

2016 CULTURAL GRANT WINNERS



Recipients of the 2016 Arts NSW Cultural Grant Awards presented by RAHS President, Associate Professor Carol Liston.

From L to R: Peter Gissing – Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society; Carolyn Gould – Friends of Bella Vista Farm; Peter Meredith Allen OAM – Liverpool Genealogy Society; Willy Hall – Opus Sydney Opera House; Elizabeth Roberts – Hornsby Shire Historical Society; Graham Rawstron – Friends of Bella Vista Farm; Robyn Florance – Shoalhaven Historical Society; Dianne Nolan – Macleay River Historical Society; Garry Darby – Kogarah Historical Society; Lola Cormie – Central Coast Family History Society; Noeline Kyle – Macleay River Historical Society; Judy Nicholson – Maitland City Council; Alan Fredericks – Thredbo Historical Society; Paul Wand AM – Australian Society of the Lacemakers of Calais; Vicki Andrews – Moorebank Heritage Group; Jan Koperberg – Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations; Carol Liston, RAHS President.

The Cultural Grants Program is an Arts NSW devolved funding program administered by the Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS). The 2016 Cultural Grants listed were awarded at the RAHS Conference and presented by Associate Professor Carol Liston, RAHS President.

Albury City Band.....\$4,000

150 Years Entertaining and Building Community

This publication will highlight the band's role since formation in 1867, in not only providing entertainment, but also in fundraising for local charitable organisations, especially in times of hardship such as during the World Wars and the Great Depression.

Armidale and District Historical Society.....\$1,000

Publication of Annual Journal No. 59

Publication of this journal includes original research and talks presented each month to the Society. It has encouraged individuals to record their stories and is a valuable resource for other local and family historians.

Australian Society of Lacemakers of Calais Inc.....\$2,000

Digitising the Society's Journal 'Tulle' and uploading to the Society's website

All 131 copies of the Society's Journal from 1982 – 2016 will be digitised in searchable PDF files. These files will be uploaded to the Society's website as part of their newly developed archive.

Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations Inc. (BMACHO).....\$1,000

Blue Mountains History Journal Issue 7

To provide a refereed journal supporting original scholarly research and writing by local historians. As well as print copies, access to the online journal is free and downloadable. The Journal broadens understanding of local history and encourages contribution of papers based on own personal knowledge.

Bondi Icebergs.....\$3,500

Digitisation of Historic Photographs and Race Records

Digitisation, cataloguing and publication of historical club photographs and records dating back to the club's establishment in 1929.

Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society.....\$1,000

Grist Mills Vol. 30 No. 1,2,3 The aim is to provide three journals each year, with local historical content. The articles may be especially researched, developed from a paper read to the Society, or submitted by membership.

Central Coast Family History Society Inc.\$840

Digitisation of 'The Musters' 1983-2016

To digitise 'The Musters' 1983-2016, which includes 118 CCFHS journals of 4300 plus pages. The information will be produced in DVD and USB formats and provide a lasting legacy of these journals.

Deepwater Jockey Club.....\$2,000

Book of Deepwater Jockey Club 1864-2017

To produce a publication about the annual horse races held at Deepwater Jockey Club since 1865. The races attract around 2000 visitors to this small rural town of 300 every year. The publication will cover the history of the Club and races, as well as the historical background of survival through both World Wars, and the Great Depression.

Friends of Bella Vista Farm Inc.\$1,160

Bella Vista Farm Digital Photographic Records

Consolidation and collation of the diverse photographic material, which records the history of the farm. Digitisation of photographs where possible and production of an

annotated digital index to provide wider public access to photographic archives.

GyMEA Community Aid Information

Service Inc......\$4,000

Egyptian Life Stories of the Sutherland Shire – Oral History Project

Oral history project to trace the history of migration of Coptic Egyptians into Sutherland Shire. A short film will be made of these interviews.

Hornsby Shire Historical Society.....\$800

Local Colour – Local history journal of approximately 60 pages with the theme ‘Communicating’

This year's journal will have the theme of ‘Communicating’ – including articles on the role and changes of the postman and telegram boy, the 400 feet high AWA towers which was home to one of the earliest commercial wireless stations, as well as the shire being home to the deaf and blind children school during WWII.

Kogarah Historical Society.....\$4,000

St George Call – Digitalised on Trove 1931-1934

To digitise the St George Call on Trove. This is an important historical record of this area, providing an unparalleled overview of the social, political and sporting history of the area. This will create access to this information for many future generations.

Liverpool Genealogy Society Inc......\$1,100

Badgerys Creek Cemetery

The project is of significant historical importance as it aims to identify and map all families located in the cemeteries prior to the graves being exhumed and relocated due to the construction of the second airport at Badgerys Creek.

Macleay River Historical Society.....\$500

The Macleay Valley: A Collection of Early Historical Studies

A publication of a special edition of the Macleay River Historical Society Journal to explore the early indigenous and settler experience.

Maitland City Council.....\$2,500

Glebe Cemetery Digital Excursion Guide

Production of a digital iPad based excursion guide for East Maitland Glebe Cemetery. This guide will support a curriculum unit and teachers' manual on Maitland's first convict settlers.

Moorebank Heritage Group.....\$1,400

Liverpool Field Training Area NSW: From Colonial Times to WWI Period

To raise awareness of the significance of the Liverpool Training area, through research and the development of a suite of 10 trifold brochures, and other methods of disseminating this research.

Moruya and District Historical Society.....\$400

Production of the Society's Journal – issued quarterly

The journal allows us to present documented research into the people, places and happenings in this district. Many of the Society's older members, who are no longer actively involved in the day to day running of the Society, can contribute by providing local knowledge and stories, which are used in the journal.

New England Regional Art Museum.....\$3,000

Publication ‘Keep the Presses Running’

Publication and distribution of a 450-page book by Benjamin Thorn about the Australian Printing Industry in the twentieth century. This publication includes the culmination of past oral history projects that contributed to the research for this book.

Opus Sydney Opera House Inc......\$3,000

The Poisoned Chalice: Peter Hall and the Completion of the Sydney Opera House

This book is intended to broaden understanding of the history of the Sydney Opera House, to give due recognition to Peter Hall and his team, and to draw attention to the significance of the post-Utzon completion of the building.

Shoalhaven Historical Society Inc......\$2,500

The Changing Face of the Nowra CBD

This project will record the extraordinary longevity of businesses in the CBD and capture the commercial and business stories for posterity. It is hoped the publication will engender a pride in Nowra's long history and encourage the community to be protective of its heritage.

Thredbo Historical Society Inc......\$3,800

Thredbo 60th Anniversary Book Publication

With the 60th anniversary of the Thredbo Ski Resort and Village in 2017, it is intended to produce a ‘coffee table’ book, which will feature the pioneers and legends who have contributed to the history and formation of Thredbo.

University of Wollongong Library.....\$3,000

Pringle Album Conservation

This project will ensure the conservation of an historical document of record and access to this album in the archives at University of Wollongong Library for study by researchers engaged with the history of the Illawarra region.

Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society Inc......\$2,000

Newsfilm Migration Project

The conversion and conservation of a large quantity of 16mm news film footage currently housed at the CSU Regional Archives.

Willawarrin Hall Committee.....\$1,500

History of Willawarrin Community Hall

To produce a publication of the history of Willawarrin Hall over the last 75 years. This book will be of great use to the local community, especially to those who have recently come to live in the Macleay Valley.