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Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program – Batch 2 grants

The Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA) is pleased to announce the successful applicants from Batch 2 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.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said more than \$232,000 in grants would flow to 81 projects under Batch 2 to support activities that will encourage visitation to regional, rural and remote parts of Australia as they continue to recover from the devastating impacts of COVID-19.

"We know that tourism is vital for driving economic growth in regional Australia," Minister Fletcher said. "The Morrison Government is pleased to continue stimulating this growth under CHART with the promotion of our community arts sector – something that is invaluable to our regions and wider arts sector."

AMaGA's National Director, Katie Russell, says of Batch 2,

"These latest applications are a great combination of the practical and the surprising. Staff and volunteers from all over regional Australia are coming up with innovative ways to invest in their organisations. Some notable projects include an oral/video history project to capture local stories; safety and security improvements for a small museum with the purchase of security cameras, spill kit, cardiac defibrillator and EFTPOS facilities, up to a consortium of five organisations in one shire collaborating to develop a cultural experience app. CHART is an acknowledgement of the love and dedication people put in to make local stories come alive - with many benefits for communities and visitors alike. It is very rewarding for us (AMaGA) to support organisations we were not previously aware of and to hear from those we know."

Batch 2 grants funds will start to flow to successful applicants this week.

81 applicants, totalling more than \$232,000 of grant funds, were successful in batch 2. A full list of successful Batch 2 CHART projects is available at amaga.org.au/CHART.

AMaGA encourages other eligible organisations to make the most of this excellent opportunity and apply for a CHART grant. 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 by 30 June 2022.