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ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NEW SOUTH WALES WINS COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANT

The Royal United Services Institute of New South Wales (RUSI NSW) has been awarded a federal Community Heritage Grant to fund a Significance Assessment of the Library Collection.

The grant was announced in Canberra on 30 October, 2012.

This year, grants worth \$428,675 have been distributed to 78 community groups and organisations from around Australia to assist in the identification and preservation of community owned but nationally significant heritage collections. In addition, Ms Jan Titcombe from RUSI NSW attended a three-day intensive preservation and collection management workshop held at the National Library, the National Archives of Australia, the National Museum of Australia and the National Film and Sound Archive in Canberra.

Ms Titcombe said the grant was important in supporting the effort to preserve the RUSI NSW military history collection at the grassroots level. "While the grant provides the funds, the workshops offered the information and additional expertise to help us protect and preserve our collection and make it accessible while it remains in the local context," she said.

Director-General of the National Library of Australia, Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, said the CHG program showed the commitment by the National Library, along with its partner institutions and the Federal Government, in encouraging communities to care for the nation's heritage, be it in small country towns or capital cities.

CHG is managed by the National Library. It is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Office for the Arts; the National Archives of Australia; the National Film and Sound Archive; the National Museum of Australia and the National Library.

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