2018 marks 200 years since John Oxley and his team of 15 explorers traversed the mountains from the west and surveyed our region for early European settlement. For thousands of years before, our region was inhabited by the Birpai people, the traditional custodians of our land. John Oxley and many of our earliest European settlers were struck by the natural beauty of our region, the abundant local fauna and the warm nature of our local Aboriginal population.

To commemorate this milestone and to help the community come together and celebrate this rich and diverse region, Council is helping the community celebrate the 2018 Bicentenary.

**Objectives**

The overall objectives for the Community Grants Round are to:

- Foster local history projects that celebrate and commemorate the 2018 Bicentenary and connect audience to local history;
- Preserve, promote and protect our local heritage and stories;
- Create authentic and vibrant public places that are valued by their communities and admired by visitors;
- Encourage collaborative projects (i.e. partnerships between multiple groups) and projects with public space embellishments. Projects demonstrating collaboration and community support will be given preference;
- Facilitate the establishment and or development of innovative community projects, in line with the Towards 2030 Community Strategic Plan and the 2013 - 2017 Delivery Plan.
- Increase the participation, accessibility and range of quality community activities and/or programs for the residents of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government Area (LGA).

If you have a collaborative project that will improve or embellish a public space in your community, or seeks to protect or promote our local history then you are encouraged to apply for a PMHC 2018 Bicentenary Community Grant.

Projects might include:

- landscaping, public space or park development;
- establishing heritage walking trails or monuments;
- historic photo scanning/archiving;
- local oral histories recorded;
- production of small booklet detailing the history of your area.
There are two streams of funding available:

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**How to apply**

- Applications are made through Council’s SmartyGrants portal and must follow the Eligibility Criteria as outlined in the Community Grant Guidelines. For more information or a copy of the Guidelines go to: pmhc.nsw.gov.au/communitygrants
- Before submitting an application ALL potential applicants must discuss their project ideas with Council. Please contact Beau Spry or Paul Koch on 6581 8111;
- Collaborative projects between two or more community groups are encouraged and will be looked upon favourably during the assessment process.