

THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) Butler Bequest Grants for 2027

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) ('the Trust'), administers the Paul William Butler Bequest which has the object of promoting vintage and veteran cars. The Trust accepts that veteran cars must be built before the end of 1918 and vintage cars between 1919 and 1930.

Purpose of Grants

One of the powers of the Trust is to make grants to organisations for the following purposes:

- The public exhibition of vintage and veteran cars in New South Wales;
- The restoration and preservation of vintage and veteran cars for the purpose of public exhibition in New South Wales;
- Education or research into vintage and veteran cars in New South Wales.

Applications should be relevant to the purposes set out above. It is envisaged that the grant applications may involve or feature:

- Activities including vintage and/or veteran cars.
- Public exhibitions may include static displays, car rallies and other means which provide an opportunity for the community to view and engage with vintage and/or veteran cars.
- Education or research may involve participation in studies or funding specific programs that will educate the community on vintage and/or veteran cars.

Eligible Applicants

All organisations whose purposes align to the purposes of the grant are eligible to apply, noting:

1. Majority of vehicles involved - i.e., more than 50% - must be classed as Vintage or Veteran
OR
2. Grant support to be based on the percentage of Vintage or Veteran vehicles involved e.g. if 10% of vehicles meet the criteria, funding is to be allocated to this portion only, as a percentage of overall costs.

Costs to be covered by the Grant

Each grant will be limited to a discretionary maximum of up \$10,000. Applications for both smaller and larger amounts may also be considered. The costs that may be covered by the grant include, but are not limited, to:

- Rally organisation costs and entrance expenses
- Promotion and publicity
- Subsidies for entrants' expenses
- Conservation or creation of relevant publications
- Training courses.

Exceptions

The Grant Selection Committee may, at their discretion, consider applications beyond the scope, costs and maximum application amount of \$10,000 as defined in this paper. However, it is recommended that guidance should first be sought from The Trust, prior to submitting such an application.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is constituted under the terms of the bequest and includes independent membership.

Online Applications

Grant applications must be submitted digitally via the new Paul Butler Online Submission Portal: nationaltrust.org.au/butler-bequest-grants-submission-portal

In your application, please address the following:

1. Name of applicant
2. Preferred contact details
3. Brief outline of grant application
4. How the grant relates to the purposes set out in this paper
5. Whether the activities will include historic buildings, and in particular Trust owned properties – see www.nationaltrust.org.au/places-nsw/
6. Approximate timings
7. Proposed itemised budget
8. Opportunities to link to the Trust e.g. for promotion of Trust properties or membership
9. How the Trust will be publicly acknowledged should the application be successful.

Key Dates

- Monday 31 August 2026 – closing date for 2027 applications
- October 2026 – applicants notified of the decision by the Selection Committee

Selection Process

The Selection Committee will consider applications on their merit, having regard to the purposes of the grant as defined in the Bequest. Applications are currently open for the calendar year 2027 but in exceptional circumstances applications for the remainder of 2026 and post 2027 will be considered.

Outcome of Selection Process

Every applicant will be notified of the decision by the Selection Committee for their application.

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will need to submit an invoice for the amount of the approved grant, which will be paid within 30 days from the invoice date. Within 30 days from the completion of the grant funded activity successful applicants will be required to submit a report on the outcomes including itemised income and expenditure.

Brand and Promotion

The Trust is committed to supporting the promotion of the Butler Bequest Grant, and the activities it supports, through our social media and online channels. Promotional activity and planning in collaboration with the Trust will be managed in direct liaison with the Director, Marketing and Communications. The Trust will also provide a brand pack including the logo for print and electronic use, however all promotional applications of the brand must be pre-approved by the Trust. The Trust reserves the right to request changes to promotional material where the brand has not been applied appropriately and in accordance with our guidelines.

Queries

Should you have any queries regarding the grant and/or application process please contact Aly McAuliffe at amcauliffe@nationaltrust.com.au.