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GRANTS BOOST FOR PROJECTS HONOURING VETERANS

Projects which shine a light on the important service of our veterans will be boosted by the Anzac Community Grants Program, which is now open for applications.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Ward said the program's opening coincides with History Week, and would promote awareness of our veterans' vital contribution.

"We're looking to support projects which enrich communities and heighten understanding of our veterans' efforts both past and present," Mrs Ward said.

"Around 1,200 veterans transition into NSW communities from the Defence Force every year and we remain committed to supporting them after service.

"This is an opportunity to get projects off the ground, at a grassroots level across many communities."

Applications are open to individuals and not-for-profit organisations, including local government authorities, ex-service organisations, non-Government organisations and educational institutions.

Grants cover four categories: local community historical research and education; preservation or display of war memorabilia; public commemorative events, arts and culture; and support to members of the NSW veteran community.

Last year more than 40 projects were selected, including a replica battlefield trench, a digital image gallery of 600 photos, and woodwork to preserve a living memorial.

The North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club received a grant to assist veterans in becoming qualified lifesavers through the Bronze Medallion course.

"This encourages veterans to socialise and engage with their local communities, while recognising their defence force skills," Club Life Member and Trustee Mark Cotter said.

Grants of up to $2,000 per organisation are available and applications close on Remembrance Day, 11 November 2021. For more information: veterans.nsw.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-community-grants-program.

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