

GRANTS & FUNDING GUIDE

Grant and funding programs are designed to encourage investment in the latest technologies and innovative design. See what resources are available to you in this handy guide that has been developed specifically for businesses in the Australian fashion & textile industry.

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NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL SUPPORT & ADVICE FROM BUSINESS.GOV.AU

Support for Businesses in Australia

Information grants, services and support from across government to help your business succeed, including Coronavirus information and support for business; State and territory information, grants and assistance; the grant and programs finder and more useful information.

Find out more here.

Coronavirus information, support, grants and assistance for businesses

Learn about the grants or online events delivered by your state or territory and where you can go to find more Coronavirus assistance.

Find out more here.

Grant & Programs Finder

Grant Finder helps you locate the grants and assistance programs most relevant to your business. Grants and other funding programs are available for businesses from the Australian, state and territory governments, and in some cases from local councils.

Find out more here.

Business Support Line

The national Business Support Line provides business owners with a first point of contact over the phone live web chat or email to help you find the information you need to start, run or grow your business. The support team can:

- Provide information and support to businesses affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) or the Australian bushfires
- Help you find information about government grants, programs and services
- Provide information to help you start, run or grow your business
- Assist you to use the online Business Registration Service

Find out more here.

Small Business Support Line

There are a number of free tools, templates, help and support available for your business, including:

- Free business templates and tools
- Subscribe to news services
- · Finding a tax practitioner

- Business and/or legal advice
- · Grants and assistance for business
- Business support in your state or territory

Find out more here.

Digital Solutions - Australian Small Business Advisory Services

The Digital Solutions – Australian Small Business Advisory Services program provides services that help small businesses to make the most of digital tools and offers broader advice specific to your business needs. Services are offered one-on-one to provide tailored support or through group workshops or webinars. The service is applicable to small businesses with fewer than 20 full-time (or equivalent) employees, as well as sole traders, to access services at a subsidised rate. The service is available across all metropolitan and regional areas in Australia.

Find out more here.

Entrepreneurs' Programme

The Entrepreneur's Program assists to transform your business, getting you from where you are to where you want to be. The unique services gives you access to expert advice and financial support through grants to help you progress your goals. The Entrepreneurs' Programme provides a network of business advisers that can help small and medium enterprises to:

- · Be more competitive and productive
- Attract investors and commercialise their products
- · Work with the research sector to solve problems

Find out more here.

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R&D Tax Incentive

The Research & Development Tax Incentive (R&D Tax Incentive or R&DTI) helps companies innovate and grow by offsetting some of the costs of eligible research and development (R&D).

Who can apply: Find out if you're eligible here

Value: Different tax offset rates depending on your companies aggregated

turnover

Applications open: Applications are open year-round.

For more information and to apply click here.

Certain Inputs To Manufacture (CIM)

The CIM Program aims to improve the competitiveness of Australian industry by providing import duty concessions on certain imported raw and intermediate goods such as chemicals, plastics or paper goods.

Who can apply:

Manufacturers who import

- Chemical, plastics and paper goods
- Metal materials and goods used in food packaging

Value: Import duty concessions to help reduce the cost of manufacturing products.

Applications open: Applications are open year-round.

For more information and to apply, click here.

TCF Corporatewear Register

The TCF Corporatewear Register allows employers to register non-compulsory occupational clothing, thereby avoiding liability for FBT and allowing employees to claim the cost of such clothing as a tax deduction.

Who can apply: Employers who have an eligible non-compulsory uniform available for their employees to wear.

Value: You can register your employees' non-compulsory corporate uniform and accessories. This will allow them to get tax deductions for renting, buying or maintaining their uniform.

Applications open: Applications are open year-round.

For more information and to apply, click here.

Export Market Development Grant (EMDG)

Austrade's EMDG is a key Australian Government financial assistance program for aspiring and current exporters. From 1 July 2021, the EMDG reimbursement scheme will become a grant program. The new EMDG grant program begins on 1 July 2021. During the 2021–22 financial year, both the EMDG reimbursement scheme and grant program will run concurrently in the transition year.

