



# Deborah Tout-Smith

## ICOM Australia

Nominated by ICOM Australia, ICOM ASPAC

*ICOM is an organisation of extraordinary importance and value. I am standing for the Executive Board again because I care passionately about its future and am certain I can make another significant contribution to its governance.*

*As EB Ordinary Member 2022-25, my achievements included leading the Governance Sub-Group, and if re-elected, I will continue to strongly support the key principles of the ICOM Strategic Plan, including governance reform, improved communication, and advocacy for critical issues including climate change, decolonisation and regional representation.*

*I will respond energetically to key challenges and opportunities including the revision of the Code of Ethics; improved funding for our members and the network; and better use of expertise in our networks. Support of sustainable and just practices is critical to our sector, and strategies to improve diversity and inclusion must form a focus.*

*I will work to improve access to ICOM's resources, foster interaction between National and International Committees, and work to improve ICOM's digital engagement.*

*My background in collections, exhibitions and research, experience working in museums in Australia, the US and Canada, and experience within ICOM and beyond, provide a strong basis from which I can contribute towards a better future for ICOM.*

### POSITIONS

- ◆ Senior Curator, History & Technology Department, Museums Victoria, Australia (2009-present)
- ◆ Board Member, History Council of Victoria (2021-present and 2010-2011)
- ◆ Board Member, Australian Centre for Architectural History, Urban and Cultural Heritage, University of Melbourne (2020-present)
- ◆ President, Historians Special Interest Group, Museums Australia (AMaGA) (2004-2008)
- ◆ Board Member, Curators' Committee, American Alliance of Museums (1999-2012)

### FUNCTIONS WITHIN ICOM

- ◆ Member of the Executive Board (2022-2025)
- ◆ Member, ICOM SAREC (from 2020; Ex-officio 2022-2025)
- ◆ Member, ICOM ASPAC (Ex-officio 2022-2025)
- ◆ Member, ICOM-ITC Program Committee (2017-2022)
- ◆ Vice-Chair, ICOM Australia (2016-2021)
- ◆ ICOM Australia

- Partnerships Program Convenor (2016-2021)
- ◆ Board Member, ICOM Australia (2008-2014)
- ◆ ICOM Australia Awards Committee (2009-2015)

### ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- ◆ Master of Arts in Public History, Monash University, Australia (1994)
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in History & Sociology, La Trobe University, Australia (1991)