

Repatriation of Artefacts to Peru

The Australian Institute of Archaeology (the Institute) recently returned two ancient artefacts to the Government of Peru.

The two ceramic items from Peru were received by the Institute as part of a donation of pottery. The objects had come to Australia in the 1960s after a relative of the donor had lived and worked in Peru. There was no documentation associated with them. The donation was accepted on the understanding that the Institute would not accession the items until it had received an agreement from the Government of Peru that the objects could remain in Australia and be registered by the Institute.

The matter was raised with the Embassy of Peru and, after consulting antiquities authorities in Lima, they requested the repatriation of the objects. This was subsequently done in August 2017.

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Mr Gino Arciniega of the Embassy of Peru in Australia receiving the jug from the Director on behalf of the Government of Peru.



The jug and statue returned to Peru by the Australian Institute of Archaeology