Who can apply: To be eligible for a grant under the EMDG program you will need to be an Australian person and have eligible products and expenses as defined in the EMDG Rules.

Value:

Tier 1 - Ready to export: 2 years and maximum \$40,000 per financial year

Tier 2 - Exporting and Expanding: 3 years and maximum \$80,000 per financial year

Tier 3 - Exporting, expanding and Strategic Shift: 3 years and maximum \$150,000 per financial year.

Applications open: Applications are open from August to November each year.

For more information and to apply, click here

Export Finance Australia

Export Finance Australia is the government's export credit agency. They provide financial expertise and solutions to drive sustainable growth that benefits Australia and our partners. Through loans, guarantees, bonds and insurance options they support SMEs, corporates and governments to realise export opportunities or contribute to the export supply chain.

Who can apply: SMEs, corporates and governments

Value: Provide financial expertise and solutions to drive sustainable growth

that benefits Australia.

Applications open: Support is available year-round.

For more information and to apply, click here.

VICTORIA (VIC)

GENERAL SUPPORT & ADVICE

Creative Victoria

Creative Victoria's funding and support programs are designed to stimulate high quality, diverse creative activity across the state; strengthen Victoria's reputation as a centre for creative excellence; and ensure that all Victorians have opportunities to enjoy, participate in and benefit from a rich creative ecosystem.

View Creative Victoria's <u>2021 Funding Calendar</u>, as well as <u>resources</u>, <u>toolkits</u> <u>and evaluation guides</u> for the creative sector. Find out more here.

Business Victoria

Business Victoria provides support for Victorian Businesses for the guidance, services and skills you need to successfully start, run and transform your business. This includes tools and templates, grants and programs, workshops and mentoring.

Find out more here.

Invest Victoria

Invest Victoria is the State Government of Victoria's investment attraction agency, fostering long term economic prosperity by enabling business opportunities and job creation for Victoria. Invest Victoria shares incentives, grants and programs to enhance business investment in Victoria. Find out more here.

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Creative Enterprises Program

The Creative Enterprises Program provides four-year funding that invests in the leadership, organisational infrastructure, and capacity of non-government creative industry organisations to deliver on the Victorian Government's Creative State 2025 priorities.

Who can apply: Medium to large creative organisations and smaller organisations positioned for sustainable growth

Value: Minimum funding request for this program is \$100,000 per annum for 4 years.

Applications open: Applications are currently closed for this grant. Visit the grant page to stay updated.

Find out more here.

Creative Ventures Programs

The Creative Ventures Program provides two years of funding to a diverse cohort of Victorians that reflect contemporary ways of working across the creative industries.

For the Creative Ventures Programs, fashion sits under two streams - Design and Cross/Multi-Disciplinary specifically: "Application of new design and digital technology in fashion, with the aim of innovating the fashion industry's product development, manufacturing, and retail/marketing opportunities."

Who can apply: Victorian creative entities (i.e. micro to small creative organisations/businesses and collectives)

Value: For each application, the minimum level of funding is \$140,000 over two years and the maximum level of funding is \$200,000 over two years.

Applications open: Applications are currently closed for this grant. Visit the grant page to stay updated.

Find out more here.

Creators Fund

Creators Fund paves the way for independent creatives to take their practice and their careers to the next level by providing them with one of the most important and scarce creative resources – time – to research, innovate and take risks.

Who can apply: Open to individual creative practitioners and collectives across all disciplines, and at all career stages.

Value: The Creators Fund provides financial support for up to six months. **Applications open:** Applications are currently closed for this grant. Visit the grant page to stay updated.

Find out more.

Business Competitiveness Program

The Business Competitiveness Program will assist small and medium manufacturers with an existing presence in Victoria to expand their manufacturing operations and implement new manufacturing technologies and processes that provide a critical foundation for generating sustainable new local jobs.

Who can apply: Small and medium manufacturers with an existing presence

in Victoria.

