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RETIREMENT OF DON ROWE OAM

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Victor Dominello has today commended outgoing President of the Returned & Services League (NSW Branch) Don Rowe OAM on four decades of selfless service to the State's war veterans and their families.

"On behalf of the NSW Government, I sincerely thank Mr Rowe for the outstanding service and leadership he has given to our State's veterans over the past 11 years as RSL State President," Mr Dominello said.

"Born in 1948, Mr Rowe saw active service during the Vietnam War with A Squadron 1st Armoured Regiment and was subsequently awarded a Vietnamese Campaign Medal.

"Mr Rowe joined the Armidale RSL Sub-Branch in 1971 and his distinguished service to the veterans' community was recognised in 1998 with an Order of Australia Medal. He was appointed RSL NSW President in 2003 and Deputy National President in 2005.

"His leadership in the lead-up to and during the commencement of the Centenary of Anzac period has been outstanding.

"As a member of the NSW Centenary of Anzac Advisory Council, Mr Rowe helped set the vision for our State's commemorative programme from August 2014 to November 2018.

"It includes the \$38 million redevelopment of the ANZAC Memorial at Hyde Park, creating an Education Centre and installing a second water feature to finally realise architect Bruce Dellit's original plan devised in 1930.

"I look forward to working closely with Acting State President John Haines AM and his team during the remainder of the Centenary of Anzac period."

Mr Rowe, who is a Trustee of the ANZAC Memorial, performed his last official duties on Monday at the 80th anniversary commemorations of the Memorial building's opening at Hyde Park.

He joined the Governor of NSW His Excellency General, The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) at the event.

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