

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Organisation: Gunnedah Rural Museum Inc.

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GUNNEDAH RURAL MUSEUM INC
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Members of the General Purpose Committee No. 4.
Inquiry into Museums and Galleries.

Dear Members,

Gunnedah Rural Museum Inc. is run entirely by volunteers and is open all days of the year to the public except on Christmas Day and Good Friday. We are dependent on what grants we can get to house our large collection of past Rural and Mining equipment. We do get a small grant each year from the Gunnedah Shire Council to help with our insurance accounts. Membership and entrance fees amount to about \$10,000 a year but this falls far short of running such a large museum spread over 5.34 ha. A regular yearly donation from the State Government would help to preserve and enhance the past technologies that are contained in much of our machinery exhibits and also help to restore many machines that are awaiting restoration that are not readily available for public viewing from the local community (including schools) and tourists. Enhancing our machinery exhibits would also have the potential of increasing the number of tourists that pass through the Museum each year.

Yours Sincerely

Pat Gaynor

Grants Officer.