



Australian Government

The Hon Mitch Fifield

Minister for Communications
Minister for the Arts

The Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO

Senator for New South Wales

Joint Media Release

Grants to preserve Australia's heritage

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Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Minister for the Arts and Senator for NSW, the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO, have announced funding for the National Institute of Dramatic Art through the Community Heritage Grants Program.

"I am pleased to announce that The National Institute of Dramatic Art has received two grants totalling \$7,030 through the Australian Government's Community Heritage Grants Program," Senator Sinodinos said.

"This project will help to preserve objects of national significance in the local community by providing customised Care and Handling workshops for the Archives and costume collection, as well as the purchase of archival storage materials."

Minister Fifield said the Turnbull Government is pleased to provide \$415,000 in grants for the program in 2016-17, to support 77 projects across Australia.

"This program helps community organisations to preserve and ensure access to locally held, nationally important cultural heritage collections across Australia," said Minister Fifield.

The Community Heritage Grants Program provides grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations to preserve and display objects of national significance.

The program is supported by the Department of Communications and the Arts with four of Australia's cultural institutions: the National Library of Australia, the National Archives of Australia, the National Film and Sound Archive and the National Museum of Australia.

Since the Community Heritage Grants Program began in 1994, the Australian Government has provided more than \$6 million for over 1200 projects.

For more information about the program visit: www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg.

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