



The Hon Victor Dominello MP

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MULTICULTURAL AUSTRALIANS SHARING ANZAC STORY

Grants to help the State's multicultural communities celebrate the Anzac legacy are one of the first NSW Government initiatives to be revealed in the lead up to the Centenary of Anzac (2014 – 2018).

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello and members of the NSW Centenary of Anzac Advisory Council, chaired by General Peter Cosgrove, held their inaugural meeting at Parliament today, followed by a visit to the ANZAC Memorial at Hyde Park.

“Our State's new Centenary Ambassadors are excited about planning a state-wide program of events and activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War,” Mr Dominello said.

“They will play a lead role in marking this historic milestone and ensuring the community has every opportunity to fully participate and share in the Anzac legacy.

“The Centenary of Anzac is focussed not only on the First World War, but also on the century of service that followed – including the Second World War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and our peacekeeping and current engagements,” Mr Dominello said.

Mr Dominello announced the recipients of one of the NSW Government's first initiatives to build awareness and engagement in the lead up to the Centenary – the multicultural category of the Anzac Community Grants program.

He said the NSW Government is committed to making Anzac commemorations open and welcoming to all NSW residents, regardless of their age or cultural background.

“In order to keep the Anzac spirit alive, it is vital that we make Anzac commemorations inclusive of all members of our community, including those from culturally diverse backgrounds,” Mr Dominello said.

“A quarter of NSW residents were born overseas and about one in five speak a language other than English at home.

“These Anzac Community Grants will help local multicultural communities to raise public awareness of the Anzac legacy and the sacrifices made by Australians in war.

“For example, the Hills Holroyd Parramatta Migrant Resource Centre has been awarded \$5,000 for activities such as conducting Anzac tours of the Parramatta RSL for multicultural communities, as well as organising Anzac presentations at local schools,” he said.

A list of grant recipients follows on the next page.

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Recipient	Project	Grant
Hills Holroyd Parramatta Migrant Resource Centre (MRC), Parramatta	Working with five local schools on Anzac Day formal presentations by former ex servicemen; working with seven culturally and linguistically diverse communities in partnership with Parramatta RSL to conduct Anzac tours of the Club and information sessions about the Anzacs.	\$5,000
Affinity Intercultural Foundation, Auburn	Anzac Photo Exhibition. One month exhibition to emphasise complex emotions of Turkish and Anzac soldiers to instil understanding of both sides.	\$5,000
Griffith Public School	Anzac Memorial Service followed by Anzac Day Luncheon with ex servicemen (WW2, Korea and Vietnam) medical staff and Land Army; sharing of oral histories with multicultural Primary and High school students.	\$3,260
Vietnamese Parents & Citizens Association inc Vietnamese Language Schools NSW	Anzac History Writing and Speaking Competition (English and Vietnamese); Public Speaking Day at Liverpool Remembrance Club.	\$2,000
Italian Bilingual School, Leichhardt	Selected students from K-6 will interview, photograph and film interviews with ex servicemen and women and war widows from local RSLs in Petersham/Five Dock for their experiences of war.	\$4,955
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Australia, Sydney	Workshops, information sessions and tour of the Anzac Memorial targeting ethnic communities from India and other regions.	\$5,000
Eastwood Chinese Senior Citizens Club	Function at Ryde Ex Services Memorial and Community Club to enable local Chinese seniors to understand the legacy of Anzac.	\$2,000
NSW Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen & Women (NAJAX), Neutral Bay	Instil Anzac traditions and Jewish devotion to national duty in young people by enhancing NAJAX membership, promotion through website, engaging teachers in promotion of ideals to youth, utilising expertise of Sydney Jewish Museum.	\$5,000
Narwee Public School	Production of a storybook and vodcast by students aged five to 13, from culturally diverse backgrounds. Students will utilise "Investigating Gallipoli" DVA Primary School resource.	\$2,410
Ingleburn High School	Multimedia production on commemoration of people who have served and represented their countries in war. Students participating from Years 9,10,11 representing 16 cultural backgrounds.	\$5,000