

# Archives Office of Tasmania

1965 – 2011

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## Details

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The Archives Office of Tasmania opened in 1965. Its purpose was to store government records but it also accepted donations from private individuals and organisations. It had a reading room for people wishing to access those records. In 2011, the Archives Office of Tasmania became the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office.

The origins of the Archives Office of Tasmania were in 1949 when the Chief Secretary's Department transferred state records to the State Library of Tasmania, run by the State Library Department.

In 1965, this section of the Library became the Archives Office of Tasmania but remained within the State Library Department.

It became a separate agency following the *Archives Act* 1983 although, administratively, it was still within the State Library Department.

In 1989, the State Library Department joined the Department of Education and the Arts with the Archives Office as one of its divisions.

In 2007, the Archives Office merged with the Heritage Collections of the State Library of Tasmania. This eventually led to it becoming the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Tasmanian State Archives (1949 - 1965)
  - **Archives Office of Tasmania (1965 – 2011)**
  - Tasmanian Archives (2011 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [State Library of Tasmania \(1943 - current\)](#)

The Archives Office of Tasmania and the State Library of Tasmania have had a close association.