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## Media Release

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### **Glen Innes, Werris Creek and Armidale share in Community Heritage Grants**

Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor MP has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator the Hon Rod Kemp that the Glen Innes & District Historical Society Inc, Liverpool Plains Shire Council (Werris Creek Rail Journeys Museum) and the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) have shared in this year's Community Heritage Grants.

The aim of the Community Heritage Grants program is to assist communities to preserve nationally significant locally owned cultural heritage collections.

The Glen Innes & District Historical Society Inc will receive \$4,180, the Liverpool Plains Shire Council \$3,500 and the NERAM will receive \$8,300.

"Congratulations to the Glen Innes & District Historical Society, Liverpool Plains Shire Council and the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) on their being successful in receiving funding through this year's Community Heritage Grants program.

All organisations do a wonderful job in preserving cultural heritage collections with the Glen Innes & District Historical Society looking after the historical Glen Innes Hospital buildings and surrounds as the 'Land of the Beardies History House Museum', the Liverpool Plains Shire Council the new Rail Journeys Museum at Werris Creek and the NERAM looking after the famous Howard Hinton Collection, the Chandler Coventry Collection, the NERAM Collection and the Armidale City Collection.

The Glen Innes Historical Society has Family, business & institution history cards dating back to 1838 including photographs; government gazettes and other card indexes as well as Anglican & Presbyterian Church records. It also houses Examiner/Nornews - Glen Innes Examiner Newspaper archives from 1874-1970 on microfilm.

The Rail Journeys Museum at Werris Creek has a collection of more than 2,000 objects pertaining to railways and railway trades from across Australia with significant publications from the NSW Railway Institute and more than 600 photographs spanning two centuries.

All are very worthy recipients of this support and I thank the partners in the program, the National Library of Australia, the National Archives of Australia, the Department of Communications, Information technology and the Arts, the Australian Film Commission and the National Museum of Australia, for their support of these groups in the New England Electorate," Mr Windsor said.

**Photo attached: Neil McGarry (Liverpool Plains Shire Council) Tony Windsor MP, Narelle Jarry (NERAM) John Finlayson (Friend of NERAM) and Jean Lofts (Glen Innes & Dist Historical Society) at the announcement of Community Heritage Grants at the National Library in Canberra on Wednesday night**

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