### RDA One Year On 2 October 2014

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### Take Me To Your Lieder

- How was RDA implemented at NLA?
- How has it impacted on music cataloguing?
- What are the benefits? Problems?
- What's happening now?
- The future?

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- NLA policies are in the RDA Toolkit
- All cataloguing has been in RDA since about May 2013
- Dropped the use of MARC \$b codes in 336,337,338 in 2013
- Music presentation in 250 not 254 since 2014
- Music Collection as much socio-historical ("Australia's story") as about study or performance



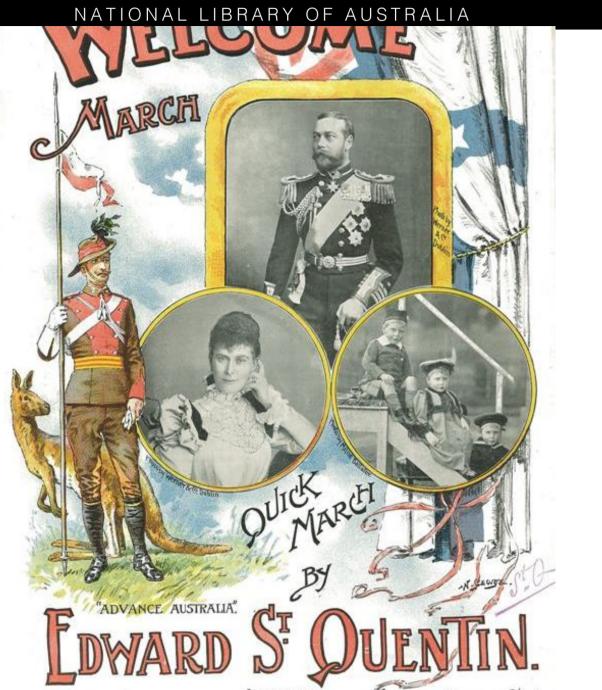
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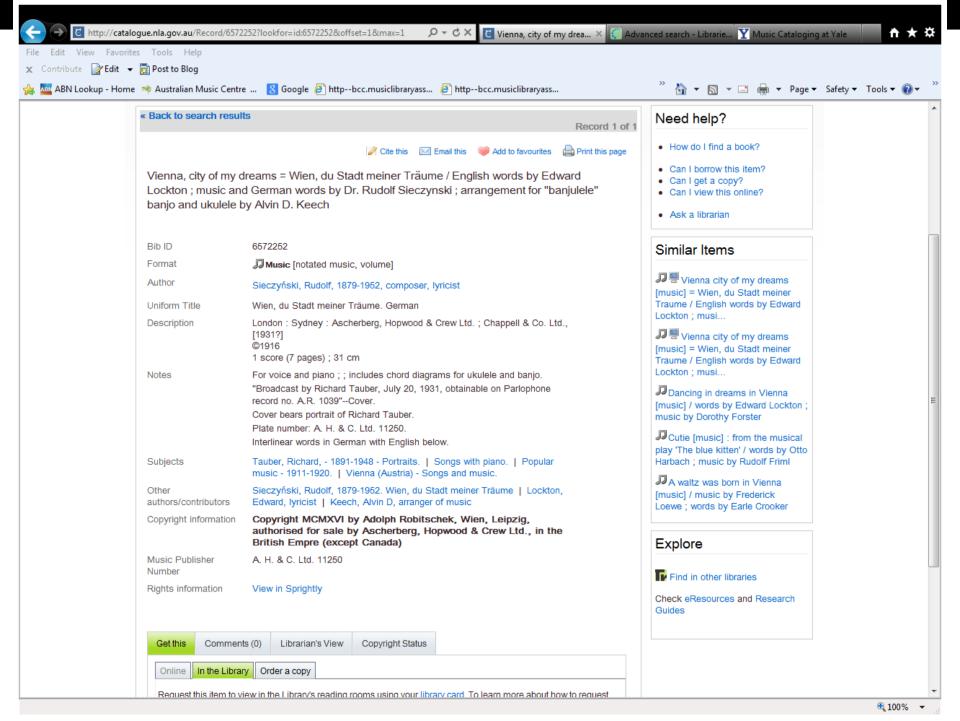
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### **RDA and Music**

- Enables contextualisation
- Enables user better to Find, Identify Select and Obtain
- More granular
- Relationships
- Changes way we think about cataloguing

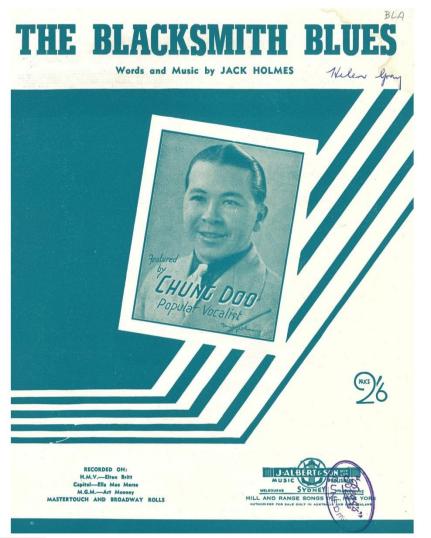
## **Expressions**

- Music can have more than one form of expression. (Arrangement, translation, key, voice range, performance, etc., etc. This would all look much better and really work in a FRBR catalogue)
  - Songs in two languages, means two fields (100 and 700)



