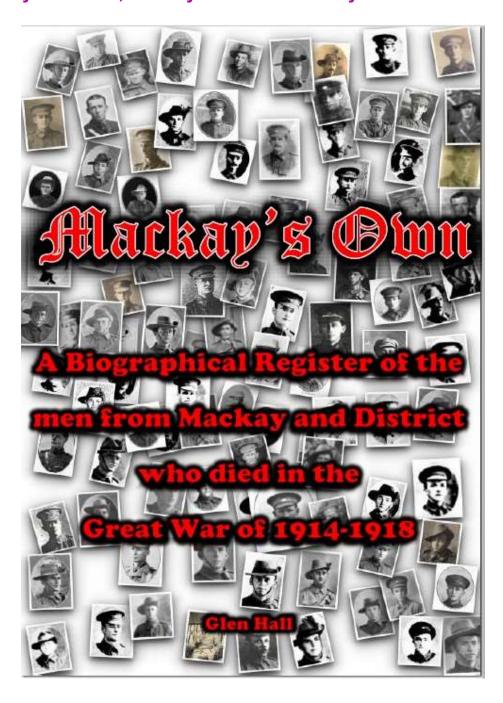
## Museums & Galleries Queensland.

# Securing Funding Workshop 20 & 21 July 2016

ANZAC Centenary Grant by Glen Hall, Mackay Historical Society & Museum Inc.



#### **Introduction**

This project began in December 1993 partly to help with the grieving process of the passing of my mother two months previous.

It really started shortly after I had moved to Pleystowe in May 1991. Ironically the house I am living in we found on Anzac Day 1991.

Pleystowe had a tree avenue planted in 1948 to commemorate the nine men from the area who died during the Second World War of 1939-1945.

My then wife Leanne and I went for a walk shortly after moving into the house and the first tree we came across had a plaque that said "GLEN H." Leanne said look that one is named after you!!!!!..... It freaked me out a little but I thought nothing much of it.



After my mother died I needed a project to keep my mind off things. I also loved Military History as well as local history. One day I saw my Neighbour Cec gardening over the fence. Cec had served in the Artillery during the Second World War so I asked him about the history

of the Tree Avenue. He knew of a few of the blokes' names but not all. I then contacted a couple of old local diggers from the area and the result was the same – they could tell me some names but very little else.

I felt sad that every Anzac Day a service was held and the traffic was stopped, the "Last Post" was played and we said "Lest We Forget", however it seemed we had already forgotten them.

This started a 22 year obsession with recording every War Memorial around the district and every name recorded and researching these men and women who died in their service for the country. I travelled to every locality from Mackay to Bloomsbury, south to Carmila and west to Nebo.

In May 1994 I was seconded through my then employer for seven weeks in Canberra. This was a great opportunity to research these men. Every weekend I was there from 9am to 5pm sitting in the Australian War Memorial research rooms going through miles of Microfilm and Microfische and photocopying what I could without a lunch or pee break ..... It seems ironic now that ten years later everything had been put on the internet to research from the comfort of your own home.

Over the years I have sourced information from hundreds of sources, organisations, families etc.

The hours I have put into this research would be in the tens of thousands.....it staggers me to think about it..... 5,000 documents and over 20,000 files on my computer hard drive. Personally as a hobby it has cost me conservatively \$50,000 +. And what will I get back from the purchase of this book? Nothing... It is my gift to the families and the memories of those men who died so we can have the freedom we have today.

I would have liked to expand more on the men however the book would have been over 2,000 pages and uneconomical to produce. There are so many stories out there.

## The Idea of Applying for a Grant.

Over the years I had looked at various grants and felt they did not really cater to what the project was.

I literally looked at dozens of grants over the years waiting to find the appropriate grant.

Originally our Historical Society was going to pay for the printing our own book however when we received quotes for the printing it proved to be more than our funds would allow.

### Looking for a Grant suitable for our needs

I knew that the Anzac Centenary was coming up and I was sure there would be grant available to produce the book.

The Mackay Regional Council has a Grants Officer who was extremely helpful and was able to recommend a grant to us.

Queensland Anzac Centenary Grants Program appeared to suit the purposes and round three was advertised in early 2015.

The Project Category of "Historical research and education projects" with a funding limit of \$50,000 suited our criteria. This would provide us funding to help publish the book and allow us Editorial Control.



#### Taking it all in before you apply

#### **Funding Conditions.**

This particular grant expected us to contribute at least 25% of the overall expense project.

#### Eligible Applicants

We are an Incorporated Association so we ticked that box as well.

#### Eligible and Ineligible Costs

Make sure you read what is covered and what isn't. There is no point doing the hardwork lodging your application if it is isnt covered.

#### Eligible project timelines

Always check the completion dates. Make sure your project can meet these guidelines.

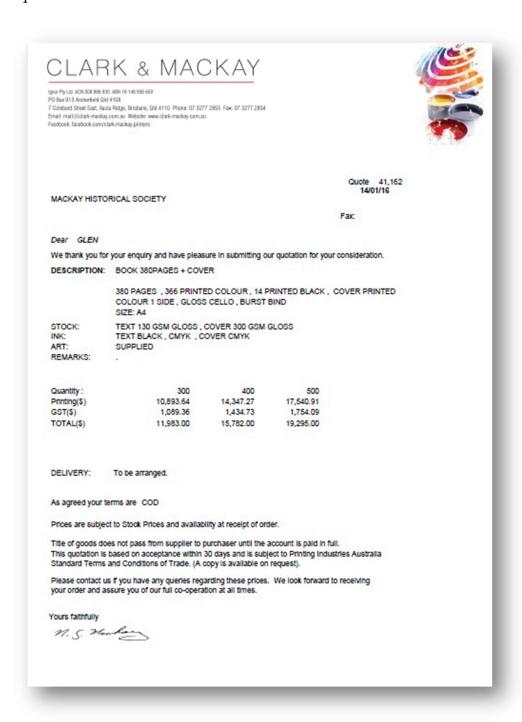
### **The Application Process**

1. A valid ABN.



2. Complete responses to all application questions. The application form can be saved to complete at a later time. We recommend allowing plenty of time to compile comprehensive answers with supporting documentation.

