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## Media Release

### War memorials around NSW to receive funding

**Tuesday, 4 June 2024**

The NSW Government has announced that 19 war memorials across the state are to receive NSW Government funding from Round 2 of the 2023/24 Community War Memorials Fund.

Funding of \$150,000 has been made available through the program for this round, with grants being awarded to the successful applicants for projects that will support war memorials in NSW communities.

The successful recipients came from 16 Local Government Areas with 13 electorates represented. The war memorials are located across the state, from Bombala in the far south, to Lake Cargelligo in the state's west and McKees Hill in the far north.

Bombala RSL sub-Branch was awarded \$10,000 for a condition assessment for the Bombala War Memorial to identify conservation works, and the Blackheath War Memorial Arch will also benefit from conservation work.

Twenty-eight applications from 23 Local Government Areas were received for assessment during this round, which closed on 11 February.

Round 1 of the 2024/25 grant program is currently open and closes on 24 July 2024.

For more information visit <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/heritage/community-war-memorials-fund/>

#### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans, David Harris:**

"It is wonderful to announce this funding, which will be used for important projects around the state. Our communities are proud of their military history, and local war memorials are a vital part of our culture enabling us to reflect on over 100 years of our veterans' service and sacrifice.

"A total of \$150,496.65 was awarded to councils, RSL sub-Branches and community groups, with grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$15,000 to fund conservation projects in 13 state electorates in both metropolitan and regional areas."

"I encourage all communities to review the status of their local war memorials and to apply for funding for any restoration work that is needed."

#### **Quotes attributable to Mr Vern Carmody, Honorary Secretary Bombala RSL sub-Branch:**

"Thank you to the NSW Government for this grant for the heritage assessment of our wonderful war memorial at Bombala. This will assist us to attain an assessment of the repairs and conservation required for this historical cenotaph that was erected for the citizens of Bombala in 1922.

"The memorial is a centrepiece of the Dawn Service and Veterans' March every Anzac Day, and also used for Remembrance Day activities. Bombala RSL sub-Branch would also like to thank the staff of the Snowy-Monaro Regional Council who assisted us in the preparation of the grant application."

**Quotes attributable to Dr Rosemary Dillon, CEO Blue Mountains City Council:**

“Local war memorials are central features of our towns and villages, and they are precious to us all. They pay respect to those who put their country and their fellow service men and women before them. They are an ode to those who fought so we can have the freedoms we take for granted today.

“Erected around 1929, the Blackheath War Memorial contains 76 names of local men who served overseas in the First World War, including six who died on active service. This funding will go towards restoration works at Blackheath War Memorial, which will help with the protection and conservation of the memorial for years to come.”

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## Round 2 of the Community War Memorials Fund 2023/24 – Successful recipients

Organisation name	Project description	Amount funded	Electorate
Lake Cargelligo RSL sub-Branch	Lake Cargelligo War Memorial	\$15,000	Barwon
Anglican Property Trust, Diocese of Bathurst	Harold Thompson Memorial Window	\$15,000	Bathurst
Blue Mountains City Council	Blackheath War Memorial Arch	\$7,623	Blue Mountains
Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust	Callan Park War Memorial	\$10,000	Balmain
Rockley and District Community Association Inc.	Rockley War Memorial Clock and Gates	\$4,990.70	Bathurst
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council	Muttama Memorial Hall	\$10,000	Cootamundra
Liverpool City Council	City of Liverpool Regional War Memorial	\$9,088.86	Liverpool
Narooma School of Arts and Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc.	Narooma Soldiers' Memorial School of Arts	\$7,245	Bega
North Sydney Council	HMAS Sydney 1 Memorial	\$10,000	North Shore
Bombala RSL sub-Branch	Bombala War Memorial	\$10,000	Monaro
St. John's Anglican Church Parramatta	St. John's Anglican Cathedral Memorial Arch	\$4,800	Parramatta
Central Coast Council	Gosford Memorial Park	\$10,000	Gosford
Bellata War Memorial Hall Committee Inc.	Bellata War Memorial Hall	\$7,204.09	Barwon
Galong Progress Association	Galong Memorial Hall	\$5,000	Cootamundra
MidCoast Council	Killabakh First and Second World Wars Memorial	\$3,685	Myall Lakes
Gundagai RSL sub-Branch	Anzac Grove, Gundagai	\$9,900	Cootamundra
Bathurst Regional Council	Bathurst War Memorial Carillon	\$2,000	Bathurst
Clovass McKees Hill Soldiers Memorial and Community Hall Inc.	Clovass McKees Hill Soldiers Memorial and Community Hall	\$5,000	Clarence
MidCoast Council	Bulahdelah War Memorial	\$3,960	Myall Lakes