Value: Grants of up to 33 percent of eligible project expenditure, up to a maximum grant amount of \$500,000, will be allocated on a competitive basis for projects.

Applications open: Applications usually open around July & December each year.

Find out more.

Small Business Grants (City of Melbourne)

The program provides financial assistance to support market-ready products and services that enhance the City of Melbourne's reputation for innovation and creativity, and contribute to a thriving, sustainable business culture.

Who can apply: Small businesses currently located or intending to locate within the City of Melbourne twice a year. Startups and established businesses from any sector are welcome to apply.

Value: Financial assistance to support market-ready products and services. **Applications open:** Applications are currently closed for this grant. Visit the grant page to stay updated.

NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW)

GENERAL SUPPORT & ADVICE

Create NSW

Create NSW is the NSW Government's arts and cultural driver, which brings together arts, screen and culture functions in an integrated entity. Read more about our strategic objectives in the NSW Government's 10 year arts and cultural policy strategic framework.

Find out more.

Invest NSW

Investment NSW is the NSW Government's new economic development and attraction agency, with a mandate to reinforce NSW as the most desirable place in the world to visit, study, invest and do business. The agency is helping to drive the state's economic recovery and transformation by showcasing NSW business, events, tourism and international study for new markets and investors in Australia and around the world.

Find out more.

Business Connect

Business Connect supports NSW small businesses and people who want to start a business with personalised advice, events and online resources. Find out more.

Women in Business NSW

Women in Business provides women living or working in New South Wales with access to a fully subsidised online program to help them establish a new small business or consolidate an existing small business.

Find out more.

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Building Partnerships Grant

Building Partnerships grants help revenue-generating startups and small to medium enterprises (SMEs) scale or grow by acquiring a key customer or channel to market.

Who can apply: Revenue generating startups and SME's

Value: Eligible businesses can receive up to 35% of the approved project costs up to a maximum grant of \$100,000.

Applications open: Applications are currently closed for this grant. Visit the grant page to stay updated.

Find out more.

Creative Koori Projects

Creative Koori Project funding aims to build support for a strong, resilient and exciting First Nation arts and cultural sector for NSW. This grant supports arts and cultural activities for NSW First Nation organisations.

Who can apply: First Nation artists, arts and cultural workers, groups and organisations.

Value: Funding is available for \$60,000 and above

Applications open: Applications usually open around July & December each

year.

Find out more.

Indigenous Business Australia

The Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) program offers advice, training and finance to help entrepreneurs and business owners with an Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander background boost their ventures.

Who can apply: Business owners with an Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander background.

Value:

- Start-Up Finance Package: Can include up to 30% of a new business loan awarded as a grant. The loan amount can be up to \$100,000 with a maximum loan term of seven years, with low-interest and flexible terms.
- Business Loan: Designed to assist you with working capital requirements, purchase of existing businesses, plant and equipment, and other commercial assets.
- Performance Bonds: If you are successful with a tender and the beneficiary requires you to provide a bank guarantee or bond for five per cent or more of the value of the contract, IBA may able to either issue the bond directly to the beneficiary, or provide the funds to a bank to issue a bank guarantee on your behalf.
- Invoice Finance: Invoice finance provides businesses with revolving cash flow based on the value of credit sales or contracts. IBA can provide invoice finance to assist Indigenous-owned businesses to take advantage of new contracts or sales opportunities.

Applications open: Support is available year-round.

Find out more.

QUEENSLAND (QLD)

GENERAL SUPPORT & ADVICE

Arts Queensland

Arts Queensland is committed to building a strong and sustainable sector which supports the renewal and transformation of Queensland through arts, culture and creativity. Arts Queensland is leading the implementation of <u>Creative Together 2020-2030</u>: A 10-Year Roadmap for arts, culture and <u>creativity in Queensland</u> across the Queensland Government in partnership with key stakeholders.

Find out more.

Business Queensland

Provides information, support and tools for Queensland business owners and industry sectors.

Find out more here.

