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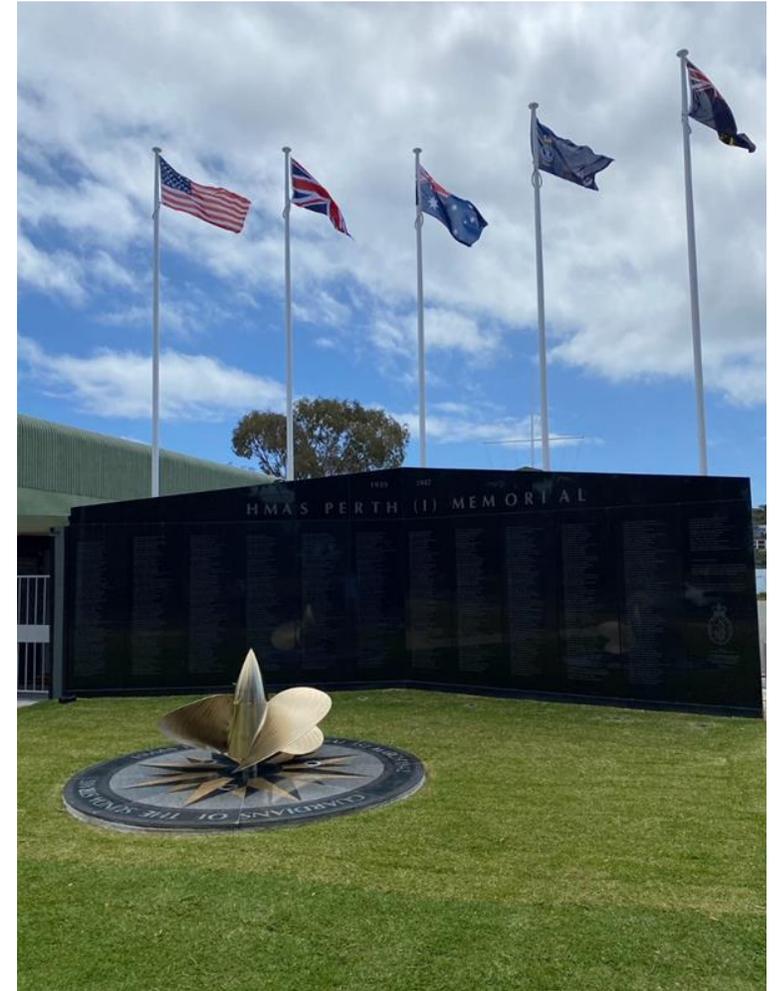
# Saluting Their Service (STS) Commemorative Grants Program

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# About STS

- Established in 1996
- Provides funding for commemorative projects
- \$3.5 million each financial year
- Two categories:
  - Community Grants: up to \$10,000
  - Major Grants: up to \$150,000
- Assessment in 3 batches
- Competitive process



HMAS *Perth* (I) Memorial, Fremantle, Western Australia.  
Photo supplied by the Memorial Foundation.

# Who can apply?

- Company
- Cooperative
- Corporate State or Territory Entity
- Incorporated Association
- Indigenous Corporation
- Local Government
- Non-corporate State or Territory Entity
- Non-corporate State or Territory Statutory Authority
- Statutory Entity
- Unincorporated Association – grant activities up to \$10,000 only.



Afghanistan War Memorial, Atherton, Queensland.  
Photo supplied by the Atherton RSL Sub-Branch.

# Eligible Projects

- Building a new memorial or restoring an existing memorial
- Displaying military artefacts and memorabilia
- Flagpoles
- Producing a documentary, podcast or publication
- Conducting an exhibition or educational activity
- Commemorative events to mark significant military anniversaries



Goomeri War Memorial Clock, Goomeri, Queensland.  
Photo supplied by the Murgon RSL Sub-Branch

# Ineligible things

- Individuals or animals
- Formation or membership of an organisation
- Post-war experiences of service personnel
- Purchase of assets
- Catering
- Travel and accommodation costs
- Contingencies
- Reimbursement



STS grant awarded to the City of Greater Geraldton for a commemorative event on 19 November 2021 at HMAS *Sydney* Memorial, Geraldton, Western Australia.  
Photo supplied by the City and Geraldton Guardian.

