

Media Release

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GRANTS AVAILABLE TO PRESERVE OUR LOCAL HISTORY

Local historians and community groups across Victoria can now apply for a share in \$350,000 to preserve, record and share Victoria's rich history.

Minister for Government Services Danny Pearson today announced the *Local History Grants Program* is now accepting applications of up to \$15,000 per project, managed by Public Record Office Victoria.

The last round of the Local History Grants Program saw 53 community groups across Victoria share local history projects which included:

- Care Leavers Australasia for their exhibition of care leavers' stories using public records of institutions in Geelong
- Chinese Australian Family Historians of Victoria for their online database to make Chinese Australian travel records publicly available
- Deaf Children Australia for their work to catalogue their 157-year history.

Other projects showed the importance of making local history accessible to Victorians online including virtual tours, walking apps, e-books, online digitisation projects and oral histories.

Community groups can apply for funding from today via <https://prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards>

Applications close at midnight on Tuesday 9 March 2021.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Government Services Danny Pearson

"The Local History Grants Program is all about supporting our local historians and community groups to showcase and share Victoria's rich history."

"We can't wait to see this year's history projects and I encourage community groups and budding historians across Victoria to go online and apply for a grant."

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

"We encourage community groups considering an upcoming history or anniversary project – from sports clubs to schools and historical societies – to apply for a grant of up to \$15,000 as part of the Local History Grants Program."