



## 2017 Cultural Grants Results

2017 was the first year that the RAHS administered the Cultural Grant program through the online application system *SmartyGrants*. Overall the online system worked well: it made administering the grants more seamless and also easier for applicants to submit a form. The RAHS has collated feedback from applicants and assessors so there will be improvements to the online form.

### 2017 applicants statistics:

- 33 applications
- 18 were recommended for funding
- \$50,000 of funding to allocate
- \$108,588 of funding requested in total from applicants
- Highest amount awarded \$5,000

The following applicants were successful:

Applicant	Project	Amount Awarded
Mosman Historical Society	Mosman Mail digitisation project	\$3,000
Coleambally-Darlington Point Country Education Fund	Publication: Coleambally- Looking Forward, Looking Back	\$5,000
Shoalhaven Historical Society	Coachmen of the Nowra District	\$880
Port Macquarie Historical Society	The Birrpai- Beyond the Lens of Thomas Dick	\$2,400
Watsons Bay/ Vaucluse Social History Group	Oral History and Publication: The Way We Were	\$2,400
Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society	Daily Express Newspaper Digitisation Project	\$5,000
Central Coast Family History Society	Point Frederick Pioneer Park Cemetery Publication	\$3,340
Dangar Island Historical Society	Dangar Island Historical Society- Historical Guide	\$3,000
St Clair Museum- Goulburn	St Clair Villa- 175 Years of Goulburn History	\$4,000
GyMEA Community Aid Information Service	Russian and Ukrainian Oral Histories of the Sutherland Shire	\$3,500
Hillston Historical Society	Hillston Heritage Walk Brochures	\$583
Lennox Head Residents Assoc	Publication: Surfing Lennox: From sleepy hamlet to global surfing destination	\$5,000
Convict Trail Project	The Pick of the Great North Road- Volume 10	\$750
Windellama Historical Society	Publication: Some Windellama	\$3,400

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
	History	
BMACHO	Blue Mountains History Journal issue 8	\$800
Australasian Pentecostal Studies centre	Pentecostalism in diverse communities of Western Sydney- Oral History Project	\$2,000
Wellington Historical Society	History of Wellington Book	\$2,000
Waverley Woollahra Arts Centre Co-op	Oral History: 50 years of the Waverley Woollahra Art School	\$3,000

Successful applicants:

- Submitted current and relevant quotes for their project;
- Had a project plan;
- Described exactly what funding would be used for and the figure was the same amount as the quote they provided;
- Successfully articulated benefits to the community, use of volunteers and significance of the project;
- Had relevant supporting attachments, in particular quotations.

Unsuccessful applicants:

- Submitted no official quotes, costings for work and had a poor budget. Some applicants put in good applications, but without a quote or detailed budget they could not be considered;
- Were very vague on project details and plan;
- Submitted old, irrelevant or no supporting documentation;
- Were seeking funding retrospectively for projects that would have been completed before the funding would have been announced (4 applicants were rendered ineligible due to this);
- Demonstrated little effort in answering questions;
- Requested funding to cover marketing or promotional activities, which is not eligible for funding.