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NEW AMBASSADORS TO HELP SPREAD THE ANZAC SPIRIT

Six new appointments to the NSW Centenary of Anzac Advisory Council were announced today by Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello and Council chairman General Peter Cosgrove AC MC (Ret'd).

“The new appointments will help develop a program of commemorative events in NSW and will serve as Ambassadors throughout the Centenary (2014-2018),” Mr Dominello said.

The appointees are:

- Uncle Harry Allie - Aboriginal Elder and decorated RAAF serviceman
- Ann Sherry AO - Chief Executive Officer, Carnival Australia
- John MacLennan - Chairman, Australian Red Cross NSW Advisory Board
- Graeme Carroll - CEO RSL & Services Clubs Association, Director of the Kokoda Track Foundation
- Colin Dunston - President of Sydney Legacy, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Australian Army Reserve
- Wendy Thompson - NSW State President, War Widows Guild of Australia

Mr Dominello said the new Ambassadors have a range of skills and experience and all share a commitment to the Anzac tradition.

“These new Ambassadors join the 26 members of the NSW Anzac Advisory Council announced last year.

“All the Ambassadors will help the community embrace the spirit of the commemorations by taking part in local, regional and state events throughout 2014 – 2018.

“The Centenary of Anzac is a momentous occasion and our team is working hard to ensure the NSW commemorations honour the sacrifice of our servicemen and women,” Mr Dominello said.

General Cosgrove said the new Ambassadors were selected for their demonstrated commitment to community service and connection to the Anzac tradition.

“I’m delighted to welcome our new advisory council members who will add greatly to the diversity and energy in their important roles during the Centenary of the Great War,” he said.

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