



Community War Memorials Fund

NSW ESO Forum 2022

War Memorials in NSW



Windsor Boer War Memorial



Naradhan RSL Second World War Honour Roll



Mallangane War Memorial Hall

About the CWMF

- Established in 2008
- Delivered by the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA), Department of Communities and Justice
- Competitive process – applications are reviewed by two expert panels
- \$250,000 available annually, over two rounds

Funding available

- Maximum available is **\$10,000** per grant
- Grants for accessibility works are capped at \$2,000



Paddington War Memorial. CWMF grant awarded to Paddington Woollahra RSL sub-Branch in 2020/21 for conservation work. Photo taken by International Conservation Services, 2021.

Purpose

The purpose of the CWMF is to conserve, repair and protect war memorials across NSW to support community commemoration.

Types of projects supported

Condition assessments

Painting works

Physical repairs

Security measures

Arborist advice

Engineering reports

Cleaning and surface treatments

Accessibility improvements

Eligibility

- Eligibility criteria listed in the **Program Guidelines**
- Community organisations such as ESO's are eligible to apply with permission of the owner/custodian of the memorial where relevant
- **New projects only** - applications for works that are underway or completed are not eligible
- **Conservation work to existing memorials only** - applications for building new memorials and new work (e.g. additions) are ineligible
- Ineligible project examples listed in the Program Guidelines
- Memorial must be listed on the **NSW War Memorials Register**



Specialist repairs to the lead lettering on the Woy Woy War Memorial
Photo supplied by the Merril Jackson

Application requirements

- Competitive process. Applications ranked on merit.
- Assessed by the State War Memorials Committee
- Assessment criteria listed in the Program Guidelines

Key assessment criteria to consider:

- Alignment with CWMF's purpose
- Clear and sound project rationale
- Supported by best-practice conservation advice and methods
- Project appears likely to succeed



St John's Cenotaph. CWMF grant awarded to Cumberland RSL sub-Branch in 2018/19 for conservation work. Photo supplied by the sub-Branch, 2020.

Important supporting documents

Photos

- Multiple photos of the memorial
- Clear and high-quality
- Capture areas of concern relevant to proposal
- Clearly named files to explain image
- Follow photography guidelines

Heritage Advice

- Clearly setting out the condition and recommended conservation response
- Obtained from a specialist
- Guides best-practice physical works
- Apply for a grant to obtain advice, or attach your existing advice
- Refer to Program Guidelines for more detail

Quotes

- Source appropriately skilled and experienced suppliers/contractors
- Detailed quotes that sets out methods and materials to be used
- Supporting evidence of contractor's relevant skills and past work

Letters of support

- Consultation with owner/custodian and local council
- Detailed and supported by strong evidence and examples to explain why the grant is needed and why they are supportive
- Consultation with other relevant local groups e.g. historical societies
- Clear date and author

Acquittal requirements

- Summary of work completed
- Evidence of the completed work:
 - Photographs of completed work
 - Conservation treatment report if possible
 - Copy of funded report (e.g. condition assessment)
- Invoices for funding expenditure
- Confirmation that work was completed as per the terms and conditions of the grant



Conservation work being undertaken to the Tenterfield Boer War Memorial.
Photo supplied by the Tenterfield RSL sub-Branch

Holbrook War Memorial, Holbrook RSL sub-Branch

Consulted with Greater Hume Shire Council and approached heritage stone mason for a quote for a condition assessment



Successfully applied for a \$3,200 grant to have a condition assessment prepared for the memorial



Condition assessment undertaken and grant acquitted



Successfully applied for a \$7,480 grant to have conservation work undertaken



Conservation work undertaken and documented by stone mason



Grant acquitted and conservation treatment report provided to Council



Holbrook War Memorial
Photo supplied by Brad Rimmer.

Further information and useful links

NSW Office for Veterans Affairs

- [CWMF website](#)
- [Caring for our War Memorials guide](#)
- [Photography guidelines](#)
- [NSW War Memorials Register](#)

Heritage resources

- [Heritage NSW website](#)
- [Heritage consultants directory](#)
- [State Heritage Inventory](#)
- [Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material – Find a Conservator](#)
- [Burra Charter](#)



Gosford Cenotaph. CWMF grants awarded to Gosford RSL sub-Branch in 2021/22 and 2022/23 for a condition assessment and conservation work. Photo supplied by Merrill Jackson, 2022.

Key dates and Contact details

Current round

- Round 2 2022/23, closes 13 February 2023

Future rounds

- Round 1 2023/24, opens Anzac Day, 25 April 2023
- Round 2 2023/24, opens Remembrance Day, 11 November 2023

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The Gulgong District Soldiers Memorial. CWMF grant awarded to Gulgong RSL sub-Branch in 2021/22 for a condition assessment. Photo taken by Barbara Hickson, 2022.

Questions