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FUNDS TO RESTORE WAR MEMORIALS

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello today announced the NSW Government is spending more than \$107,000 to restore and maintain community war memorials.

Mr Dominello, who is responsible for Veterans' Affairs, said 12 projects across NSW have received grants of up to \$10,000 from the Community War Memorials Fund.

"War memorials deservedly take pride of place in towns and suburbs right across our state," Mr Dominello said.

"As more communities begin to plan local commemorations for the Centenary of Anzac (2014 -2018), the significance of war memorials will increase.

"This funding will help to protect and maintain community war memorials, which stand as a constant reminder of the sacrifices made by our nation's servicemen and women, for many years to come.

"We all have a responsibility to honour and remember the Anzac legacy, and war memorials assist us in this duty.

"I particularly wish to thank the volunteers and community groups who care for war memorials and make sure they are maintained with the respect they deserve," Mr Dominello said.

Projects approved for grants include the upgrading of a memorial at Fairfield that includes an etched paver for every local resident who served in the armed forces from World War One to the present day, and have since died.

At Parramatta, the roof of the NSW Lancers Memorial Museum will be fixed and the museum's historic Boer War King's Banner will be cleaned and reframed. Two memorials at Nelson Bay will be relocated to allow veterans to have improved access.

Grant applications to the Community War Memorials Fund are considered by a committee including representatives of the NSW RSL, NSW Government Architect's Office and the Office of Communities.

For more information on the Community War Memorials Fund, please visit the website at www.veterans.nsw.gov.au.

Details of the 12 grants follow on the next page.

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Community War Memorials Fund grants

Recipient	Project	Funding
Blue Mountains City Council	Restoration of Blackheath War Memorial	\$10,000
Blue Mountains City Council	Restoration of Harold Campbell Monument at Blaxland Memorial Park, Blaxland	\$9,984
Port Stephens Council	Relocation of two war memorials within Apex Park, Nelson Bay	\$10,000
The Rock RSL Sub Branch	Restoration of The Rock World War One Memorial	\$4,780
Penrith City Council	Restoration of St Marys War Memorial	\$10,000
Austinmer RSL Sub Branch	Restoration of Austinmer War Memorial	\$10,000
Cardiff RSL Sub Branch	Restoration of Cardiff District War Memorial	\$10,000
Fairfield RSL Sub Branch	Etched paver for every local resident who served in armed forces from WWI to date and has since died	\$10,000
NSW Lancers Memorial Museum, Parramatta	Maintenance work on Linden House Lancer Barracks	\$3,300
NSW Lancers Memorial Museum, Parramatta	Conservation of the Boer War King's Banner	\$6,656
Lithgow RSL Sub Branch	Restoration of Lithgow War Memorial	\$8,336
Warilla RSL Sub Branch	Restoration of Shellharbour War Memorial (Southern Face) Boer War	\$10,000