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Media Release

Funding boost for veterans projects around NSW

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More than \$124,000 in funding has been provided to 99 community groups, schools and ex-service organisations from Wyong to Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra to Coogee, Winston Hills to Wollondilly as part of the Anzac Community Grants Program (ACGP) to commemorate veterans across the state.

Minister for Veterans David Harris announced today that \$124,629 will be provided to a wide variety of projects that commemorate and educate NSW communities about the service and sacrifices of current and former servicemen and servicewomen.

The 2024 round of the ACGP received 116 applications, surpassing the number received last year with a record amount of funding requested. Up to \$3,000 was provided to help fund each of the 99 projects around the state, with veterans as well as the wider community benefitting from the projects delivered from this round, including 34 schools, 20 RSL sub-Branches and 15 Councils.

Grant recipients include Wyalong Public School in the state's west with funding to enhance their commemorative garden and Goulburn Mulwaree Council to support the display of the significant CEW Bean Military Collection.

For the full list of 2024 ACGP recipients and more information about the program visit <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/acgp2024>

Minister for Veterans David Harris said:

"The NSW Government is dedicated to honouring the service and sacrifice of our veterans and their families.

"The Anzac Community Grants Program allocates funding for outstanding projects and initiatives that not only acknowledge Australia's military service history but also play a crucial role in educating future generations and enhancing the wellbeing of the veteran community in NSW.

"This round saw applications from 99 suburbs, across 59 Local Government Areas and 57 State electorates. It's wonderful to see that so many communities throughout NSW are applying for this funding, and many projects will gain from this program."

Kylie Taylor, Principal, Wyalong Public School said:

"Thank you to the NSW Government for helping us to continue to honour the contributions of our former students who served in World War One. Our commemorative garden honours each serviceman with a plaque displaying their name, rank, and location of death, alongside a pathway marking the timeline of their wartime service with plants that represent the regions where these men fought.

"This funding will contribute to an accessible commemorative booklet and signage to serve as a valued educational space for our current and future students."

Justin Croft, Museums Coordinator, Goulburn Mulwaree Council said:

“Thank you to the NSW Government for this funding which will contribute to upgrading and enhancing the display of the highly significant CEW Bean Military Collection.

“This Collection is available in our museum and provides a rich history of the contributions made by our servicemen and servicewomen during the First World War.”

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