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Dear Sir,

re Jones & Ors v Fowler & Attorney General  
Ref. JF/MC

It is understood that the Attorney-General is desirous of ascertaining details of organizations who are in a position to substantially comply with the provisions of the Will of the late Amy M.J.M.Gwilym and I respectfully submit the following information in reference to the Bendigo and District Historical Society.

The Society has been in operation for many years and was reconstituted last year and the Society and its Committee now have the full support of the Bendigo City Council. The Writer, who is at present Mayor of the City, is the President of the Society.

The Society already holds hundreds of articles of historical interest and many more are to be handed to the Society as soon as the proposed buildings are available for exhibition purposes.

The buildings (the old Police Barracks) are at present occupied by the Education Department but are unsuitable for this purpose and prefabricated classrooms are already in course of erection and when completed the old buildings will be handed to the Society. The Society already has the necessary display cases for exhibiting the articles handed to it.

For your information I enclose copy of the constitution and rules of the Society setting out fully the objects and in this regard would point out that Bendigo is the centre of the Goldfields in which Maryborough is situated and the history of Bendigo is also to a large extent the history of Maryborough.

If funds could be made available from the above Trust my Committee would undertake in addition to the main collection to make a room available which would be called the "Gwilym Room" and to only exhibit therein articles which would be of particular interest to residents of the Maryborough District.

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appeal* Trusting that the above will receive favorable consideration.

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Yours faithfully,