



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### Community Heritage Grants applications now open

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Minister for the Arts and David Littleproud, Member for Maranoa are encouraging not-for-profit community organisations to apply for the Community Heritage Grants Program, which opened this week.

Under the program, grants of up to \$15,000 are provided to community organisations, like public libraries, museums, historical societies, Indigenous and multicultural groups to help them preserve and protect locally-owned and nationally significant collections.

“These grants are vital in helping local communities preserve and display culturally important letters, diaries, artefacts and photographs to ensure that our regional history lives on for our future generations to see,” said Mr Littleproud.

“We have some great collections across Maranoa and I encourage any community groups to make an application. The program offers regional collection management training workshops to assist staff and volunteers to preserve these significant items.”

Minister Fifield said the Community Heritage Grants Program helps small community groups manage natural, historical and Indigenous heritage collections and enables collaboration with national cultural institutions such as the National Library of Australia.

“The Turnbull Government is committed to preserving Australia’s unique history, artefacts and stories. The program is an important way of protecting culturally significant items in our regions and connecting community groups with our national institutions to share their knowledge and expertise.”

“Since the program started over 20 years ago, it has provided over \$6 million to more than 1,200 groups and communities.”

The Community Heritage Grants Program is administered by the National Library of Australia, with support provided by the Department of Communications and the Arts, the National Archives of Australia, the National Film and Sound Archive and the National Museum of Australia.

Applications open on Monday 6 March and close on **Monday, 8 May 2017.**

The guidelines and application form are available at: [www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg](http://www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg)

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