### **Manifestations**

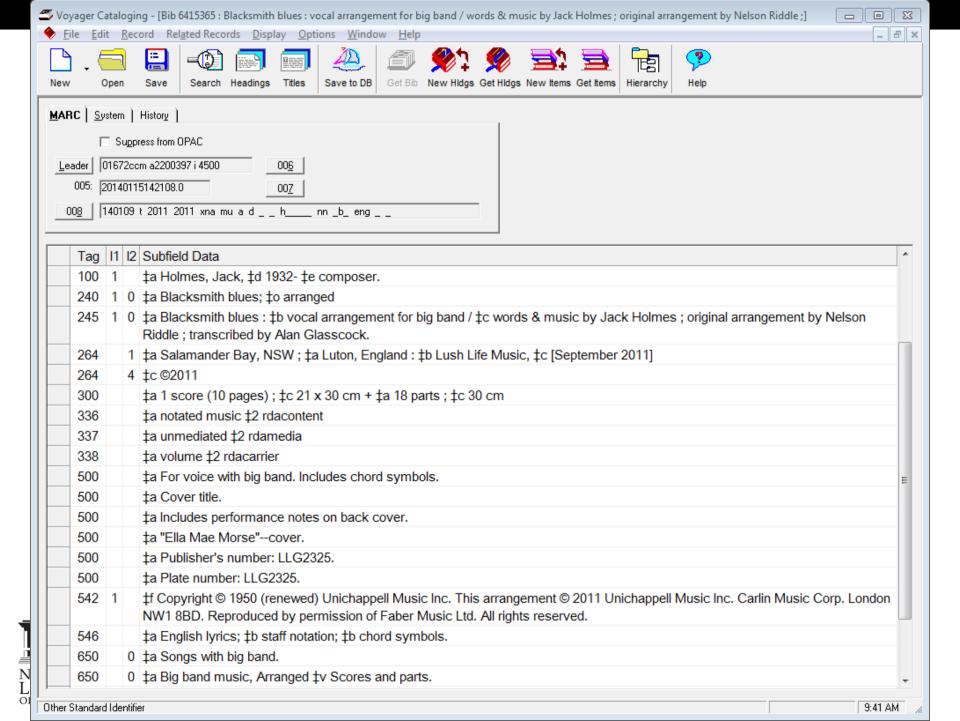
- Scores with different covers are different manifestations
  - Formerly treated together with "Covers vary" note
  - Useful for locating portraits of performers or composers
- "Must have date" requirement
  - More research but finer date range





## Manifestations (RDA in MARC @NLA)

- Use of 264 instead of 260
  - Separate fields make identification clearer (some manifestations have different printers/engravers or different distributors)
  - Copyright date always added even if same as publication date
- 250 for all, discontinuation of 254
- 336, 337, 338 discontinued use of MARC code
- 542 Copyright statement for clarification



### **Items**

- Signatures, annotations
- Music seller stamps (tell us work was available in Australia)
- Previous owner stamps
- Cropped (to fit an owner-bound album)
  - Care needed to ensure item specific and not a different manifestation with different dimensions

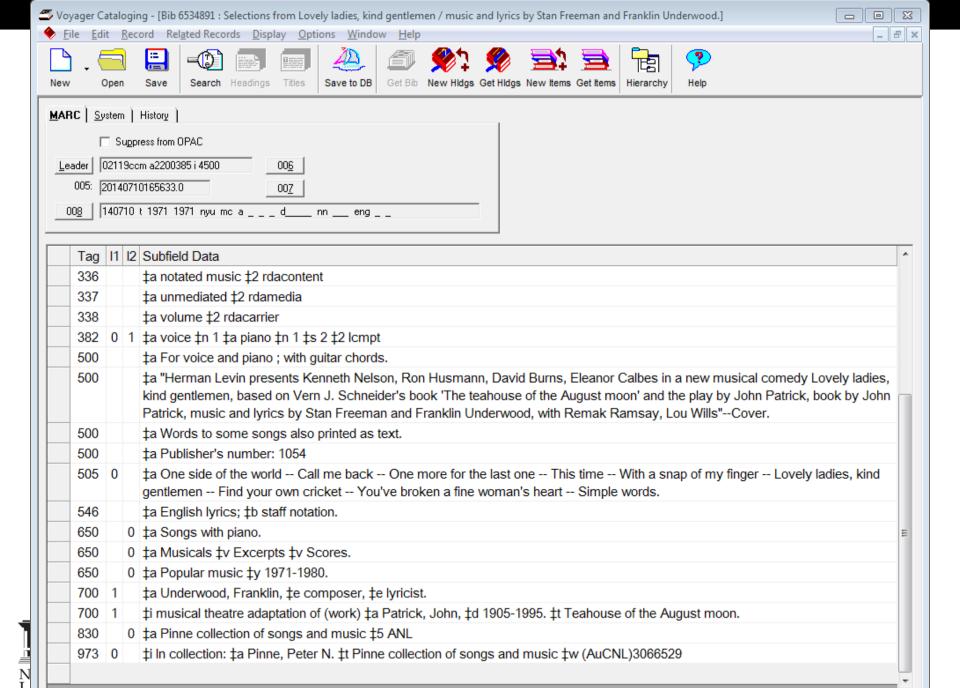
## Relationships

- Clear indication of who did what
- Links to other works spelled out
- Can be more time consuming (e.g. establishing preferred access point of original work)
- Contextualisation again

