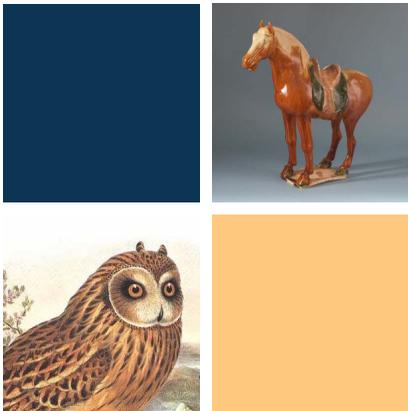# Collect it. Connect it.
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Catalogue and share collections with eHive.com, our secure and easy to use web-based system.

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> "Thanks to eHive we are now a museum without walls. After putting our collection online, web vistors exceeded physical visitors by a factor of ten, all without having to set up and maintain our own website. This wider reach has brought a raft of new connections to our small community museum."
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> **David Luoni, Mataura Museum, New Zealand**

EHIVE

Online cataloguing and publishing for cultural heritage

eHive is web-based collection management system developed by Vernon Systems. We have more than 30 years' experience in creating software for the museum, gallery and cultural heritage sector.

Who uses eHive?

eHive is used worldwide by hundreds of cultural institutions, clubs and societies, museums, universities and private collectors.

How do I access eHive?

eHive is accessed through any browser. You can catalogue objects, store images, manage acquisition information, and publish your collections online. Just go to eHive.com sign in details to access your account.

Can I trial eHive?

Yes. You can trial eHive for free. To test the system, simply sign up for an account or explore collections through the eHive website.

Will eHive be suitable for my collection?

eHive has seven different object record types: Archives, Archaeology, Art, History, Library, Natural Science, and Photography and Multimedia.

Each record captures both descriptive and administrative information about your object. eHive also supports the tracking of acquisition information.

Do I need any training or specialist knowledge to use the system?

No. eHive is an easy to use system that requires no special training. The built-in help will guide you through the system. Because it's web-based, you don't need to worry about installing or upgrading any software. We take care of secure hosting, backups and software and hardware upgrades. This makes it ideal for collectors or smaller institutions who don't have dedicated IT staff.

How do I publish my records?

It's easy to create your own profile page and publish your collection online with eHive. When you save a record, you are presented with publishing options. It is a simple tick of a checkbox to publish the key details of a record online.

eHive also has tagging and commenting features. Adding tags to your records makes them easy to find, and the commenting feature means that you can encourage community participation around an object.

We provide options for migrating any existing cataloguing data and files you have into eHive.

What if I don't want my records to be public?

Publishing to eHive is optional. If you don't want a record to be publicly visible, simply untick the 'Publish to eHive' checkbox when saving the record. You can set all, or some of your records as private.

Can I collaborate with other eHive users?

Yes, you can create or join together with other users and then contribute object records to the community. This could be a collaboration based on a common theme such as a historic event or a geographic area.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DATA

eHive provides many ways for you to re-use your data in other projects and applications. You can build your own website or share your records and images with 3rd party systems.

Get your data out at any time

Data can be exported in CSV, Excel, XML and PDF formats. You can produce reports on all or some of your records. You retain ownership of all information that you upload.

Build public websites with WordPress

Our WordPress plugins and widgets allow you to embed your eHive content on your own website. You can build a customised website using WordPress and then use our plugins to display your object records. You can include tag clouds of the most popular tags and choose to enable commenting on your records.

Build upon eHive

eHive's API (Application Programming Interface) lets you share your data with other websites, create your own website, build smartphone apps and even develop custom applications.

Share your data

You can use eHive to share your content with cultural heritage websites like Trove and DigitalNZ. They collect and share multiple collections allowing easy searching for the user and greater exposure for you.

For more information see our **developers.ehive.com** website.

"eHive has allowed us to easily publish our collection online, making it more accessible than ever before, revolutionising how we work and how far our collection can go. The back end of the system is incredibly easy to use, making it simple for staff with non-technical backgrounds to publish the collection online. The team at Vernon Systems have an excellent customer service ethos. We can't recommend eHive to other small or medium museums enough!"

Erika Taylor
Curator Collections and Programs
Tweed Regional Museum

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Enquiries about using eHive

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forum.ehive.com

eHive's online help
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