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Business Basics Grants Program

The Business Basics grants program provides support to businesses to increase core skills and adopt best practice. This support includes funded activities in 5 priorities: Training and coaching; Website build or upgrades; Professional business advice; Strategic marketing services; and Business continuity and succession.

Who can apply: Small businesses

Value: You may be eligible for a single up-front fixed grant payment of \$5,000

(excluding GST)

Applications open: Applications usually open around May and September

each year.

Find out more here.

Business Boost Grants Program

The Business Boost grants program provides support to businesses to advance improvements in their efficiency and productivity. This support includes funded activities in 3 project areas: Future planning; Specialised and automated software; and Staff management, development and planning.

Who can apply: Small businesses

Value: You may be eligible to receive a grant payment of \$15,000 (excluding GST) on completing your proposed project. Provides support to businesses to advance improvements in their efficiency and productivity.

Applications open: Applications usually open around July each year. Find out more.

Business Growth Fund Program

The program provides funding for small and medium-sized businesses experiencing high-growth to buy specialised equipment to unlock growth potential, increase production, expand your workforce and maximise economic returns. Funded businesses are expected to: increase confidence for growth, transitioning from small to medium-sized; increase productivity, turnover, profit and employment by 20%; and improve confidence to automate, scale up, increase market share, diversify and/or exploit exporting opportunities.

Who can apply: Small to medium-sized businesses

Value: You may be eligible for a single up-front payment up to \$50,000 (excluding GST).

Applications open: Applications usually open around May each year. Find out more.

First Nations Commissioning Fund

The First Nations Commissioning Fund is for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander arts and cultural practitioners, organisations, collectives or communities to commission and deliver uniquely Queensland Indigenous stories, arts and cultural experiences, products and celebrations.

Who can apply: Applicants must be based in Queensland.

Value: Up to \$60,000 towards small and large scale commissions. Applicants cannot apply for 100% of project costs through this funding stream.

Applications open: Applications usually open around October each year. <u>Find out more here.</u>

Individuals Fund

The Individuals Fund is for individual artists and cultural workers (emerging and established) to participate in transformational professional and career development opportunities.

Who can apply: Individual artists and cultural workers (emerging and established)

Value: Up to \$7,000 per application, including up to \$1,000 for equipment purchases directly related to the creation and delivery of the funded project.

Applications open: Applications usually open around February each year. <u>Find out more.</u>

Women in Business Grant (Brisbane)

Provide funding to support female business owners to grow and develop their business in response to the impacts of COVID-19.

Who can apply: Female business owners.

Value: Funding of up to \$5,000.

Applications open: Applications usually open around October each year.

Find out more.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA)

GENERAL SUPPORT & ADVICE

Business SA

Information, services and resources to help you successfully start, run and grow your South Australian small business.

Find out more here.

Department for Innovation & Skills - Creative Industries

Growing the South Australian economy by supporting people and business to succeed. They support economic growth by: Helping people get the skills they want and the economy needs; Increasing South Australia's productivity growth rate through research and innovation; and supporting entrepreneurs and business growth.

Find out more here.

Growing SA Companies

The Growing South Australia's Companies program is designed for CEOs and executives of small to medium sized companies based in South Australia with revenue between \$2M to \$50M. The program provides executives with the knowledge and skills to develop as leaders, identify growth opportunities, overcome business challenges and compete in a global marketplace.

Find out more here.

SAYES

SAYES is a 12-month program that assists young South Australians aged 18-35 years to turn their business concept into a reality, to create a sustainable business model for a newly established business. Participants are allocated their own dedicated mentor to nurture and guide them throughout the program with monthly one on one mentoring sessions.

Find out more here.

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Seed-Start Program

The Seed-Start program equips innovative, early-stage South Australian startups with grant funding to support the commercialisation of an innovative product or service. This product or service must be unique and demonstrate a sustainable competitive advantage in national and international markets.

Who can apply: Innovative, early-stage South Australian startups.

Value: Seed-Start offers two funding options based on a business's stage of development.

