

Administered by the RAHS, the historical research and local archives grants are funded by the Heritage Council of NSW. The 2014 Heritage Grants were awarded at the State History Conference, and are listed below, along with photos of those accepting for their project or on behalf of their organisation.

- Julie Aitchison**\$4,000
Umina the first 50 years: a summer place
 An informative, historical and engaging documentary DVD on the history of Umina 1914 to 1964. Comprising photographs, movie film and short video this narrative hopes to engage the local community in finding their history.
- Australia ICOMOS** \$4000
An historical account of Australia ICOMOS
 An account to the international body of ICOMOS in response to their request for members to contribute a history of their national organisations.
- Bathurst Regional Council, Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum.**\$7,000
Bathurst 200, You're History, a Bathurst Bicentennial VC Module
 Develop and deliver a web-based educational resource to coincide with the 2015 Bathurst Bicentenary. It will examine historical places, people and events of significance to the history of this city.
- Camden Council Library Services**\$3,000
Changing Camden: Camden Council Library Service Local Studies online Weblog
 To further develop a local studies history blog on the Camden area which will make heritage accessible and relevant to the population.
- Clyde River and Batemans Bay Historical Society.**\$2,000
Access to our collections - Part 1- Parish/Town Maps
 To upgrade and improve their museums collection of maps which will aid in the research, collection and presentation of family and local history in the area.
- Dictionary of Sydney**\$2,000
Convict Parramatta Walking App: from 'Hanging Green' to 'God's Acre'
 A free interactive walking app which will bring to life the voices and stories of real characters who experienced the convict system firsthand in Australia's oldest inland European settlement.
- Dictionary of Sydney**\$2,000
Liverpool Oral History/Georges River Project
 Digitise, preserve and provide access to Liverpool Library's analogue oral history material to promote the heritage of local communities, creating links to previously unheard stories.
- Friends of the Oberon Library** \$2000
Alan Brown's History of Oberon
 To publish a booklet on the extensive local history research and writing collection of Alan Brown, former Head English & History Teacher at Oberon High School. And to also catalogue, index and archive this collection making it available for public research.
- Gowrie NSW**\$2,000
75 year history of Gowrie NSW
 A publication that will detail the history and contributions the Kindergarten Association and Lady Zara Gowrie made to early childhood health and community services during the 1940's to present day. The Lady Gowrie Child Centre, now Gowrie NSW, provided educational and health resources to the local Erskineville community.
- Gynea Community Aid and Information Services**\$4,000
Chinese Life Stories of the Sutherland Shire: an oral history
 To conduct interviews and translation of life stories of the local Chinese people who migrated to the Sutherland Shire and made it their home. This will preserve the unique history for future generations of these residents both from the perspectives of living in China and Australia.
- Melissa Holmes**\$3,000
Millers Point: there goes the neighbourhood
 A publication that will convey the importance of community and the history of public housing and the displacement of working class communities in The Rocks and Millers Point area.



Recipients of 2014 RAHS Heritage Grants (from L to R) Melissa Holmes, Debbie Sommers (Port Macquarie Historical Society), Helen Voysey (RNP Coastal Cabins Protection League), Andreas Mertin (Camden Council Library Services). [Photograph courtesy of B. Baskerville]

- Cathy Koning**\$3,000
Dainty Diva: exploring the life and times of Australian Soprano Dorothy Rudder and her remarkable family
 A biographical publication about Soprano Dorothy Rudder, exploring the significant contributions and achievements of this Sydney theatrical identity; her career and her family.
- Jodie Mollison for Catholic Care**\$3,500
Electronic documentation and preservation of Catholic Children’s Home records
 To enable the preservation, cataloguing and linking of various Catholic children’s home records to enable individuals to discover more about their heritage and background.
- Bernadette Nicholl for Royal Rehab**\$2,600
Digitising the Royal Rehab Archives
 To transcribe, index and digitise the archives of Royal Rehab for preservation of the collection and to increase public accessibility and awareness. These archives date from the early 1900’s.
- Outback Theatre for Young People**\$3,200
Echo in our walls
 To produce a promenade theatre work inspired by and staged around the historic Bishop’s Lodge in Hay NSW. This multi-staged project includes workshops for young people working with the community and local historic content.
- PACT Centre for Emerging Artists**\$3,450
50 years on the edge: experimentation, innovation and collaboration in the arts
 To digitise PACT’s unique and valuable 50-year archive. This will allow management, preservation of the archives as well as online presence and access of the centre’s heritage to the community.
- Robert (Bob) Pauling**\$1,000
Northern Beaches Cinema: a history
 A publication that documents the history of cinemas on Sydney’s Northern Beaches from Manly to Palm Beach and the hinterland. To ensure that records survive for these community recreation and cultural entertainment places.
- Port Macquarie Historical Society**\$2,500
“A Different View”- a Photograph Collection Management Plan
 The assessment and development of a management plan for photographs held by the Society including cataloguing, digitisation and storage which will serve as a guide to future collection policies and procedures.
- RNP Coastal Cabins Protection League**\$3,750
Shack Communities of the Royal National Park
 A publication about the cabin communities of Little Garie, South Era and Burning Palms in the southern area of the Royal National Park and to bring disparate historical sources together through archival research.
- Susan Tsicalas for Brunswick Valley Historical Society**\$3,500
The story of “Mullumbimby Madness”
 To create a documentary film on the counter culture revolution movement on Mullumbimby and its surrounding valleys. This will explore the impact that the influx of hippies in the early 1970’s had on the area.
- Barry Walsh**\$1,000
Historical Statues of Sydney
 To research for a publication and website about Sydney’s historical statues in the CBD as a visible and enduring record of the city’s history, and the stories behind these public memorials.
- Russell Workman**\$5,000
Shop Tops
 To photograph the Victorian, Federation/Edwardian and Art-Deco “shop tops” architectural features in all the commercial precinct areas of Strathfield, Burwood, Ashfield and Leichhardt Council Municipalities. They highlight the historical and cultural value of the buildings, many showing construction date and builder.