



The Hon Victor Dominello MP

Minister for Citizenship and Communities
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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REMEMBERING OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN THROUGH EVOKING THE ANZAC SPIRIT

The *Anzac Community Grants Program* was launched today by the Minister responsible for Veterans' Affairs Victor Dominello MP as part of a Remembrance Day visit to the Granville Soldiers Memorial Park.

The *Anzac Community Grants Program* has been established by NSW Premier, Barry O'Farrell to assist young people and migrant communities develop a greater understanding of the Anzac story and the sacrifices made by Australians in war, conflict and peacekeeping.

"As we commemorate Remembrance Day today, I am pleased to announce that applications for the *Anzac Community Grants Program* are now open," Minister Dominello said.

"Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18) and provides us with the opportunity to honour Australians who died or suffered in conflicts, and to reflect upon the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women and their families.

"As we approach the centenary of the First World War and in 2015, the centenary of Australian and New Zealand diggers landing on Gallipoli, we must meet our responsibilities to continue to build links between our heroic past and our new generations.

"The *Anzac Community Grants Program* will ensure that young people and new members of our community can share in the honour of our Anzac diggers through commemorative and educational initiatives," Minister Dominello said.

Minister Dominello made the announcement today at the Granville War Memorial which features a monument with the inscription, "*Their Memory Liveth for Evermore*".

"Granville is also the birthplace of Victoria Cross recipient, Corporal Arthur Charles Hall who rescued a wounded comrade and captured enemy soldiers during a battle at Peronne on 1-2 September 1918," Minister Dominello said.

"Developing a project for students or multicultural communities in Granville to research the heroic story of Corporal Arthur Hall is a typical example of the sort of project that would be supported by the *Anzac Community Grants Program*.



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The *Anzac Community Grants Program* comprises a youth component and a multicultural component of \$50,000 each. Applications are invited for grants of up to \$5,000 from ex-service organisations, community groups, schools and other educational institutions, local government, museums or historical societies.

Applications must be able to demonstrate how they promote understanding and recognition of the Anzac legacy and must provide benefits to young people under the age of 25 or a particular multicultural group.

Further examples of activities that may meet the grant criteria are:

- Local schools researching former students who were Anzac diggers and sharing their knowledge with the community;
- Aboriginal organisations working with Aboriginal youth to research Aboriginal involvement in Australia's wartime history and promoting greater recognition of Aboriginal service;
- Local RSLs training veterans to visit primary schools and high schools to present age and curriculum appropriate presentations;
- Ethnic community organisations seeking to partner with host ex-service organisations laying wreaths on Anzac Day.

For more information about the *Anzac Community Grants Program*, including criteria and how to apply, please visit <http://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/> or contact Ms Maret Hegh on (02) 9266 8913.

"The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is committed to working with our local communities to ensure the Anzac spirit endures," Minister Dominello said.

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