- Seed Grants: Minimum grant \$50,000, maximum grant \$100,000 with matched funding required.
- Start Grants: Minimum grant \$100,001, maximum grant \$500,000 with matched funding required.

Applications open: Expressions of interest are open.

To find out more and apply, click here.

SA Export Accelerator

This grant program provides funding support for small to medium sized businesses in South Australia at each stage of their export journey.

There are three categories under the program:

Who can apply: Small to medium sized businesses in South Australia **Value:** There are three categories under the program:

- Emerging Exporter Grants up to \$5,000 are available to businesses that are exporting for the first time. For businesses with a turnover between \$50.000-\$1 million.
- Export Accelerator Grants up to \$30,000 are available to help fund business expansion that will create multiple direct ongoing jobs. For businesses with a turnover between \$100,000-\$15 million.
- New Market Entry Grants up to \$15,000 are available for mature export companies that have exhausted their grant funding but are looking to enter new export markets. For businesses with a turnover between \$250,000 and \$20 million.

Applications open: Applications are accepted in February and October each year.

Find out more here.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Grants - Projects

This grant supports the creative development, production and presentation of new work.

Who can apply: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individual artists and arts and cultural workers, groups and arts and cultural organisations.

Value: Up to \$25, 000.

Applications open: Applications usually open around February, July and October each year.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA)

GENERAL SUPPORT & ADVICE

Grants Assistance & Programs Register

The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation maintains a Grants Assistance and Programs Register which provides current and potential industry proponents with information on available state and federal government funding programs and assistance.

Find out more here.

Small Business WA

A State Government agency that provides free advice and low cost services to small business owners in Western Australia.

Find out more here.

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Access Asia Business Grant

The WA Government program helps local businesses advance their international business efforts in Asian markets. The program also supports the state's COVID-19 economic recovery by increasing trade and investment opportunities with Asia.

Who can apply: SMEs, Industry associations, Asian business councils and not-for-profit groups or entities registered in WA for at least 12 months.

Value: Grants up to \$25,000 (excluding GST) are being provided to businesses in a range of sectors.

Applications open: Applications are currently closed for this grant. Visit the grant page to stay updated.

Find out more here.

Arts 15K-plus

The Arts 15k-plus grant program offers funding for artists, creative industry professionals and organisations to deliver a one-off project or a program of activity.

Who can apply: Artists, creative industry professionals and organisations.

Value: Funding between \$15,000 and \$60,000

Applications open: Applications usually open around January, May and September each year.

Arts U-15K

The Arts U-15k grant program offers up to \$15,000 for artists and creative industry professionals to deliver a one-off project or a program of activity.

Who can apply: Artists and creative industry professionals

Value: offers up to \$15,000

Applications open: Applications are accepted year-round.

To find out more and apply, click here.

Connecting to Country

The Connecting to Country program supports projects that enable Western Australian First Nations people and organisations to undertake on Country activities that foster the intergenerational transfer of knowledge, preservation of culture and strengthening of communities.

Who can apply: Applications are open to First Nations individuals, groups or organisations in Western Australia; or those who work with First Nations people in community, and can demonstrate strong First Nations governance and leadership in their application.

Value: Funding information currently unavailable - for more information click here.

Applications open: Applications usually open around July each year. Find out more here.

TASMANIA (TAS)

GENERAL SUPPORT & ADVICE

Business Tasmania

Tasmanian government's online resource for Tasmanian micro, small and medium enterprises (SME).

Find out more here.

Enterprise Centres Tasmania

Enterprise Centres Tasmania is a statewide network of independent business advisors. This free service is designed to help Tasmanians to make key decisions that will help their business reach its potential.

Find out more here.

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Accelerating Trade Growth Program

The Accelerating Trade Grant Program helps Tasmanian businesses to collaborate, expand their presence and introduce Tasmanian products and services to the world.

Who can apply: Tasmanian businesses

Value: Two tiers of grant assistance are available, based on the applicant's annual sales turnover.

- Tier one businesses: annual sales turnover of between \$150 000 and \$20 million maximum grant of \$10 000
- Tier two businesses: annual sales turnover of between \$300 000 and \$20 million maximum grant of \$20 000

Applications open: Applications are open year-round.

