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LOCAL INDIGENOUS CULTURE BOOSTED BY LOCAL HISTORY GRANT

The Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley MP was pleased when he announced that the Burraja Cultural Centre in Wodonga was to receive a Local History Grant to the value of \$10,000 from the State Coalition Government.

Mr Tilley said the grant will assist the Cultural Centre in its endeavours to record anecdotal history accounts of the Burraja people and collect historical objects specific to North East Victoria.

Mr Tilley said, "Too much indigenous history has already been lost over the generations and to lose more is to see the rich cultural background of the Burraja people disappear."

The locals have already spoken to the Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Melbourne and is working on obtaining display cases for the artefacts that have already been donated.

Both elders and young people alike are being encouraged to volunteer whatever information and anecdotes they have about their past to the centre which hopes to use this information when they deliver local educational and awareness programs.

Mr Tilley said "The \$10,000 grant combined with the continuance and expansion of these programs will enhance any local history lesson and is something the Coalition State Government is proud to be associated with."

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