

Powerhouse Museum Regional Services Program 2012

PROJECT ASSISTANCE

The Powerhouse Museum is committed to supporting cultural heritage organisations across New South Wales to record, preserve and display their collections for the benefit of regional communities.

Applications are invited from regional organisations to participate in any of the Museum's activities offered through the Regional Services Program during 2012. We are particularly interested in developing collaborative projects with regional communities. Projects that focus on social and community history, migration heritage, agricultural machinery collections, dress and textile collections, contemporary collecting and original historic photographic collections are key areas of interest.

Digital technologies allow museums to develop new approaches to reach their audiences in-house and beyond their walls. The Powerhouse Museum is keen to share its expertise in digital media and to assist communities to record and tell their stories in innovative ways.

The application process involves the lodging of an Application for Project Assistance. This will allow the Museum to assess the scope of the proposed project and determine the type of activity which would deliver the most productive outcome. It will also assist both the regional organisations and the Powerhouse Museum to plan and allocate resources. In 2012 it will be necessary, in most instances, for the costs incurred with staff travel and accommodation when undertaking a site visit to a regional location to be met by the applicant. Where access to a collection is required the applicant will need to provide written permission from the owner of the collection, e.g. President of the Historical Society.

Organisations are encouraged to contact the Regional Services Coordinator on 1800 882 092 to discuss their needs or for further information.

The closing date for Applications for Project Assistance is Friday 2 September 2011. However, urgent requests arising after that date can be discussed with the Regional Services Coordinator. Please note that applicants interested in an internship or staff exchange must complete an additional form.

Applications will be considered by the Powerhouse Museum and further information may be requested if necessary. A formal response indicating the outcome of the application will be sent before the end of this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Services Coordinator if you need clarification or further information to enable your organisation to submit an application to be included in our program during 2012.

An application form is available at www.powerhousemuseum.com or can be requested by contacting the Regional Services Coordinator on 1800 882 092 or email regionalservices@phm.gov.au .

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