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Grant to help protect and relocate Engadine War Memorial

The Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Peter Primrose, today joined the Member for Heathcote, Paul McLeay, to announce \$10,000 in funding for the relocation and restoration of the Engadine War Memorial.

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

"This war memorial is an enduring symbol of the sacrifices made by Australian servicemen and women who served in all wars," 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."

Mr McLeay said the funding would be given to Sutherland Shire Council to upgrade and rebuild the memorial in its new location serving as a major focal point in the town square

"The new site will be far more suitable to honour the memory of those who fought for our freedom and will be a reminder for future generations," Mr McLeay said.

"The relocation of the memorial to a more prominent position has the full support of the Engadine RSL sub-Branch.

"The \$10,000 will go towards repositioning the war memorial as a central link in the town square between two new developments, the community facilities and the residential aged care facility."

The total cost of the relocation of the monument is \$50,000. Sutherland Shire Council will fund the majority of the works with the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs contributing \$4,000.

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 is available across the state each year 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