and culture.

The National Library is calling on Australians with Indian heritage to help build a collection about their stories. The Library will be guided by those who are by self-definition a part of the Indian diaspora in Australia. That may include people who trace their heritage to the pre-Partition Indian subcontinent.

By collecting stories of the Indian diaspora, the Library can preserve and make accessible to social historians of the future, the stories of today. The Library aims to ensure that a permanent documentary record of Australia's migration history is publicly available.

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What is the Library looking for?

The Library is looking for material by and about Australian-Indian people and communities, their lives and experiences, their work and organisations. These materials will be added to the national collection.

- Books
- Newspapers or newsletters
- Manuscripts
- Pictures
- Photographs
- Posters
- Electronic publications
- Websites
- Ephemera

How you can contribute

If you have items you would be happy to donate, you can offer them to the Library for consideration.

The Library will also be recording interviews with people who want to share their story and experiences. If you would like to add your story to the Library's oral history collection, you can express your interest through the Library's website.

Visit nla.gov.au/Australians-with-Indian-Heritage or scan the QR code to learn more about the project and how you can get involved.

Thank you for contributing to the national collection, we look forward to receiving and caring for your work.

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