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AMaGA draft media release – Batch 5

The Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA) is delighted to announce the successful applicants from Batch 5 of the Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program. AMaGA is delivering the \$3 million CHART program in 2021-22 on behalf of the Australian Government. Grants of up to \$3,000 (plus GST where applicable) are being awarded to support museums, galleries and historical societies to implement activities that stimulate local economies as they recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

AMaGA's National Director, Katie Russell, said, "It is very encouraging to see the diverse range of projects submitted for CHART funding. CHART is not only supporting small community organisations to thrive, but is also providing a clear boost to local communities and artists.

"In Batch 5, for example, one regional community organisation is developing its collection by commissioning a painting of an Indigenous Elder celebrating cultural continuity and connections to the local area.

"Other Batch 5 projects include the development and creation of websites, the purchase of new equipment to support the digitisation of collections and the creation of digital displays, and the upgrade and renovation of gallery and exhibition spaces.

Ms Russell added that "as applications to the CHART program close on Friday 29 April 2022, I encourage all eligible organisations to submit their proposed projects as soon as possible."

Batch 5 grants funds will start to flow to successful applicants this week.

92 projects, totalling more than \$246,000 were successful in Batch 5. A full list of successful Batch 5 CHART projects is available at amaga.org.au/CHART. To date, more than \$1 million has been awarded to 366 projects under the CHART program.

Full details on eligibility and the program guidelines are available from AMaGA's CHART webpage, along with the contact details of AMaGA's Regional Coordinators who are ready to assist organisations to apply.

CHART program projects must be completed and acquitted by 30 June 2022.