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COMMUNITY WAR MEMORIAL GRANTS OPEN

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Victor Dominello has today encouraged local veterans' groups, sports clubs, councils and schools to apply for funding to repair local war memorials.

Mr Dominello said the NSW Community War Memorial Grant Fund provides grants up to \$10,000 for veterans' groups, sports clubs and councils to undertake repairs on local war memorial sites, with applications above \$10,000 considered in exceptional circumstances.

"These local projects will take on even greater importance now the Centenary of Anzac period is underway, with memorials across the state in need of repair or rebuilding," Mr Dominello said.

"Community war memorials are an enduring reminder of the service and sacrifice that NSW men and women have made in defence of our country over more than a century.

"The funding will support vital repairs to plaques, honour boards and facades which commemorate NSW veterans who have served across many theatres of conflict, from the Boer War onwards," Mr Dominello said.

Examples of projects funded include:

- Holsworthy Barracks received \$21,050 to erect a flagpole and wall at its Commandos Memorial to hold cast bronze name plates commemorating those who have fought and died in recent conflicts in Afghanistan.
- The Inverell War Memorial and the East Maitland Cenotaph underwent significant refurbishments with grants of \$10,000.
- Moree War Memorial upgraded two plaques containing the names of 260 soldiers courtesy of a \$4,000 grant.
- A \$4,000 enabled upgrades to be made on the Boer War Memorial in Goulburn.

"The NSW Government is committed to supporting the ongoing maintenance of the thousands of local memorials across our state, especially during the Centenary of Anzac period.

"These grants are about ensuring our memorials can stand proud so future generations can commemorate the sacrifices made by local diggers," Mr Dominello said.

The State War Memorials Committee considers applications for the repair or conservation of memorials commemorating Australia's military heritage. NSW RSL, the NSW Government Architect's Office, the Office of Environment and Heritage and the Office of Veterans' Affairs are represented on the Committee.

Applications close Anzac Day, 25 April 2015. To make an application please visit: <http://veterans.nsw.gov.au/community-war-memorials-fund/> or contact the NSW Office of Veterans' Affairs by phone on 9228 4710.

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