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GRANTS TO CELEBRATE VICTORIAN HISTORY

The Allan Labor Government is supporting community groups to preserve Victoria's rich history by showcasing historical records and collections.

Minister for Government Services Gabrielle Williams today announced that applications are open for the Labor Government's *Local History Grants Program*.

The *Local History Grants Program* has been running for 23 years, recognising the importance of collecting and preserving the state's history.

Projects supported through previous grants include newspaper and photograph digitisation works, memorial websites, anniversary projects, digital histories, oral histories, archiving projects, community signage, exhibitions and walking tours.

Community groups such as historical societies, museums and schools are all encouraged to apply for grants to assist with funding for their historical projects, with up to \$15,000 available per grant.

More than 40 organisations received a grant through last year's funding round. Deafblind Victoria was awarded \$13,465 for its interview project capturing the stories of the Deafblind community since 1988, and the Taungurung Land and Waters Council received \$13,545 to catalogue its Aboriginal heritage artefacts.

Glen Eira Historical Society was given \$8,000 to capture oral history from residents and workers around Caulfield Racecourse, and the Ethnic Community Broadcasting Association of Victoria was awarded \$14,950 to record oral histories of long-standing volunteers.

Applications can be made online at prov.vic.gov.au by Monday 9 December 2024.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Government Services Gabrielle Williams

"Community groups across the state work tirelessly to preserve Victoria's rich and fascinating history – it's a pleasure to be able to support their work with these grants."

"We encourage all local historians and community groups to go online and apply for a grant – I can't wait to see some of the history projects that we'll be able to support."

Quote attributable to Public Record Office Victoria Director and Keeper of Public Records Justine Heazlewood

"For over two decades the Local History Grants Program has been preserving Victoria's priceless historical stories and collections for future generations. We are looking forward to providing grants to another exciting round of projects."