



**Jason Wood MP**  
Federal Member for La Trobe

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### EMERALD MUSEUM RECEIVES FUNDING THROUGH COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANTS

Minister for the Arts, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield today announced more than \$430,000 for 75 community organisations to preserve and increase access to locally owned and nationally significant collections. Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe, welcomed Australian Government funding for Emerald Museum.

“\$4,950 will be provided to Emerald Museum for a preservation needs assessment,” Mr Wood said.

“This funding will provide important support for Emerald Museum in La Trobe to preserve their collection and contribute to Australia’s national identity.”

The Community Heritage Grants program is managed by the National Library of Australia and provides grants of up to \$15,000 to community based museums, libraries, archives and historical societies.

Funded activities include:

- assessments by qualified specialists of the significance and preservation needs of collections;
- training for staff and volunteers in conservation and collection management;
- the digitisation of historical material; and
- the purchase of vital archival and storage equipment.

Since 1994, the Community Heritage Grants program has provided a total of \$5.7 million to more than 1,200 projects.

“Australia’s national collecting institutions play an important leadership role in the program by building the capacity of the sector through providing preservation and collection management workshops where experts share their invaluable knowledge, experience and expertise with their peers from local, regional and community organisations,” Minister Fifield said.

The program is supported through the Ministry for the Arts and four of our country’s leading cultural institutions – the National Library of Australia, the National Archives of Australia, the National Film and Sound Archive and the National Museum of Australia.

More information about the Community Heritage Grants program and a full list of funding recipients is available at <http://arts.gov.au/collections/community-heritage-grants>.

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