# Assessment Process

- Application assessed by DVA:
  - Responses to the selection criteria
  - Whether funding is for eligible items
  - How it compares to other applications in the batch
- Applications reviewed by the Commemorative Grants Advisory Committee (CGAC)
- Minister makes final funding decision



Goulburn Mulwaree Honour Roll, Goulburn, New South Wales.  
Photo supplied by the Council.

# Selection criteria

1. Explain the importance of your project and how it commemorates the service and sacrifice of Australian service personnel
2. Demonstrate how your project is ready to proceed, and how you will deliver it
3. Demonstrate community/stakeholder support for your project

# Supporting documentation

- Letters of support
- Quotes to support the funding sought
- Evidence of financial contributions from other parties

## For publications and digital projects only

- A sample of previous works
- A content outline and/or sample chapter



Largs Bay Memorial Walkway and Mural, Largs Bay, South Australia. Photo supplied by the Largs Bay RSL Sub-Branch.

# Tips for applying

- Ensure your project is commemorative
- Address all sub-points of the selection criteria
- Get stakeholders in your community on board
- Only apply for things which are eligible
- Tick 'YES' to partial funding if appropriate for you



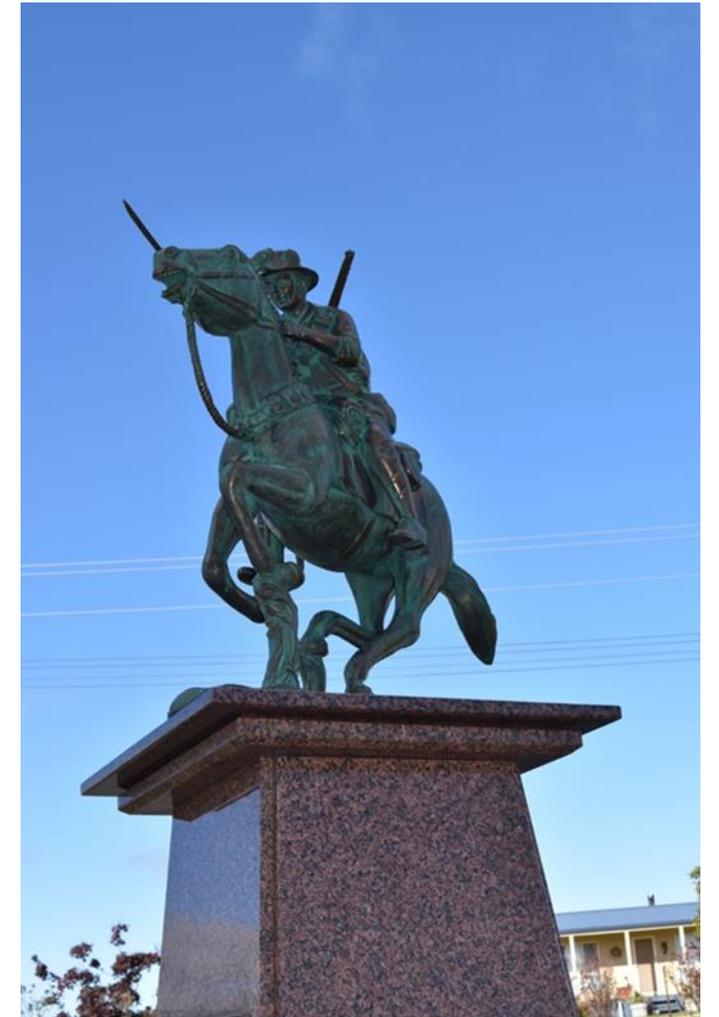
Defending With Pride Exhibition, Shrine of Remembrance, Victoria.

Photo supplied by the Shrine.

# Further information

- Grant Opportunity Guidelines and application form are on [GrantConnect](#).
- For support, contact the Community Grants Hub on 1800 020 283 (option 1) or [support@communitygrants.gov.au](mailto:support@communitygrants.gov.au).
- Batch 3 of 2022-23 closes on **7 February 2023**.

## QUESTIONS?



Delegate War Memorial, Delegate, New South Wales.  
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