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The Hon. Graham West MP
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Funding to protect and restore local War Memorials

Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Graham West, and the State War Memorials Committee, announced \$20,000 in funding for the restoration of Turramurra War Memorial Gates and for the repair of the Avenue to the Fallen Gates in Lindfield.

Mr West said the funding was made possible through the Community War Memorials Fund, which was announced in April 2008 to help local communities protect and restore war memorials.

"The funding will be allocated to Ku-ring-gai Council to conduct repairs and improvements to the Memorials," Mr West said.

"Turramurra Memorial Gates commemorates 135 veterans from World War 1, while the Avenue to the Fallen Memorial Gates in Lindfield was dedicated in 1956 to honour World War 2 veterans.

"\$10,000 for the Turramurra Memorial Gates will allow local tradespeople and artisans restore the stonework, install an additional plaque to identify those who served, and upgrade the memorial setting.

"The remaining \$10,000 will be used to restore the Avenue to the Fallen Memorial Gates in Lindfield. The works include the restoration of the memorial gate, cleaning of the bronze plaques, and stone realignment on the wall.

"The footpath and fence will also be upgraded, along with tree pruning and the planting of trees and shrubs.

"These memorials honour the memory of those who served for our freedom," Mr West said.

The Government offers its Community War Memorials Grants twice each year.

The applications are considered by State War Memorials Committee members, who include Mr Don Rowe, President of the NSW RSL and representatives of heritage and community groups.

Mr West is encouraging communities, councils and ex-service organisations interested in applying for funding to visit www.veterans.nsw.gov.au or phone 9228 5370.

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