



2018 Assessors Report

RAHS Heritage Grants for Historical Research and Local Archives Grant Program

1.1 Assessment Process

The RAHS Heritage grants were assessed by Associate Professor Carol Liston (RAHS Senior Vice President and historian), Dr Christine Wright (RAHS Vice President and historian) and Linda Emery (member of RAHS council and historian). The overall grant process was supported by Maryanne Byrne (RAHS Grants).

Key characteristics of projects that received a high rating from assessors:

- Project had a realistic scope and clearly defined output.
- Applicants showed how the relevance of the project in promoting historical and heritage understanding.
- There was evidence to show that the applicant had the capacity to complete the project. Samples of this type of evidence included a realistic budget or quotes and project timetable; sample chapters and materials; examples of successful delivery, and letters of support.
- The application was clearly written and well organised.
- The project was very clear in describing its heritage significance and had good benefits and access to the community.

Key characteristics of projects that received a low rating from assessors/were rejected:

- Applicants applied for costs of administrative and capital expenditure items: these are not eligible for a grant.
- Inadequate supporting documentation e.g. no vendor quotes, no budget, no sample chapters, no CV's or supporting letters.
- Applicants did not describe the historical or heritage significance of their project.
- Project was not sufficiently developed to warrant grant funding at the initial stage.
- The project had more of an art focus than on history and heritage.
- Too early a stage in the project to understand its likely outcome.

1.2 Key Statistics

- 12 grant applications, 7 approved funding
- Average grant amount \$3,857
- Highest amount granted \$5,000
- Total amount asked for \$53,088

1.3 More information

If you wish to obtain specific feedback on your grant application then please email Maryanne Byrne at grants@rahs.org.au or ring History House on (02) 9247 8001.