#### **LOVELY LADIES, KIND GENTLEMEN**

Music and Lyrics by STAN FREEMAN and FRANKLIN UNDERWOOD





### Contextualisation

- More than just how to play a piece of music
- Who commissioned?
- Where performed & by whom
- Cover illustrator
- Dedicatee



## **Authorities**

- More detail results in better identification of creator/contributor (particularly: is s/he Australian?)
- More time consuming and more research needed

## Brave New World - 2014 & Beyond

- Publisher/Distributor can be characterised by a phrase RDA 2.8.4.1 & RDA 2.9.4.1 (April 2014)
- Titles of Nobility RDA 9.2.2.14 (April 2014)
- Medium of Performance RDA 6.15 (April 2014)
- Additions to access points for musical works with nondistinctive titles so that e.g. "strings" becomes "violins, viola, cello" RDA 6.28.1.9 (April 2014)
- New LC-PCC PS for 6.28.1.9.1 always to add the number of parts in an authorised access point when there is more than one for a particular instrument or voice (Oct. 2014)

## **Advantages**

- Greater granularity
  - Encourages greater attention to detail resulting in a better quality more helpful record
  - Data which formerly cluttered the notes fields, especially 500, often now has its own field
- Relationships between works/expressions and creators/contributors and between works/expressions and other works/expressions made clearer

## Disadvantages

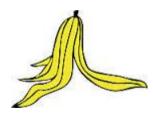
- Takes more time to catalogue
- Doesn't always display as it should (LA, some other OPACs)
- Lack of GMD can make finding music scores harder in a long list

## **Things To Come**

- Replacement of LC subject headings which include a medium of performance with the LCMPT or LCGFT terms for music
- More revisions to RDA in relation to music. Some recent proposals submitted by the JSC Music Working Group this August include:
  - Revision of 6.28.3 Authorised access points representing a musical expression. This is to clarify that authorised access points can be constructed using instructions at both 6.28.3 and 6.27 3 and reword 6.28.3 first paragraph so it doesn't read as though you can have only one type of musical expression examples are interesting in the use of content type as per 6.27.3 (b) (i). Also remove the section on language and revise 6.11.1 so it doesn't exclude music (or any of the Gang of Four) but applies to them as well.
  - Revision of RDA 6.14.2.3-6.14.2.6 choosing and recording preferred tiles for music which basically sets out the process in a more logical manner at it is a bit muddled at the moment, mainly better aligning with 6.2.2.4

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- Revision of RDA 6.14.2.8 and Glossary definitions for conventional collective title and term Type of Composition which recommends removing the closed lists and moving them to example blocks, citing the existence of many music thesauri available
- Revision of RDA 3.4.3.2. & RDA 3.21.2.5 recording the extent of a music resource where a score and one or more parts are in one physical unit so instead of 1 score and 1 part (5 pages) it would be 5 pages plus a note "Score and part; part printed on page 5". NLA did not think this was a grand idea, more a step backwards, especially recording clarifying information in a note when it had been in the extent field.
- Revision of RDA 6.2.1.9.6, 6.14.2.7.1, Appendix B.3 Abbreviations of part designation so when a music part is identified by a number (or other language equivalent) the abbreviation for the word number or equivalent precedes number and a numeric designation be recorded as a numeral. NLA also did not think this a step forward as regards using abbreviations
- MARC replacement
- A FRBR catalogue??? Some day, one day....



# Some "banana skins"

- 008 scores (the definitions have changed) and there are new fields
- Instrumental expression of a song don't give added entry for lyricist if the lyrics aren't in the resource even if lyricist is named on the resource
- Similarly with other persons named on the resource.
   Unless they contributed to the resource in hand (not a related work/expression such as a performance of a work), no added entries for them



- Hybrid AACR2/RDA records in WorldCat & LC Authorities
- Relationship designators & medium of performance terms constantly evolving. Must always check RDA Appendices & LCMPT

### Useful resources

- Best practices for music cataloging using RDA and MARC 21 version 1.0
  21 February 2014 prepared by the RDA Music Implementation Task
  Force, Bibliographic Control Committee, Music Library Association
  (http://bcc.musiclibraryassoc.org/BCCHistorical/BCC2014/RDA%20Best%20Practices%20for%20Music%20Cataloging.pdf)
- Maxwell, Robert L., Maxwell's handbook for RDA. London: Facet Publishing, 2014 ISBN 9781856048323 Appendix D: Notated music
- Music Cataloging at Yale
   (http://www.library.yale.edu/cataloging/music/musicat.htm#rda)
- RDA-L; RDA-AUST; MOUG-L



