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Mosman Art Gallery has been awarded a \$4,400 federal Community Heritage Grant to fund a preservation Needs Assessment of the Mosman Art Collection. The grant was announced at the National Library of Australia, Canberra, on Tuesday, 9 November, 2011.

This year, grants worth \$408,000 have been distributed to 82 community groups and organisations from around Australia to assist in the identification and preservation of community owned but nationally significant heritage collections. In addition, Katrina Cashman from Mosman Art Gallery attended a three-day intensive preservation and collection management workshop held at the National Library, the National Archives of Australia, the National Museum of Australia and the National Film and Sound Archive in Canberra.

John Cheeseman, the Mosman Art Gallery Director said the grant was important in supporting the effort to preserve the Mosman Art Collection at the grassroots level. "While the grant provides the funds, the workshop offers the expertise to help us protect our collection and make it accessible while it remains in the local context," he said. The grant money will be use for a comprehensive preservation needs assessment, with recommendations for future conservation treatments, digitisation, and environmental monitoring equipment.

Director-General of the National Library of Australia, Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, said the CHG program showed the commitment by the National Library, along with its partner institutions and the Federal Government, in encouraging communities to care for the nation's heritage, be it in small country towns or capital cities.

"It is all about working together to help spread the message that if we don't preserve our history now, it could be lost forever," she said. "Through sharing this knowledge, the information can be taken back to the communities where it is most needed to ensure that local heritage collections are still there for future generations."

The Community Heritage Grants Program is managed by the National Library. It is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Office for the Arts; the National Archives of Australia; the National Film and Sound Archive; the National Museum of Australia and the National Library.

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