

The City of Pauls Valley's Statement on the Toy and Action Figure Museum:

The City of Pauls Valley is saddened by the announcement that the Pauls Valley Toy & Action Figure Museum will be closing its doors. For many years, the museum has been an important attraction for our community, welcoming visitors from across the country and contributing to the unique identity of Pauls Valley as a tourism destination. We recognize and appreciate the dedication and passion that have gone into the museum over the years.

The Pauls Valley Tourism Board has proudly supported the museum for more than 20 years, providing funding in excess of \$270,000. Throughout that time, the museum has been a valued partner in promoting tourism and enhancing the visitor experience in our community.

Like all organizations requesting tourism funding, the museum was subject to the established Tourism Grant application process. These deadlines are communicated to all applicants and are necessary to allow the Tourism Board to responsibly plan and allocate its annual budget. With tourism funding continuing to decline, adherence to these deadlines has become increasingly important to ensure fair and transparent distribution of limited resources among all eligible applicants.

Unfortunately, the museum did not submit the application within the required timeframe, and the Tourism Board was therefore unable to consider the request during its regular funding process.

During the meeting in which the museum's funding request was discussed, a generous private donor publicly pledged to fund the museum's billboard expense. This commitment demonstrated the community's willingness to support the museum through private contributions.

The City of Pauls Valley remains grateful for the museum's contributions to our community over the past two decades. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has helped make the museum a destination for visitors and wish those involved the very best in their future endeavors.