



Adding Value to Museum Assistance Grants

As most museums and galleries will have small infrastructure needs, Museum Australia (Victoria)'s Museum Assistance Grants are allocated according to a strategy and priorities that help ensure that public funds are used to greatest benefit, and offered on a by-invitation basis.

We recommend that you explore other resources that could further assist or inform your museum or gallery with its 'small infrastructure' or project needs. Options may depend on your timing and location. This information is aimed at museums and galleries in Victoria, Australia.

Computers and software

MA (Vic) Museum Assistance Grants cannot cover the cost of computers and software. Keep in mind that these items are tools that may need upgrades, technical support and insurance. The most precious resource for your museum is the data you create, keep and manage with these tools so effective procedures and regular back-ups of data are essential.

- Can local government, your local library or a business assist your museum with its computer, software and technical support needs?
- Two other options include:

Green PC

Affordable, recycled computers for not for profit community organisations and low income individuals.

www.greenpc.com.au/who-we-are

Donortec

Hardware (and some software) is available at low cost to community not for profits if they are tax exempt. Tax exempt status can be checked by keying in organisation's ABN at

[www.abr.business.gov.au/\[a430zf453s1f4455uh2crxei\]/main.aspx](http://www.abr.business.gov.au/[a430zf453s1f4455uh2crxei]/main.aspx)

www.donortec.org/about-donortec

Want to catalogue your collection and put your records online? In 2010, Museums Australia (Victoria) is working with Museum Victoria and the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development to develop **Victorian Collections**. This is a free system for local collecting organisations to easily create records for their collections, and securely and permanently store these records online. For more information, please see <http://www.victoriancollections.net>.

Conservation and Preservation Plans and Assessments

National Library of Australia

Grants for Preservation Needs Assessments

These are annual grants, in 2010 applications closed on 14 May.

www.nla.gov.au/chg/apply.html

Current Museum Practice

Why reinvent the wheel? Draw on books, conferences, events guides, online resources, training, and networks for ideas, information and practical tips.

Training and Professional Development

Museums Australia (Victoria) offers a range of seminars, workshops and events on a variety of topics for people in the museum sector.

www.mavic.asn.au/events

Interesting Times – New Roles for Collections - Museums Australia National Conference 2010

Join us at our annual conference, to be held in Melbourne from September 28 to 2 October 2010. A number of bursaries will be available for members from regional and remote areas.

www.ma2010.com.au

Museum Accreditation Program (MAP)

Museums in Victoria can use MAP Standards to develop and improve what they do, and attract recognition and support. MAP has two streams, one for museums for paid staff and one for museums run by volunteers and/or with just one paid staff member.

www.mavic.asn.au/museum_accreditation_program

Museums Australia (Victoria) Website

Go online to see our variety of useful resources including Information Sheets and a list of Museum Suppliers (businesses that provide products and services suited to museums and galleries).

www.mavic.asn.au/resources

The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries.

The standards, benchmarks, tips and resources provide a roadmap for museums and galleries of all sizes – Victoria's *Museum Accreditation Program (MAP)* is based on these. All projects supported by a Museum Assistance Grant are expected to address specific national standards.

Download a free copy at www.collectionsaustralia.net/sector_info_item/107

Equipment

Volunteer Grants

Grants for equipment that benefits volunteers

These are annual grants, in 2010 applications closed 16 April 2010.

www.fahcsia.gov.au/about/news/2010/Pages/VolunteerGrants2010.aspx

Exhibitions

Museums Australia's Exhibition Services

Georgia Rouette, our Manager of Exhibition Services, is here to provide advice and on-demand workshops regarding exhibitions and information about Exhibition Grants.

Telephone 03) 8341 7342 Regional Freecall 1800 680 082 or email grouette@mavic.asn.au.

