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**Minister for Juvenile Justice
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The Hon. Graham West MP**



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FUNDING FOR MEMORIAL RELOCATION PLAN

Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Graham West, and the State War Memorials Committee, have announced \$5,000 in funding for the Anzac Parade Obelisk.

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 the Government Architect's Office Department of Commerce to provide a proposal for the relocation of the Anzac Parade Obelisk," Mr West said.

"The sandstone Obelisk was first placed at the northern end of ANZAC Parade, near the junction of Moore Park Road but has since been relocated to the median strip of ANZAC Parade."

The Anzac Parade Obelisk was dedicated in 1917 as part of a ceremony to mark the occasion when the first Australian Imperial Force paraded from the Kensington Racecourse to the Sydney Harbour where they embarked transport ships for overseas service.

"The \$5,000 grant will go towards a proposal for the investigation of the options for relocating ANZAC Parade Obelisk to where it will be publicly accessible," Mr West said.

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 Remembrance Day round of applications for grants is now open."

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

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