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CHILDREN TAUGHT TO KEEP ANZAC SPIRIT ALIVE

Special projects funded by the NSW Government to help school children and young people learn about the Anzac legacy, were today announced by Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello.

Mr Dominello said 16 schools and not-for-profit organisations will share in more than \$60,000 in the first round of youth grants as part of the Anzac Community Grants program.

“It is vital that our younger generations understand and honour the enormous sacrifices that Australian soldiers have made throughout our nation’s history,” he said.

“This funding enables schools and other organisations to engage children in the Anzac legacy, with a particular focus on using web and multimedia technologies to share old stories with a modern audience.

“It will help young people develop a greater understanding of the first Anzacs and other servicemen and women who followed in their footsteps as well as help ensure that the Anzac spirit lives on.”

Mr Dominello said the Anzac Community Grants program assists local communities across NSW to prepare for the upcoming Centenary of Anzac (2014 – 2018).

“For example, students at John Paul College in Coffs Harbour will create an online memorial to diggers with links to the school. At Lapstone Public School in the Blue Mountains students will complete a project on the Australian Light Horse Brigade.”

The Centenary of Anzac will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War, and reflect on the century of service that followed – including the Second World War, Korean War and Vietnam War, as well as peacekeeping and current engagements.

The NSW Government has established an advisory council, chaired by former chief of the Defence Force General Peter Cosgrove AC MC (Ret’d), to oversee a wide range of commemorative activities and events around the State.

The Anzac Community Grants program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to ex-service organisations, community groups, schools and other educational institutions, local government, museums, or historical societies.

As part of the program, grants totalling \$40,000 were announced earlier this year to help the State’s multicultural communities celebrate the Anzac legacy.

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Anzac Community Youth Grants 2012

Recipient	Project	Funding
John Paul College, Coffs Harbour	Online memorial to diggers with links to the school	\$1,000
Mayfield East Public School, Mayfield	Research, mural, media clip and project launch on WWI soldiers of Mayfield	\$2,500
Sarah Redfern High School, Minto	Research and build website to tell family story of Anzacs and war history	\$4,300
Bingara Central School, Bingara	Documentary about Bingara Central ex-students in WWI, WWII and Vietnam War	\$5,000
Lapstone Public School, Glenbrook	Years 5 and 6 student project on the significance of the Light Horse Brigade	\$4,200
Redeemer Baptist School, North Parramatta	Research project on ex-Burnside servicemen and Kokoda Track veterans	\$5,000
Junee High School, Junee	Record oral history of local veterans	\$829
Tumut High School, Tumut	Record senior students' 2013 Belgium trip	\$1,500
Rowland Hassall School, Parramatta	Establish a Memorial Garden with monument to the Anzac spirit	\$5,000
Bringelly Public School, Bringelly	Research school's link to war service and commemoration	\$5,000
James Fallon High School, Albury	Short multimedia documentary exploring children's views of the Anzac legacy	\$5,000
South East Arts, Bega	'Women in War' show tour of 14 high schools in the South Eastern NSW	\$5,000
Port Macquarie Historical Society Inc	Web project to promote the Society's wartime collection of objects to local schools	\$1,300
Tamworth Regional Film and Sound Archive	Restoration of WWI slides and research by local high school students	\$4,500
Tamworth High School	Interschool Debating and Public Speaking Day	\$5,000
Hay War Memorial High School Museum	New exhibition to promote the story of Hay's 20th century involvement in war	\$5,000