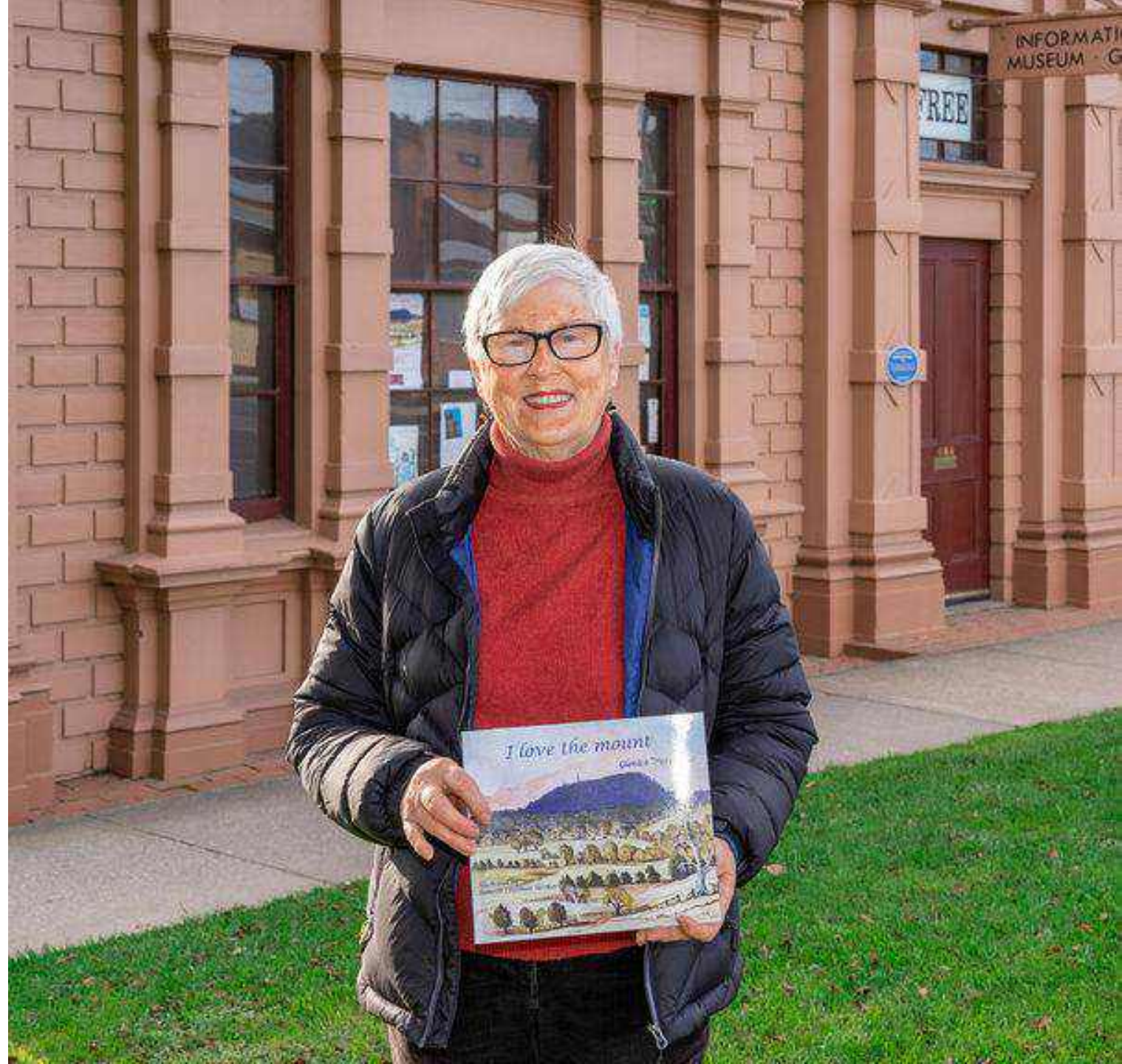# Evaluation and Story-telling

- Think about evaluation at the start of the project... **not at the end**
- How will you know if you have been successful?
- What sort of information will you need to gather to assess this?
  - Surveys
  - Attendance numbers
  - Interview
  - Case study
- How will you gather that information?
- Who will gather it and when?
- Who will take photos?

Project Acquittal

- At the end of your project, you need to submit an acquittal, you need to tell the story of:
  - what you did
  - how many people were involved (and perhaps their demographics)
  - what went well
  - what didn't go as expected
  - whether the benefit you expected was delivered
  - how you spent your funding (including receipts!)

Community Investment Application Example

Ross Creek Community Wetlands Bird Hide Project

How Can AI Help?

- Check Grammar and Spelling
- Simplify Language
- Brainstorm Ideas - Project titles, outlines, ways to describe your project and it's impact
- Rephrase Sentences - Find different ways to say the same thing to make your writing stronger.

Free Tools to Try

ChatGPT
The most famous one. Excellent for writing and rephrasing. A good 'first-time' AI.

Google Gemini
Included with your Google account. Great for brainstorming.

Grammarly
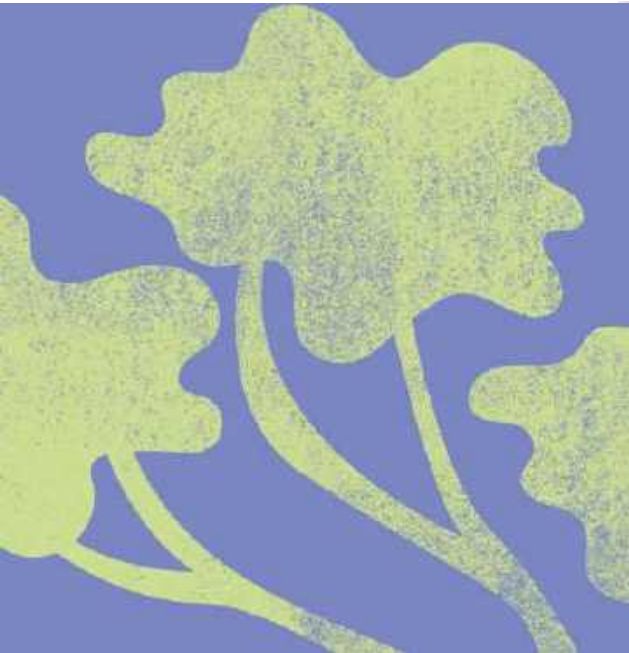A fantastic tool that checks your grammar and spelling as you type.

Success....

- Celebrate!
- Funding Agreement
- Tax Invoice
- Story & Acquittal
- Sharing Successes and Challenges

Or...not this time....

- Ask for feedback
- Keep applying

Five tips to leave you with...

Read the Guidelines thoroughly

Speak to the funding organisation

Make sure your budget adds up

Think big when it comes to impact

Show your passion!

Good luck with your application!

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