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ANZAC EDUCATION FOR NEXT GENERATION

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello today announced NSW Government funding to help young people learn about the Anzac spirit.

Ten schools and not-for-profit community organisations across the State will share in the funding provided through the NSW Anzac Community Youth Grants program.

The program provides funding of up to \$5,000 to educational institutions, ex-service organisations, community groups, local government, museums and historical societies.

The grants will go towards Anzac-related initiatives such as public speaking competitions, multimedia productions and research projects.

“Our generation has a responsibility to pass on the Anzac legacy to our children and young people,” Mr Dominello said.

“That’s why the NSW Government is funding these local-level commemorative and educational initiatives focussed on the Anzac spirit and traditions.”

“Students at Aria Park Central School in the Riverina, for example, will research the lives of diggers listed on the local war memorial and place the details on a website to be launched in 2015 to commemorate the Centenary of Anzac.”

Mr Dominello said the program was established to help raise awareness of the Anzac legacy in the lead-up to the Centenary of the First World War (2014-2018).

“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.

“We want everyone in NSW, regardless of their age or background, to be part of this historic tribute to the sacrifices of Australian servicemen and women,” Mr Dominello said.

For more information about Anzac Community Youth Grants please visit www.veterans.nsw.gov.au. A list of grant recipients follows on the next page.

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Anzac Community Youth Grants 2013

Organisation	Project	Grant
1. Tamworth High School	Interschool Debating and Public Speaking Day on Anzac tradition	\$5,000
2. Aria Park Central School	Research on lives of diggers listed on Aria Park and Mirrool War Memorial with website launched in 2015 (Years 5 - 10)	\$2,500
3. Camden Community Connections Inc	Production of 40 minute DVD to tell story of Anzacs from Camden LGA for use in local schools	\$3,000
4. Parry School, Tamworth	<i>Digital Soldiers</i> multimedia project based on class research into WWI	\$3,983
5. National Trust Woodford Academy, Faulconbridge	Create a Centre for School Field Studies by developing the resources of the Woodford Academy as they pertain to WWI.	\$2,870
6. Riverina Regional Library, Wagga Wagga	Engage young people in a series of workshops using social media to upload digitised WWI photos and recordings.	\$1,000
7. Willoughby City Library, Chatswood	Local actor in full digger's uniform will read passages from a WWI soldier's diaries at local schools and in library. A digitised WWI memory box will also be made available on Library website.	\$3,350
8. Rotary Club of Tumbarumba	Develop a website on students' <i>Tumbarumba2Kokoda</i> trip.	\$5,000
9. Bombala High School and St Patrick's High School (Cooma)	Research and publish the biographical details of World War One servicemen whose names appear on the Bombala and Cooma cenotaphs.	\$5,000
10. Belmore Boys High School	Engage ex-students who served in war to share experiences.	\$5,000