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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR COMMUNITY WAR MEMORIAL GRANTS

Grants of up to \$10,000 are now available for the preservation, repair or restoration of community war memorials, as part of the NSW Government's commemoration of the Centenary of the Anzac.

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott and Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian today announced applications are now open for the 2015/16 Community War Memorials Fund and close on Remembrance Day – November 11.

The fund has previously funded repairs to the Taree War Memorial Clock, conservation of the Coramba Community Hall World War I Honour Roll, and improvements to security of the Parkes War Memorial.

"NSW made a major contribution to the war effort and during the Centenary of the Anzac (2014- 2018), it is important to ensure that our war memorials continue to stand proud and strong," Mr Elliott said.

"As a Minister and as a veteran, when I travel around NSW and see memorials in need of a bit a love, I take great pride in letting communities know that these grants are available."

Ms Berejiklian said \$247,000 was allocated to 45 recipients for 52 projects last year.

"In my own electorate, the former Member for Willoughby Edward Larkin was killed on the battlefield of Gallipoli while still a serving member of Parliament," Ms Berejiklian said.

"A commemorative tablet in the Legislative Assembly in honour of Sergeant Larkin serves as a constant reminder to current Members about the importance of remembering all who have served and continue to serve in defending our freedoms.

"I encourage RSL sub-branches, community groups and councils to consider applying and ensure Australia's servicemen and women continue to be remembered in their local communities."

Sergeant Larkin and Lt-Colonel George Braund are the only two serving NSW MPs to have been killed on the field of battle.

More information is available at veterans.nsw.gov.au/community-war-memorials-fund

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