

The Cultural Grants Program is an Arts NSW devolved funding program administered by the Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS). The 2015 Cultural Grants listed were awarded at the RAHS Conference and presented by The Hon. David John Clarke, LL B (Syd) MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice.

The Australian Golf Heritage Society..... \$2,100

NSW Women's Golf Oral History project

This project will involve building an archival record of women's golf in NSW by making these oral histories freely available online to researchers and the public, and will show the achievement of women in golf in NSW and the development of the sport in NSW.

Berrima Historical Society \$600

Scanning and Conservation of 32 Stereoscopic views of Wombeyan Caves in 1899

The conservation, research and digitisation of this important and rare collection, which will ensure the survival of the originals, as well as making the images available through an online digital collection.

Bolong Union Church \$1,600

Snapshots of the Jerry Bailey, Coolangatta and Shoalhaven Heads

To publish a book on the historic district of Jerry Bailey now known as the Shoalhaven Heads with oral histories, never before seen photos, and the history of the village and surrounds.



Recipients of 2015 Cultural Grants (from L to R)

Colleen O'Sullivan - Kandos Bicentennial Industrial Museum; Benita Parker - Karuah Working Together; Max Farley - Wyong District Museum and Historical Society; Carol Roberts - Kurrajong Comleroy Historical Society; Lorraine Neate - Illawarra Historical Society; The Hon. David John Clarke, LL B (Syd) MLC; Peter Gissing - Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society; Lola Cormie - Narrabri and District Historical Society; Paul Convy - Randwick and District Historical Society; Angus McKernan - NSW Australian Football History Society; Max Rogers - Berrima District Historical and Family History Society; Vicki Stanton - Australian Golf Heritage Society. [Photograph courtesy of Chris Maxworthy]

Clyde River and Batemans Bay Historical Society	\$1,150
<i>Clyde River Chronicles: The Growth of Batemans Bay and the Clyde River District Vol II 1900-1956</i>	
A publication of a collection of articles and advertisements about Batemans Bay and district.	
Coolah District Development Group	\$2,000
<i>End of the Line</i>	
The publication of a book on the history of Coolah and the railway heritage of the area.	
Grenfell Historical Society	\$2,100
<i>Historic Homes of the Weddin Shire</i>	
To commemorate 150 years of the town of Grenfell via the production of a high quality hard cover publication.	
GyMEA Community Aid Information Service	\$2,600
<i>South American Life Stories of the Sutherland Shire – Oral history Project</i>	
To assist in the preservation of the personal historical experiences and recollections of local South American people who have moved to the Sutherland Shire from both the perspectives of living in South America and Australia.	
Illawarra Historical Society	\$2,600
<i>Scandal, Slander and Interfering with our Neighbours</i>	
A publication of the history of early life in the Illawarra region with the central ‘character’ being the courts and legal system.	
Kandos Bicentennial Industrial Museum	\$4,000
<i>Streetwise: Finding History on the streets of Kandos</i>	
A publication of the history of Kandos through its streets, parks and subdivisions.	
Karuah Working Together	\$1,600
<i>The Branch publication</i>	
To capture and preserve as much of the history of the Branch community where possible for the purpose of a publication. It was originally a timber-milling village from 1870-1937 and is now non-existent although the rural community is still identified by that name.	
Kurrajong Comleroy Historical Society	\$2,100
<i>St. Stephens Anglican Church registers</i>	
The publication of Volume 2 of the St. Stephens Registers.	
Muswellbrook Shire Local and Family History Society	\$500
<i>Wybong, Mount Dangar and Giant Creeks Cemetery Recording</i>	
Complete and lasting records of the above cemeteries at this point in time. These records will be in both Access database and Excel format. Accompanying this will be maps that show the locations of each gravesite and cemeteries.	
Narrabri and District Historical Society	\$3,100
<i>Bourke Court House records and isolated burials</i>	
A project whose aim is to record in photo and text, headstones and burial sites as they are in 2015.	
NSW Australian Football History Society	\$3,600
<i>Redevelopment of the Society’s website to improve community access to its digital materials</i>	
A website that is highly accessible to the many visitors seeking access to the Society's extensive and growing digitised collection.	
Port Macquarie Historical Society	\$1,150
<i>For the Moral and Intellectual Good – The Port Macquarie School of the Arts.</i>	
To produce a high quality publication telling the story of the Port Macquarie Art School and its forerunner, the PM Literary Association, from its original formation in 1840.	
Randwick and District Historical Society	\$1,100
<i>Digitisation of the RDHS photographic collection.</i>	
Digitisation of large format photographs belonging to the Randwick and District Historical Society collection.	

St Matthews Anglican Church Windsor	\$2,100
<i>St Matthews Anglican Church Complex History</i>	
A publication of the contextual history of the St. Matthews Anglican Church complex.	
Spit Amateur Swim Club Mosman	\$1,100
<i>120 Years of the Spit Amateur Swim Club</i>	
This project will result in a book and small exhibition entitled ‘Swimming with the Spit: 100 years of the Spit Amateur Swim Club 1916-2016’.	
Tomakin Community Group	\$1,100
<i>The History of the Tomakin and Tomago River</i>	
Publication of a booklet on the history of Tomakin and Tomago River, which will be registered with the Moruya and District Historical Society to be made available to the community.	
Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society	\$1,100
<i>Wagga Wagga Digitisation and Documentation Project</i>	
Digitisation of valuable archives, which will be made accessible in digital format.	
Wolli Creek Preservation Society	\$1,500
<i>Uncovering The Hidden History of the Wolli Creek Valley</i>	
Development of a website to make the archeological information from Graham Wilson's 2015 publication of the same name, and other materials, accessible to the wider community.	
Wyong District Museum and Historical Society	\$1,700
<i>Yarramalong Valley: history notes</i>	
Publication of monthly articles in book form, which will provide a much needed research and record source of the area. This will help awaken and nurture interest in the area’s unique beginnings and valuable contribution to the development of the Wyong Shire.	

2015 HERITAGE GRANT WINNERS



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Administered by the RAHS, the historical research and local archives grants are funded by the Heritage Council of NSW. The 2015 Heritage Grants were awarded at the RAHS Conference, and are listed below. The Hon. Mark Speakman MP, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage and Assistant Minister for Planning presided over the presentation ceremony.

Blayney Shire Council	\$5,000
<i>Cemeteries Aerial Imagery Project</i>	
The undertaking of drone geo-referencing for eight cemeteries within the Local Government Area. Using this imagery the cemeteries will be digitised enabling them to be incorporated into the Blayney Shire Council GIS system.	
Michaela Ann Cameron	\$2,000
<i>St John’s First Fleeters</i>	
A collection of 17 short biographies of all the First Fleeters with memorials buried in St John’s Cemetery Parramatta.	
Sue Castrique	\$2,260
<i>A History Of the Addison Rd Community Centre</i>	
This project will document in print the rich history of the Addison Rd Community Centre, exploring its indigenous, military and migrant past in a lively and engaging way.	