

Media Release

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COMMUNITY GRANTS PRESERVING VICTORIA'S RICH HISTORY

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting community, arts and local history organisations to capture Victoria's diverse history, making it available for more people to discover and enjoy.

Minister for Government Services Danny Pearson today announced the 40 projects that will share in \$350,000 as part of the *Local History Grants* program run by Public Record Office Victoria to support community and history organisations to preserve, record and share Victoria's local history.

Nagambie Historical Society will receive \$11,250 funding to upgrade the Nagambie Museum, with Mr Pearson delivering the good news in person in the Goulburn Valley this morning.

The works will include the installation of modern display cases and furnishings to better preserve and display items and help to ensure the future of the museum and its important role in the community.

Other successful grant recipients include ILBIJERRI Theatre Company for their *Bold, Black and Brilliant* project which will archive their 30-year history and develop a body of primary sources on the history of blackfella performing arts.

The unique experiences of Victoria's queer community will be captured by the Australian Queer Archives Inc through the digitisation of social health press clippings relating to sex and sexuality from the 1970s to the 1990s.

Central Highlands Broadcasting Inc is receiving support to interview pioneers of women's football in Victoria on the establishment and growth of the Victorian Women's Football League across its 30-year history.

A number of historical sites across Victoria also received funding to install interpretative signage, including the Fire Services Museum in East Melbourne, the Chiltern Athenaeum Museum, Golden Square Pool, Gunbower Heritage River Trail, the Queenscliff Maritime Museum, Sandy Point Community Group and the Mornington Lifesaving Club.

Other successful projects will help Victoria's history reach more people in the community through e-books, videos, translations and oral histories.

The full list of *Local History Grants* recipients is available at prov.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Government Services Danny Pearson

"These grants aid the protection of Victoria's unique local history, supporting groups to showcase and share the voices, works and places of significance that have shaped our lives and the lives of those who came before us."

"I congratulate all of this year's grant recipients whose important work contributes significantly to keeping the history of our state alive now and into the future."

Quote attributable to Nagambie Historical Society President Bob McMaster

"Our Local History Grant will be invaluable in updating and modernising displays in the Nagambie Museum – an important showcase of local family histories and the history of our town."

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

"Public Record Office Victoria is delighted to support these 40 worthy projects, ensuring that these local stories from Victoria's history are preserved for future generations."

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