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The Hon. Graham West MP
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Funding to protect and restore Coledale War Memorial

Member for Heathcote, Paul McLeay, Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Graham West, and the State War Memorials Committee, have announced \$7,800 in funding for the conservation of Coledale War Memorial.

Mr McLeay 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 the Coledale RSL Sub Branch to conduct repairs and improvements to the memorial," Mr McLeay said.

"The Coledale War Memorial, an important local monument, commemorates the veterans of World War 1 and World War 2.

"\$7,800 will allow local tradespeople and artisans to refresh the engraved lettering on the memorial and undertake conservation work on the Column and Base.

"The memorial honours the memory of those who served for our freedom - and is a legacy for future generations," Mr McLeay added.

The Cenotaph was erected after World War 2, in the grounds of St Oswald's, the local Church of England. In 1990, following the closure of the church, the Cenotaph was moved to its present location in front of the RSL Memorial Hall.

Mr West said the State 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 said.

"The next round of applications for grants will close on April 17 in advance of Anzac Day.

Mr West and Mr McLeay are encouraging communities, councils and ex-service organisations interested in applying for funding to visit: <http://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/>

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