

Powerhouse Collection & Program Structure

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... a story shifts everything.

Emily McDaniel, 2022

The Powerhouse is a space to tell stories. We will establish new ways of working to ensure we are at the service of these stories. We will create networks and increase resources to meet the demands of a dynamic Program.

To achieve this ambition we must communicate, demonstrate, and embed expectations of new ways of working. Creating and resourcing an aligned workforce will ensure increased outputs across multiple sites.

We will lead by doing, affirming the Powerhouse as a museum of practice.



CONTEXT: STRATEGIC FOCUS 2023-30

PROGRAM

- Create the conditions for the future dynamic program
- Amplify diverse voices above the singular voice of the Powerhouse
- Tell stories of applied arts and applied sciences

COLLECTION

- Expand community specific collecting and First Nations custodianship
- Interrogate how the Powerhouse collects
- Expand public access and engagement

COMMUNITY

- Build authentic and enduring relationships with traditional custodians and communities
- Establish communities as collaborators
- Develop long-term relationships with diverse communities across Greater Sydney
- Establish new ways of working

INDUSTRY

- Establish the Powerhouse as a leader in industry practice and collaboration
- Establish structures to enable industry to inform research, program and collection development

PLATFORMS

- Define, design and care for Country
- Streamline and create efficient systems for increased output across multiple sites
- Use our local context to tell stories that are relevant



