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\$20,000 to protect and restore local war memorials

The Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Peter Primrose, and the Member for Bathurst, Gerard Martin, will today announce a total of \$20,000 in funding for the restoration of two war memorials — the O'Connell Anzac Memorial Avenue and the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon.

Mr Primrose said the funding was made possible through the Community War Memorials Fund, which helps local communities to protect and restore war memorials.

"These war memorials are an enduring symbol of the sacrifices made by those who served in the two World Wars as well as other conflicts," Mr Primrose said.

"The NSW Government recognises the importance of maintaining the memory of our servicemen and women, not only through memorials, but in schools through our history curriculum, and in the community through events on Anzac Day and Armistice Day."

The Member for Bathurst, Gerard Martin, who supported the request for funding, said both of the memorials were unique.

"The O'Connell memorial uses a national avenue of trees to honour our war dead and the carillon is an imposing built structure being further developed to house our war history."

Mr Primrose said the Community War Memorials Fund was established in recognition that many memorials, some now 80 or 90 years old, are in need of maintenance.

"\$250,000 per annum is available for the repair and conservation of local memorials," Mr Primrose said.

The applications are considered by State War Memorials Committee twice a year.

Members of the committee include Don Rowe, the NSW RSL President, and representatives of heritage and community groups.

Mr Primrose said communities, councils and ex-service organisations interested in applying for funding to visit www.veterans.nsw.gov.au or phone 9228 5370.

More information about war memorials across the state can be found at the NSW war Memorials Register: www.warmemorialsnsw.asn.au