

Media Release

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LOCAL HISTORY GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN FOR 2017-18

Special Minister of State, Gavin Jennings, has today announced \$350,000 towards grants for community projects that seek to preserve and share local history for the benefit of all Victorians.

The Local History Grants Program, managed by Public Record Office Victoria, is now accepting applications of up to \$15,000.

The program is about putting our dedicated community organisations first, who do such a great job of collecting and preserving Victoria's fascinating history.

The recent round saw fifty-three community groups across Victoria share in the funding for historical projects and publications.

Projects funded included the digitisation of archive materials from regional Australia's biggest and longest running Pride event, the cataloguing of costumes from Brighton, and the development of an historical book about the Abbotsford Convent.

Other successful projects ranged from digitisation of historic newspapers to developing heritage town walks and recording of oral histories.

Victoria's diverse history is a real drawcard for visitors, with a total of 6.5 million people visiting a museum, gallery, heritage site or monument on their trip in the year ending June 2017. Over the past five years, this has grown by an average of 6.4 per cent a year.

You can submit your application online via prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards

Applications close at 5pm on 31 January 2018.

Quotes attributable to Special Minister of State Gavin Jennings

"Our community groups work hard every day to preserve and share Victoria's diverse past. These grants are about supporting them protect our history for future generations."

"Local history is also an important driver of jobs and tourism – visitors to Victoria love our museums, galleries, historical sites and monuments and it's important that we support our attractions both big and small."

Quotes attributable to Justine Heazlewood, Public Record Office Director and Keeper of Public Records

"We are passionate about offering support to groups across Victoria and provide them with the opportunity to share the histories that are important to them and their local communities."

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