Georgia's excellent book *exhibitions: a practical guide for small museums and galleries* is available through our website www.mavic.asn.au

Museums Australia's Exhibition Grants

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for organisations to:

1. Develop a static exhibition
2. Tour an exhibition
3. Develop an online exhibition
4. Develop a digital story
5. Apply for exhibition infrastructure

Please see our website for guidelines and other details– in **2010** applications close on 2 July.

National Exhibition Touring Support (NETS) Victoria

NETS Victoria is the peak body for contemporary visual arts touring in the state of Victoria. Their website includes a range of resources and grants for developing and touring visual exhibitions including Art_A_Base and Advice Bank.

www.netsvictoria.org/resources

Museums Australia

Museums Australia is the national association representing the museum and gallery sector. Join the Victorian branch today and connect with a network of 740 museums and thousands of museum people across Victoria and the national museum community.

Victorian Member Benefits

- access to the national network and Special Interest Groups
- discounts on Victorian events and the national conference
- exclusive access to members only area on national and Victorian websites
- entry concessions to 50 participating Victorian museums including National Gallery of Victoria and Museum Victoria
- five issues a year of INSITE, the Museums Australia (Victoria) magazine
- four issues a year of the national Museums Australia Magazine
- the MA (Vic) weekly e-bulletin of news, events, opportunities and grant announcements

Institutional membership is priced according to the size of your organisation and staff receive up to 50% discounts on Victorian events. Membership starts at \$121 annually for volunteer-run museums.

Individual membership can be at Gold or Silver level. Gold membership is \$187 per year and receives up to 50% off Victorian events. Silver membership is \$143 per year with up to 25% off Victorian events.

Associate participation is for those who have an interest in museums and wish to join a Special Interest Group. Contact us for Associate rates.

To join visit www.mavic.asn.au/membership

Local Government Grants

A range of community and cultural grants are available – check your local government website for details and closing dates. A Museum Assistance Grant may count towards the resources your organisation is putting towards the project and strengthen your case for funding and the same principle may apply with other grant funds.

www.mav.asn.au

Project Funding

Arts Victoria

Arts Victoria offers a range of funding programs that support Victorian artists and arts organisations. These programs aim to encourage excellence, develop good ideas, build audiences, support professional and sector development and increase access to the arts for all Victorians.

www.arts.vic.gov.au/content/Public/Funding_Programs/Funding_at_a_Glance.aspx

Department of Premier and Cabinet through Public Record Office Victoria Victoria 175 History Grants

2010 is the 175th anniversary of the founding of Melbourne as a city and the first European settlement in what later became the State of Victoria. The Victoria 175 History Grants provides small grants of up to \$12,000 to community organisations to preserve, record, publish and commemorate the origins and founding stories of Victoria's many and diverse communities, including Indigenous communities, and the stories behind individuals or organisations that have contributed to Victoria.

The grants are administered by Public Record Office Victoria, and the program is funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Applications for the grants program close on 16 July **2010**. In previous years, Local History Grants have been offered by Public Record Office on an annual basis.

Further information: [Public Record Office Victoria](#)

Small Grants for Rural Communities

This small grants program for small rural Australian communities will offer about \$900,000 a year in grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities – in 2010 applications close 30 September.

www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=4

Significance

Significance is a practical way to sort out the wheat from the chaff in your collection and set priorities for museum activities including cataloguing, storage, conservation, research and exhibitions. A useful resource is *Significance 2.0 a guide to assessing the significance of collections* by Kylie Winkworth and Rosalind Rusell for the Collections Council of Australia, 2009.

www.collectionsaustralia.net/sector_info_item/158

A Museum Assistance Grant could assist your museum or gallery with the cost of fittings to improve the storage or short-term display of significant items. An option may be to purchase one quality showcase to present and interpret significant items. The grant could cover the cost of the showcase, fittings for the display case such as acrylic supports for objects, fabric, printing and a design template for object labels and one or two small text panels. This infrastructure could be used to create regular, changing display of significant items for the interest and enjoyment of visitors, and kick start wider changes to your displays.

National Library of Australia

Grants for Significance Assessments.

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www.nla.gov.au/chg/apply.html

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