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Media Release

Funding announced to conserve war memorials to ensure service and sacrifice is honoured across NSW

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Minister for Veterans David Harris is in Orange today to announce that 27 war memorials across 25 local government areas are receiving nearly \$250,000 in NSW Government funding for essential care to ensure the service and sacrifice of veterans are honoured across the state.

The grants are awarded to councils, RSL sub-Branches and community groups in cities, regional towns and rural centres from Monaro to Lismore.

Among the grant recipients, Orange City Council was awarded \$12,265 to assist with conservation of the Newman Park Great War Memorial Avenue. The funding will help with paving replacement and minor landscape enhancements to improve accessibility and preserve the reflective commemorative aspects of the memorial.

In the state's south, the Woodstock War Memorial Hall near Cowra received \$11,590 to assist with conservation work to the First World War Honour Roll. The hall was built in 1924 to honour the service and sacrifice of those from the Woodstock community who served in the Army, Navy and Air force.

In the state's north, the Anglican Parish of Lismore received \$1,980 to assist with repairs to the stained-glass memorial windows in the Warrior Chapel of the Garrison Church of St Andrew. The windows completed in 2015 will receive upgrades to ensure the memorial can remain protected from the wet weather in northern NSW.

Applications for the 2026/27 Community War Memorials Fund will open from April to June 2026.

More information on the program and details on how to apply are available here:
<https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/heritage/community-war-memorials-fund>.

Minister for Veterans David Harris said:

"I am proud that the Minns Labor Government is providing nearly \$250,000 to assist with the conservation of 27 war memorials across NSW.

"This crucial funding will be used to undertake important conservation work to strengthen our war memorials ensuring they can continue to honour the service and sacrifice of all veterans who have served our communities.

"Local communities across the state are rightly proud of their military history and the vital threads their war memorials weave into our cultural fabric, enabling us to reflect on over 100 years of our veterans' service and sacrifice.

"I want to encourage local communities to consider applying for the 2026 round of the community war memorial fund for any restoration work their memorials may need."

Orange City Council Mayor Tony Mileto said:

“This funding will help preserve an important part of Orange’s history.

“Newman Park’s Memorial Avenue honours the sacrifice of 17 young men from East Orange Public School who served in the Great War. We’re proud to support improvements that will make this site safer, more accessible, and continue to serve our community for generations to come.”

Woodstock War Memorial Hall Incorporated Vice President Alison Rutledge said:

“The Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall committee extend thanks to the NSW Government for the \$11,590 grant which will contribute to much needed conservation works to the First World War Honour Roll at the Woodstock War Memorial Hall.

“The Honour Roll was made to commemorate the men from the area that served during the First World War and consists of a metal board with a decorative border and 66 names listed in six columns in the centre printed onto an individual brass plate.

“The conservation works will facilitate treatment of the World War One copper alloy honour roll and the individual brass plates in the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall. The preservation means the small village can honour its ancestors, remember shared sacrifices and keep its local history alive for generations to come.”

Anglican Parish of Lismore coordinator Dr Ross Lehman said:

“The Anglican Parish of Lismore greatly appreciates the \$1,980 grant, which will be used to help repair the stained-glass memorial windows in the Warrior Chapel of the Garrison Church of St Andrew.

“The top section of the central memorial window depicts a soldier overlooking Anzac Cove, and the bottom section displays two Australian flags, positioned over the Seven Point Star and framed by stylised images of wattle and the repairs will ensure that the surroundings of all of the memorial windows in the Warrior Chapel remain leak-proof from the many storms that occur in the Northern Rivers.”

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Successful recipients - 2025 Community War Memorials Fund

Organisation name	Memorial	Amount funded	Electorate
Dubbo Regional Council	Dubbo War Memorial	\$12,980.00	Dubbo
Blue Mountains City Council	Lone Pine Memorial Gates	\$11,000.00	Blue Mountains
East Maitland War Memorial & Rest Park Land Manager	East Maitland War Memorial Centre	\$15,000.00	Maitland
Dungog RSL sub-Branch	Christ Church Second World War Memorial Gates	\$3,872.00	Upper Hunter
Dungog RSL sub-Branch	The Dungog Memorial Bowling Club Gates	\$3,872.00	Upper Hunter
Dungog RSL sub-Branch	Dungog Memorial Arches	\$3,872.00	Upper Hunter
Woollahra Municipal Council	Lieutenant G J Grieve Memorial, Vaucluse First World War Honour Rolls, Double Bay First World War Memorial, Vaucluse War Memorial, Rose Bay War Memorial, Tingira Memorial Park, Royal Australian Corps of Signals Memorial Plaque, Rushcutter Naval Memorial	\$15,000.00	Vaucluse
Abermain RSL sub-Branch	Abermain War Memorial	\$3,894.00	Cessnock
Anglican Parish of Lismore	Memorial windows in the Warrior Chapel of the Garrison Church of St Andrew, Lismore	\$1,980.00	Lismore
Gundaroo Community Association Incorporated	Gundaroo War Memorial	\$10,000.00	Goulburn
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) on behalf of Uniting Church in Australia Lithgow Parish	Roll of Duty, St Mary's Presbyterian Church 1914	\$4,100.00	Bathurst
Woodstock War Memorial Hall Inc	Woodstock First World War Honour Roll	\$11,590.00	Cootamundra

Fairfield City Council	Cabravale Memorial Park Bandstand	\$15,000.00	Cabramatta
Clarence Valley Council	South Grafton War Memorial Baths Gates	\$14,210.75	Clarence
Greenethorpe Soldiers' Memorial Hall Inc	Greenethorpe Soldiers' Memorial Hall	\$7,150.00	Cootamundra
Bomaderry RSL sub-Branch	Bomaderry War Memorial	\$7,150.00	Kiama
Hornsby RSL sub-Branch	Hornsby War Memorial Hall	\$4,727.80	Hornsby
Strathfield Municipal Council	Enfield War Memorial; Flemington War Memorial (Melville Reserve Great War Memorial Gate and Bridge); Homebush War Memorial; Homebush-Strathfield RSL War Memorial; Strathfield War Memorial	\$14,850.00	Strathfield
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Goulburn Boer War Memorial	\$8,237.00	Goulburn
Corrimal RSL sub-Branch	Balgownie War Memorial	\$5,963.00	Keira
Windsor and Districts RSL sub-Branch	Freemans Reach First and Second World Wars Memorial	\$4,100.00	Hawkesbury
Queanbeyan RSL sub-Branch	Queanbeyan Boer War Memorial	\$6,907.00	Monaro
Forbes Shire Council	Forbes Cenotaph	\$10,883.90	Orange
Hillgrove Progress Association Inc	Hillgrove War Memorial	\$7,218.50	Northern Tablelands
Mosman Municipal Council	Mosman War Memorial	\$14,487.00	North Shore
North Sydney Council	North Sydney War Memorial	\$15,000.00	North Shore
Orange City Council	Newman Park Great War Memorial Avenue	\$12,265.00	Orange