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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MORE THAN \$140,000 TO RESTORE 31 WAR MEMORIALS**

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott today announced more than \$140,000 would be invested in repairing, upgrading and maintaining 31 war memorials across NSW.

The latest round of the Community War Memorial Fund includes more than \$31,000 to refurbish memorial community halls in Ariah Park, Bulga, Bellata and Wingham in regional NSW and \$10,000 to restore the Rocky Hill War Memorial in Goulburn.

Six memorials in Liverpool will receive funding, including the John Edmondson VC Memorial Clock in honour of Australia's first Victoria Cross winner of World War II.

The Community War Memorial Fund assists in the restoration and maintenance of local memorials, which often play a symbolic role in communities.

Mr Elliott said as we commemorate the Centenary of Anzac, it is important to ensure community war memorials are preserved.

"The NSW Government will provide a record 31 grants this year including funding to upgrade and restore 20 World War I memorials. The memorials are a reminder of the sacrifice made by thousands of soldiers who served their country and it is essential these monuments stand strong and proud," Mr Elliott said.

"I would like to thank the councils, RSL sub-branches and members of the community which agreed to co-fund some of these critical projects."

RSL NSW President Rod White AM said he is delighted by the collaboration between the RSL, Government and community groups.

"The Taree Memorial Clock will now be returned to its original glory thanks to funding by the NSW Government, Taree RSL sub-branch and the Council. This is something we can all be very proud of," Mr White said.

For more information on the Community War Memorials Fund, please visit [www.veterans.nsw.gov.au](http://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au).

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**NSW Government Community War Memorial Fund**  
**Grant Recipients**  
**(June 2015)**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Total grant (ex GST)</b>
Greater Taree City Council	Taree Memorial Clock	\$5,000.00
Conargo Shire Council	Wanganella Cenotaph	\$5,245.46
NSW Lancers Memorial Museum Incorporated	NSW Lancers Memorial Museum	\$1,979.75
Port Macquarie RSL sub-branch	Port Macquarie War Memorial	\$2,792.40
Dangarsleigh Local Area Group	Dangarsleigh Memorial	\$7,524.16
Parkes Shire Council	Parkes War Memorial	\$5,516.00
Merriwa RSL sub-branch	Merriwa Cenotaph and Gun	\$5,181.00
Goulburn War Memorial	Rocky Hill War Memorial	\$10,000.00
City of Albury RSL sub-branch	Albury War Memorial	\$7,500.00
Ariah Park Community Projects Inc.	Ariah Park Memorial Hall	\$10,000.00
Palerang Council	Bungendore and District War Memorial	\$3,130.24
Anglican Diocese of Sydney	St John's Anglican Church WWI Honour Board	\$1,818.18
Tumbulgum Community Association Inc.	Tumbulgum War Memorial Gates	\$5,500.00
Bellata War Memorial Hall Committee Inc.	Bellata War Memorial Hall	\$7,000.00
Cumnock & District Progress Association	Cumnock Memorial RSL	\$1,269.00

Moruya RSL sub-branch	Bergalia War Memorial	\$1,535.00
Henty and District Lifestyle Centre Inc.	Henty WWI Honor Roll	\$1,281.81
Gloucester Shire Council	Gloucester Memorial Clock Tower	\$10,000.00
Harden-Murrumburrah Historical Society Inc.	Ist Australian Horse & Australian Lt. Horse War Memorial	\$7,920.00
Baradine & District Progress Association	Baradine Pool Memorial	\$6,960.00
Rock Valley Hall Inc.	Rock Valley & District Honor Roll	\$956.00
Coffs Harbour City Council	Coramba Community Hall World War I Honor Roll	\$4,000.00
Liverpool City Council	Liverpool Pioneer Memorial Park	\$1,200.00
Liverpool City Council	Remount Park War Memorial	\$1,200.00
Liverpool City Council	Kirkpatrick & Boyland Park	\$1,200.00
Liverpool City Council	Light Horse Park	\$1,200.00
Liverpool City Council	Brown Memorial and Water Trough	\$1,200.00
Liverpool City Council	John Edmondson VC Memorial Clock	\$5,850.00
Greater Taree City Council	Wingham Memorial Town Hall	\$9,000.00
Bulga Soldiers Memorial Hall Association Inc.	Bulga Soldiers Memorial Hall	\$5,823.00
Condobolin and District Historical Society	Digger's Avenue, Condobolin	\$2,000.00