Alignment

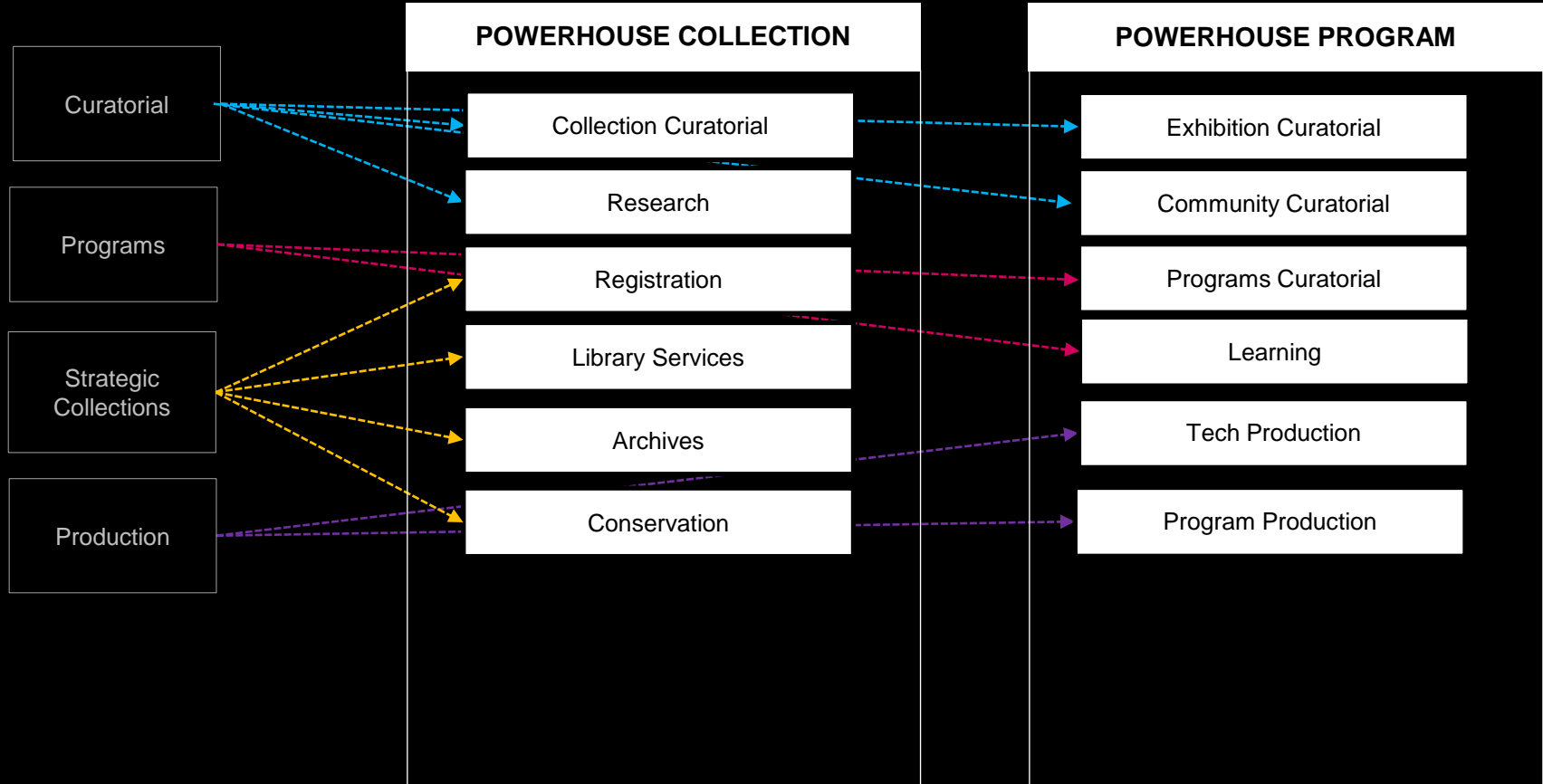
Directorate POWERHOUSE COLLECTION

- Leads the expansion and development of the Powerhouse Collection across acquisition, research and public access.
 - Increased focus on strategic collection development connected to industry and community.
 - Collaborates across Directorates, ensuring the collection is embedded in the Program.
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- **Director Powerhouse Collection** – establish and recruit role.
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- **Directorate will include:** Collection Curatorial, Conservation, Registration, Research, Library and Archive.
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- **Head of Research** is created.
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- **Head of Curatorial** is renamed Head of Collection Curatorial
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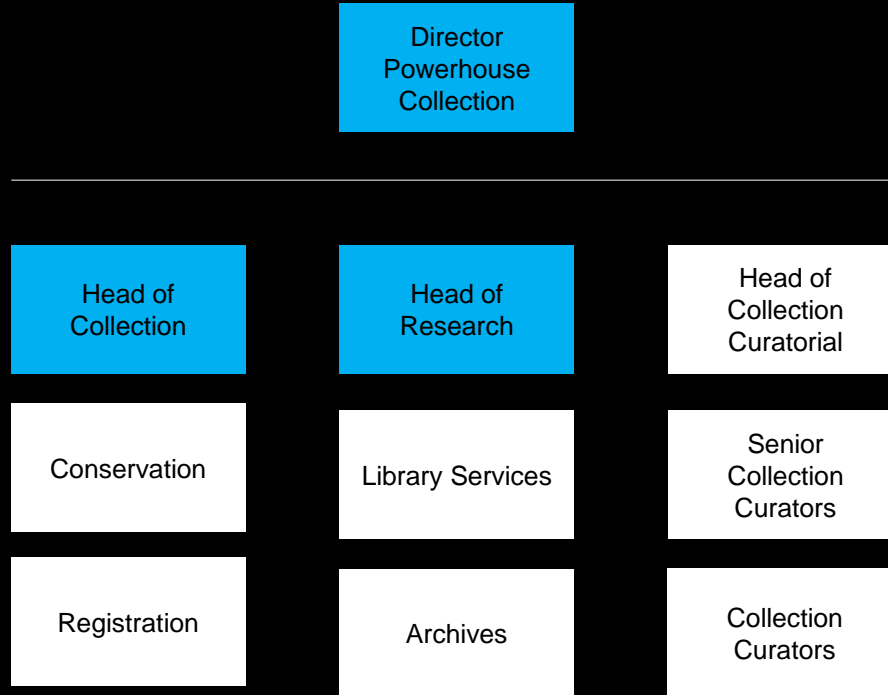
Directorate POWERHOUSE PROGRAM

