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GRANT BOOST FOR LOCKHART MUSEUM

Volunteers at the Greens Gonyah Museum are celebrating today after Minister for the Arts Don Harwin and Wagga MP Daryl Maguire announced a grant to help support their work.

The Greens Gonyah Museum in Lockhart will receive \$1,710 to enable the development and installation of a series of six large interpretive exhibition panels in the new Billabong Pavilion.

The overarching theme for the new permanent gallery is 'Our Spirit, Our Land, Our Stories, Our People... This is the Story of Lockhart'.

Mr Maguire said, "It gives me great pleasure to be able to support volunteers who work so tirelessly to look after our shared heritage.

"These people and their museum are a much valued part of our community, and they deserve all the support we can give them."

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said, "I know that this grant will bring about some great development outcomes and improvements at the Greens Gonyah Museum that will benefit the whole community.

"Because the museums which receive money under this program are all volunteer-run, I am confident that the benefits of these grants will be substantial for the whole community."

The funding comes from the NSW Government's arts, screen and culture agency Create NSW through the *Volunteer Museum Small Grants Program*, administered by Museums & Galleries of NSW.

Under the program, 16 community museums across regional NSW and metro Sydney will benefit from a total of \$48,196 in funding.