

Media Release

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HISTORY IN THE MAKING ACROSS VICTORIA

Some 49 Victorian community and history groups will share in \$350,000 funding as part of this year's Local History Grants Program.

The Local History Grants Program provides small grants to community organisations to support projects that preserve, record or publish Victorian local history.

This year's recipients include:

- 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 range from innovative walking tour apps, newspaper digitisation projects and interactive history installations to practical storage solutions and other initiatives to allow museums and history groups to keep the invaluable historical artefacts of Victoria in top condition.

The full list of grant recipients is available at the Public Record Office Victoria website – prov.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Special Minister of State Gavin Jennings

"The Local History Grants Program is all about helping dedicated community organisations do the important job of collecting and preserving Victoria's fascinating history for future generations."

"The broad range of activities being undertaken by these groups shows that our stories can be shared in innovative and accessible ways, for the ultimate benefit of all Victorians."

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

"There are so many wonderful groups across the State doing fantastic work to share our diverse history. We congratulate those who have received funding this year."