

MEDIA RELEASE

The Hon Frank Terenzini

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Community War Memorial Restoration Grants Announced

The Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Frank Terenzini, today announced funds of \$105,600 to restore 16 war memorials in towns and suburbs across the State.

Mr Terenzini said the funding has been made possible through the Community War Memorials Fund set up to help local community groups, local councils, RSLs and schools to protect and restore their war memorials.

"Grants are announced twice a year around ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day with applications assessed by the State War Memorials Committee which was set up to determine funding priorities."

"The care of these precious tributes, testimony to the selfless sacrifice of our service men and women, has been made possible by the annual allocation of \$250,000 since 2008 for the conservation of these memorials".

"More than 3000 memorials were built in every town and suburb after the Great War and many have been updated through the years to honour the sacrifices of later years, especially World War II, Korea and Vietnam."

"Today's funds will help repair memorials commemorating all theatres of war such as Mount Victoria World War I War Memorial and the Vietnam War Comradeship Memorial at Cabra-Vale.

Mr Terenzini made the announcement today at the Cabra-Vale Memorial where he, and the Member for Cabramatta, Nick Lalich, presented a \$10,000 cheque to assist with its restoration.

Mr Lalich, who personally approached the Premier for this funding, said this is a significant Memorial which has a bronze statue centre piece of two soldiers (one Australian, one Vietnamese) supporting each other.

"It represents the mateship shared by Australian and South Vietnamese soldiers during the long ten years of battle in the Vietnam War.

"The funds will be used to raise the height of the Comradeship Memorial Statue by 1.5 metres to give it a greater presence.

Mr Terenzini said preservation of our State's memorials, which stand witness to the onerous price paid for our freedom, is essential.

"They tell the story of immense courage and spirit of endurance that is passed as a legacy to our young and future generations."

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

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NSW Funding Allocations:

Memorial Park, Mt Victoria	\$10,000
Euston War Memorial	\$10,000
Nowra War Memorial Gates	\$ 6,500
Gladesville Public School Garden of Peace	\$ 3,000
Armidale War Memorial	\$ 4,000
Greta Wall of Remembrance	\$ 7,500
Cowra National Serviceman's Memorial	\$ 3,500
Burwood Sandakan Memorial	\$ 3,600
Katoomba Community War Memorial	\$ 3,500
Campbelltown War Memorial	\$ 5,000
Raymond Terrace War Memorial	\$ 4,000
Berowra War Memorial	\$ 5,000
Rocky Hill Memorial Goulburn	\$10,000
SEE Memorial Park Broken Hill	\$10,000
Junee Cenotaph	\$10,000
Cabra-Vale Memorial	\$10,000