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Minister for the Arts Virginia Judge announces volunteer initiated grant recipients

Minister for the Arts Virginia Judge this week announced the successful recipients of the Volunteer Initiated Museum (VIM) Small Grants Program funded by the NSW Government through Arts NSW.

Fifteen volunteer museums have been awarded funds totalling \$15,363 in the first round of the program for this year. The funded projects will support the ongoing preservation of NSW's cultural heritage particularly through the purchase of storage and display materials. The grants also fund exhibition development and increase volunteer museums' capacity for sharing their collections with locals and tourists alike.

Acting CEO of Museums & Galleries NSW, Michael Huxley said, "This funding provides essential support to the valuable volunteer museum sector of NSW.

"By funding a range of projects and programs the Volunteer Initiated Museums Grants enable these organisations to more effectively tell their unique local stories to the wider community," he said.

The funds awarded in this round of the Volunteer Initiated Museum (VIM) Grants Program will support the work of an estimated 68 volunteers across 14 local government areas in 10 regions of NSW.

Museums & Galleries NSW congratulations the organizations who were awarded under the following categories:

Collection Storage

Clyde River & Batemans Bay Historical Society, Coffs Harbour Regional Museum, Mary Boulton's Pioneer Cottage, Nambucca District Historical Society

Exhibition development

Barellan Museum, Dobell House, Goulburn Historic Waterworks Museum, Millthorpe & District Historical Society, Morpeth Museum, The Pioneer Women's Hut, Walgett and District Historical Association Inc, Yamba Museum - The Story House

Computer Cataloguing Software

Gilgandra Museum & Historical Society

Promotion

Brislington Nursing Museum, Mount Kembla Mining Heritage Centre

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