COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR WAR MEMORIAL GRANTS

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs Victor Dominello today encouraged local veterans’ groups, sports clubs, councils and schools to apply for funding to repair local war memorials.

Mr Dominello said that grants of up to $10,000 were available under the NSW Community War Memorial Grant Fund, with applications closing on Friday 3 October.

“These local projects will take on even greater importance now the Centenary of Anzac period, 4 August 2014 to 11 November 2018, is underway,” Mr Dominello said.

“Community war memorials are an enduring reminder of the service and sacrifice that NSW men and women have made in defence of our country over more than a century.

“The grants are open to local organisations to fund maintenance and improvement projects on local war memorial sites throughout towns and suburbs in NSW.

“The funding will support vital repairs to plaques, honour boards and facades which commemorate NSW veterans who have served across many theatres of conflict, from the Boer War onwards.”

Examples of the types of projects funded in the last round include:
- Recasting of a sandstone frame for the Holsworthy Army Barracks Memorial dedicated to 15 commandos killed in action in Afghanistan;
- Restabilising the Kiama Memorial Arch and installing brown marble name plates;
- New brick paving and seating for the Taree War Memorial Clock Tower; and
- Restoration of the first Aboriginal designed and built war memorial in NSW - Douglas Grant’s Sydney Harbour Bridge Memorial at Callan Park, Leichhardt

“The NSW Government is committed to supporting the ongoing maintenance of the thousands of local memorials across our state.

“These grants are about ensuring our memorials can stand proud so future generations can commemorate the sacrifices made by local diggers,” Mr Dominello said.

The State War Memorials Committee considers applications for the repair or conservation of memorials commemorating Australia’s military heritage. NSW RSL, the NSW Government Architect’s Office and the Office of Veterans’ Affairs are represented on the Committee.

To make an application please visit: http://veterans.nsw.gov.au/community-war-memorials-fund/ or contact the NSW Office of Veterans’ Affairs by phone on 9513 2028.

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