



## Blue Shield Australia awarded a grant

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Blue Shield Australia has been awarded a grant by the Office of the Arts, through the Distributed National Collections program.

Blue Shield Australia has been active in promoting cultural heritage preparedness in Australia since its inception in 2005.

In awarding the funding the Hon Simon Crean MP, Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government in Australia's Federal Government, stated that given the recent spate of natural disasters in Australia the project is both timely and important. The project **BSA: Building cultural heritage resilience in regional Australia**

*'...will provide a series of workshops on building cultural heritage resilience in regional Australia.'*

*I wish Blue Shield Australia all the best in its continued efforts to promote cultural heritage disaster preparedness, particularly in regional communities.'*

The workshops will help to facilitate the development of local community disaster preparedness and recovery networks. It is intended that at least one workshop will be conducted in each State and Territory in partnership with local organisations.

The grant is \$21,000 (GST exclusive)

The Chair of BSA, Dr Jonathan Sweet, stated that,

*'This grant is recognition at the highest level of the significant work being undertaken by the professional members of BSA in the preservation of cultural heritage. We look forward to rolling out this important program over the next 12 months.'*

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