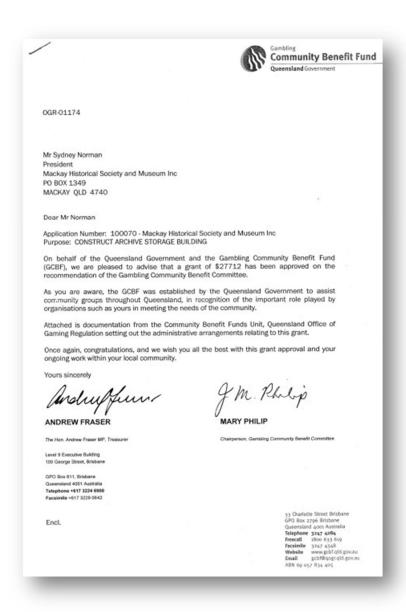
3. Comprehensive budget information including detailed current quotes.



- 4. A copy of your organisation's certificate of incorporation (if your organisation is not clearly listed on www.abr.business.gov.au as being an Incorporated Entity or registered by another Act of Parliament).
- 5. A copy of your organisation's constitution or governing rules (if www.abr.business.gov.au does not identify that your organisation is a charity, charitable institute or public benevolent institution).
- 6. Two current letters of support for your project. These should be from relevant respected community representatives external to the applicant organisation, or your local Member of Parliament, councillor or mayor. If the application relates to a project occurring at a location not owned by the applicant organisation, the owner of the land must provide additional letters of approval for the project or activity.



- 7. Details of any other sources of funding (including pending applications).
- 8. For individuals or organisations supported by an eligible organisation, current written evidence that the eligible organisation supports your application and agrees to accept legal and financial responsibility for the grant.
- 9. Additional support material if applicable (e.g. quotes for major works, insurance certificates, samples of previous work, artwork proposals, evidence of relevant permits and approvals, site plans, artist impressions and maintenance plan).



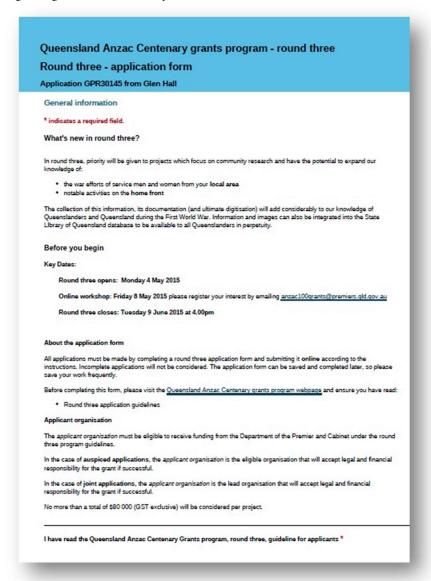
### **The Application Form**

This particular grant could be done online which was a lot easier and less daunting for myself and is becoming the current method for applying.

Is a lot easier to supply documents online as well and you can save the progress or easily correct any errors.

Always get it proof read before lodging and if you require any help ASK!!!!

Always keep copies and always make sure of the date it is due.



#### Were you successful?

Always note it won't happen overnight but it will happen.

You can't rush these things. Here is a short time line for you.

3 June 2015

Application Lodged

17 December 2015

- Notification we were successful.

1 April 2016

- First cheque received.



Once granted you will most likely have to sign a contract with the Grant provider to be returned to them before any payment is forwarded. Ensure you look at the fine print as with any contract.

The delays in receiving payment did unfortunately make a change to some timeframes on the launching of the project.

I originally had planned to launch book around Anzac Day 2016 however was not possible to arrange printer and have books delivered in 3 weeks.

So always have a backup plan. Remember the process sometimes is not a quick one so always plan ahead.

#### **GPR30145**

Organisation Name	Mackay Historical Society and Museum Inc
Project Title	"Mackay's Own" - a biographical register of the men from Mackay and district who died during the Great War of 1914-1918
Project Scope	Research of 340 men so far identified from the Mackay district who died during the First World War. It includes biographical and service information as well as portrait photos, gravestones and personal stories. The research will be published in a public book.
Grant amount	\$15,000
State Electorate	Mackay, Mirani

### Get all your approvals.

One might think publishing a book is not too hard. However for this one:

- Ensure Copyright restrictions are adhered to.
- Gain approvals for use of Anzac Logo
- Need to have artwork etc approved by the Grant Committee.

### After the approval

Can be painful but be aware this is what you have to do.

- Reporting to grant committee on progress of activities. (Milestones)
- Reporting in case of any problems caused by delays. e.g delay in launch due to late receipt of funds.
- Notifying the grant committee of Event date and time, guests, invitations, access, speeches catering etc.

### After the Event

I will let you know how we go as yet to do this yet.

However in our case we will require to send a report on the launch event and how the monies have been spent. So ensure all records are up to date and all receipts have been saved.

Always be aware that some grants will not release all remaining funds after satisfactory completion of the project.

So in the case for our grant that is 75% approval and 25% once completed. So always budget effectively.

## Conclusion

Applying for a grant and being successful does require a lot of preplanning, negotiation, arithmetic, crystal ball gazing, frustration but you will find with the right project will be very worthwhile.