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Recording what happened: medical history no longer on site

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Many instances of medical history disappear when the building or institution is demolished or repurposed. The aim of this presentation is to show how technology is enabling the collection of memories and artefacts from the medical history of a former mental hospital. Indeed, the team researching the social and medical history of Mayday Hills in Beechworth, Victoria, have collected memories, artefacts, images and artworks for a contemporary website which they see could be the 'future of the museum'. The team work under the methodology of crystallisation, since the team are cross-disciplinary, and the facets of a crystal may represent varied disciplines looking at data through different lenses. The methods of data collection are interviews with former employees and family members of former patients, artefacts, images, artworks, drone and 3d photography and scanning. The continuing work in progress has resulted in a website: <https://maydayhills.org.au/> As technology progresses the team see this site as possibly becoming an example of 'the museum of the future.'