

**David Elliott** Minister for Transport Minister for Veterans <u>Ministe</u>r for Western Sydney

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR 20 NSW WAR MEMORIALS**

Work to conserve 20 war memorials across the state will soon be undertaken following grants provided from the NSW Government's \$125,000 Community War Memorials Fund.

Minister for Transport, Veterans and Western Sydney David Elliott said the money, made available under Round 1 of the Community War Memorials Fund 2022/23, would be invested in the protection and repair of local war memorials.

"Thirty-nine applications were received from a range of organisations including RSL sub-Branches, local councils, and community committees to help support war memorials in communities across NSW," Mr Elliott said.

"War memorials help local communities commemorate the sacrifice of service men and women and reflect more than 100 years of service and sacrifices made by our veterans.

"Grants up to \$10,000 will provide a significant boost to community organisations to help ensure the presence of local war memorials in the community is secured for future generations.

"On Anzac Day communities gather at their local war memorials to pay respect and honour our diggers - it is vitally important these memorials are protected to ensure all generations understand and remember the sacrifices made during the war," Mr Elliott said.

"Funding is being provided to assist with a range of conservation projects including condition assessments, specialist cleaning and repairs, which are all important aspects of how we manage the places of commemoration that help us acknowledge our military history."

City of Wollongong RSL sub-Branch President, John Sperring, said the \$10,000 received would be a significant help in the restoration work of the Wollongong Cenotaph including cleaning, repairs to sandstone and marble features, and repainting of lettering.

"I would like to thank the NSW Government for this funding, which will now enable the restoration to be completed ahead of the 100th anniversary of the memorial in June 2023," Mr Sperring said.

Round 2 of the Community War Memorials Fund will open on Remembrance Day, 11 November, 2022 and close on 13 February 2023. Further information available <u>here</u>.

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## **GRANT RECIPIENTS**

Applicant	War Memorial
Ku-ring-gai Council	Lindfield Soldiers War Memorial Park and Gates
Hornsby RSL sub-Branch	Hornsby War Memorial
Narromine Shire Council	Trangie Memorial Hall
Bogan Shire Council	Nyngan and District First and Second World Wars Memorial
Mallanganee Hall Public Land	Mallanganee Memorial Hall
Managers	
Singleton RSL sub-Branch	Singleton Town Cenotaph
Dubbo Public School	Dubbo District School Great War Honour Roll
Inner West Council	Leichhardt War Memorial
Gosford RSL sub-Branch	Gosford Cenotaph
Mosman Preparatory School	Mosman Church of England Preparatory School WWI Roll of
	Honour
Deniliquin RSL sub-Branch	Deniliquin Uniting Church First World War Roll of Honour
Maitland City Council	East Maitland War Memorial
Snowy River RSL sub-Branch	Berridale War Memorial Precinct
City of Wollongong RSL sub-	Wollongong Cenotaph
Branch	
NSW National Parks and Wildlife	Sphinx Memorial North Turramurra
Service	
Glen Innes Uniting Church	Glen Innes Cameron Memorial Uniting Church Great War
	Memorial Transept
Glen Innes RSL sub-Branch	Emmaville War Memorial Restoration
MidCoast Council	Stroud War Memorials
Austinmer Thirroul RSL sub-	Thirroul First World War Memorial
Branch	
Richmond Valley Council	Volunteers from Woodburn District Who Served Their
	Country During the Great War