- Leads the development and delivery of the Powerhouse Program across exhibitions, programs, learning and community engagement.
 - Increased programs developed and delivered in collaboration with industry and community.
 - Collaborates across Directorates, ensuring the Program reflects the collection, industry and community.
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- **Director Powerhouse Program** –establish and recruit role.
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- **Directorate will include** Exhibition Curatorial, Community Curatorial and Programs Curatorial, Learning, Producing and Production.
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- **Head Program Producer** role is created
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- **Head of Program** role is created
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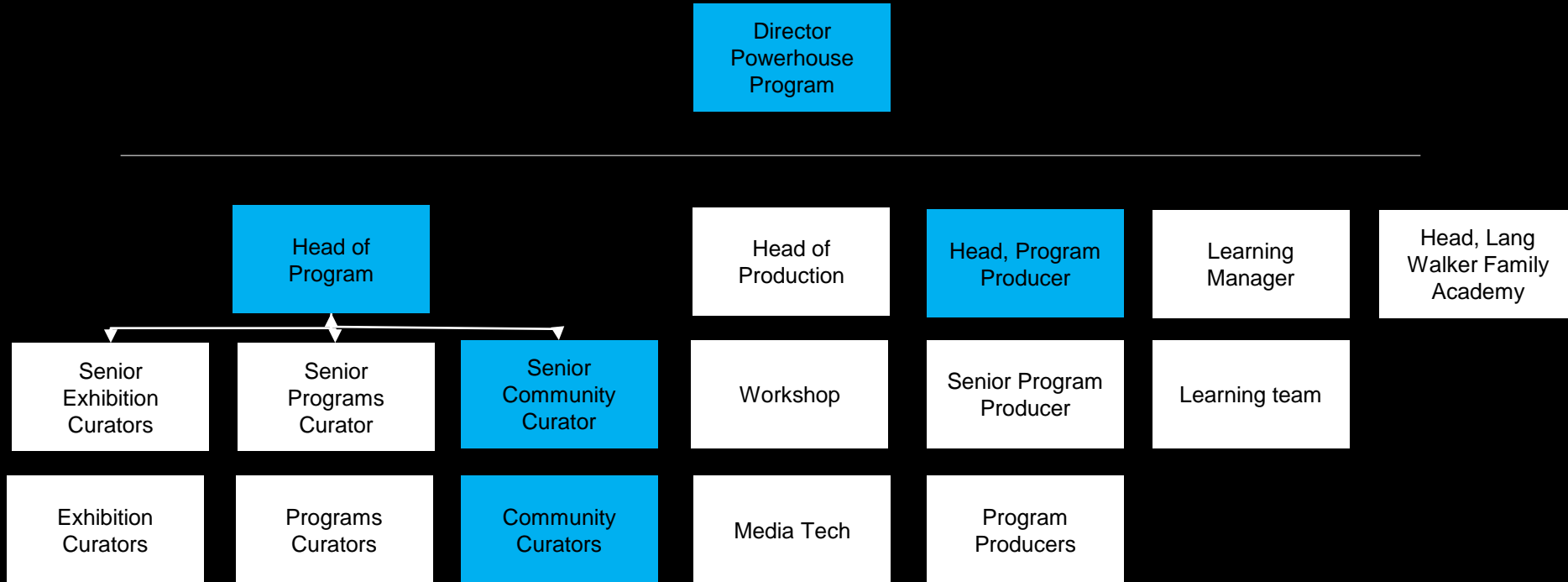
DIRECTORATES: POWERHOUSE COLLECTION AND POWERHOUSE PROGRAM



STRUCTURE: POWERHOUSE COLLECTION



STRUCTURE: POWERHOUSE PROGRAM



STAFF LOCATIONS

ULTIMO
Until Dec 2023

CASTLE HILL
From April 2023→

PARRAMATTA
From July 2023→

Powerhouse Collection

Collection curators

✓

Registration

✓

Conservation

✓

Research

✓

Library

✓

Archives

✓

Powerhouse Program

Exhibition curators

✓

Only Curators working on Ultimo exhibitions
presented in 2023

✓

Programs curators

✓

Only Curators working on Ultimo programs
presented in 2023

✓

Community curators

✓

Production

✓

Producing

✓

Only Producers working on Ultimo program
in 2023

✓

Learning

✓

Only Learning team working on Ultimo
program in 2023

✓

NEXT STEPS

Consultation opens:

Today

Following this meeting:

An email will be sent from HR that will include:

- Summary of proposal
 - Consultation form for any feedback/input
 - Role descriptions of each of the Curatorial roles
 - Details of the process for indicating preference to Collections or Program
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Union consultation:

Meeting with PSA this afternoon

Consultation closes:

5pm, 5 December 2022

Post consultation staff meetings:

Week beginning 12 December 2022

Implementation:

Following consultation. First role, Director Powerhouse Program will be advertised.
