

Community Heritage Grant \$11000



The National Trust of Queensland has been awarded an **\$11000 federal Community Heritage Grant** to fund an assessment of significance and preservation needs of the National Trust's collection of Chinese artefacts at the Hou Wang Temple and Charters Towers Museum.

The grant was announced at the National Library of Australia, Canberra on Tuesday 13 November 2007.

The collection at **Hou Wang Temple** is primarily one of temple artefacts and agricultural and domestic tools relating to Chinese migration to north Australia. In addition there is a collection of photographs and some documents relating to the period 1880 to present. The collection is considered by specialists to be internationally significant because of its provenance and association with the Temple of Hou Wang (1903).

The collection at the **Charters Towers Museum** relates to the development of this major mining area from which settlement of much of northern Australia was undertaken. The collection includes mining equipment, domestic wares from the 19th and 20th century, rare vehicles, military artefacts, medical equipment and children's recreational items.

In 2007, grants worth \$428 300 were distributed to 85 community groups and organisations from around Australia to assist in the identification and preservation of community owned by nationally significant heritage collections. In addition Noelene Mays, Manager of the Hou Wang Temple 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.

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