To find out more and apply, click here.

Creative Support Small Grants Fund

This program supports Tasmanian artists and groups with grants to undertake activities which develop their artistic practice.

Who can apply: Tasmanian artists and groups.

Value: Grants of between \$500 and \$2000

Applications open: Applications usually open around August each year.

FIND Contemporary Jewellery Collective Bursary

The FIND Contemporary Jewellery Collective has partnered with Arts Tasmania to assist emerging and mid-career contemporary jewellers to undertake relevant professional development activities.

Who can apply: Individual artists who have lived in Tasmania for six of the last 12 months

Value: One bursary of \$1 000 will be offered each year.

Applications open: Applications usually open around August each year.

Find out more here.

Aboriginal Arts Program

Arts Tasmania's Aboriginal Arts Program supports arts activities by First Nations artists and organisations that stimulate contemporary, traditional and non-traditional First Nations art forms and practice. This program is focused on providing opportunities for professional development through mentorships, fellowships and activities that demonstrate strong developmental content.

Who can apply: First Nation artists, recognised First Nations organisations that are legally constituted and organisations applying for support towards an First Nations specific project.

Value: The March 2021 round included \$10 000 to support young artists or activities focused on working with young people (aged 0 to 25 years and under).

Applications open: Applications open 31st January 2022.

NORTHERN TERRITORY (NT)

GENERAL SUPPORT & ADVICE

NT Business

Provides information, support and tools for Northern Territory business owners and industry sectors.

Find out more here.

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Business Growth Program

If you run a business in the Northern Territory, you may be able to apply for funding to improve and support your business. The Business Growth Program helps businesses access professional services to improve their performance, sustainability and profitability. It also provides mentoring and coaching support.

Who can apply: Businesses in the Northern Territory

Value: You can apply for up to \$10,000 based on a 50-50 co-contribution.

Applications open: Applications are open year-round.

To find out more and apply, click here.

Business Pivot Grant

If you run a business in the Northern Territory you may be able to apply for funding to adapt to the changing economic environment. The funding may assist to grow profits and improve the visibility of your business.

Who can apply: Businesses in the Northern Territory

Value: You can apply for up to \$10,000 based on a 50/50 contribution.

Applications open: Applications are open year-round.

To find out more and apply, click here.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT)

GENERAL SUPPORT & ADVICE

ACT Business Hub

As a dedicated centralised resource for Canberra's business community, the Business Hub provides information on the range of support measures and services available to ACT businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Find out more here.

Arts ACT

As the ACT Government's arts agency, they provide policy and funding advice to government; manage the ACT Arts Fund and a range of other arts development and funding initiatives; manage the ACT Government public art collection of over 100 artworks; oversee the development and management of key ACT arts facilities; and maintain links with other arts and cultural organisations in Australia and internationally.

Find out more here.

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Innovation Connect

Innovation Connect is a matched funding program to support Canberra-based start-ups and entrepreneurs developing an innovative product or service.

Who can apply: Canberra-based startups and entrepreneurs.

Value: For every dollar you invest between \$10,000 and \$30,000, the ACT Government will match it.

Applications open: Applications are open year-round.

To find out more and apply, click here.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Grants

The Grants Program aligns with several Focus Areas under the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028. The Grants Program consists of three components: cultural grants, leadership grants and scholarship grants.

Who can apply: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities that have been impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Value: Total funding available for the 2021-22 ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Grants Program is \$220,000.00 (GST exclusive).

• Cultural grants: Individuals can apply for up to \$5,000.00 (GST exclusive)

- and organisations can apply for up to \$10,000.00 (GST exclusive).
- Leadership grants: Individuals can apply for up to \$5,000.00 (GST exclusive) and organisations can apply for up to \$10,000.00 (GST exclusive).
- Scholarship Grants: Individuals can apply for up to \$5,000.00 (GST exclusive).

Applications open: Applications are open around October each year Find out more here.