

# Media Release

**The Hon Gavin Jennings MLC**

Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council  
Special Minister of State  
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs  
Minister for Priority Precincts



**DELIVERING  
FOR ALL VICTORIANS**

Friday, 8 November 2019

## BACKING LOCAL GROUPS TO KEEP OUR HISTORY ALIVE

Community organisations across Victoria can now apply for a share in \$350,000 available for projects that preserve and share stories of Victoria's local history.

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

The last round of the Program saw 49 community groups across Victoria share in funding, including;

- Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative to collate an online history marking the group's 40 years of work, including the story of their founding elders and the next wave of Aboriginal activists
- Carlton Community History Group for electronic preservation of oral histories that tell the story of the suburb's diverse past
- Melbourne Legacy to digitise films dating to the 1930s documenting their work in caring for the widows and children of deceased servicemen
- Alexandra Timber Tramway and Museum for interpretive panels for its large collection of historically-significant machinery
- Horsham Historical Society for computers to allow community access to the group's digitised collection of photos and records, and to digitise cassette tapes of interviews
- Wandong History Group for equipment to help mount exhibitions, including a Black Saturday memorial and a World War I display that will be shown at local libraries.

Other successful projects ranged from innovative walking tour apps and newspaper digitisation projects to practical storage solutions to help collecting organisations keep historical artefacts in top condition.

Submit your application online via [prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards](http://prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards)

Applications close on 8 January 2020.

### Quotes attributable to Special Minister of State Gavin Jennings

*"Our dedicated community organisations do such a great job of collecting and preserving Victoria's fascinating and diverse history."*

*"The Local History Grants Program is all about supporting these groups that mean so much to the community by telling stories about our past and shining a light on our future."*

### Quotes attributable to Public Record Office Victoria director and Keeper of Public Records Justine Heazlewood

*"We're pleased to again offer our support to the people sharing stories of local history."*

*"We encourage all community groups considering an upcoming history or anniversary project – from sports clubs to schools, historical societies and creative groups – to apply for a grant of up to \$15,000 as part of this year's program."*

**Media contact:** Shaun Phillips 0407 553 763 | [shaun.phillips@minstaff.vic.gov.au](mailto:shaun.phillips@minstaff.vic.gov.au)