



Media Release

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GRANTS TO HELP HONOUR AUSTRALIA'S WAR VETERANS

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Warren Snowdon, today announced funding for 93 new projects that will honour Australia's wartime heritage.

Mr Snowdon said Australian Government *Saluting Their Service* grants, worth \$224,165, will commemorate those who served, and continue to serve, Australia in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

Saluting Their Service provides funds to help communities build and maintain memorials, capture the wartime history of their towns, and preserve memorabilia for future generations.

"This funding will support an array of initiatives across Australia, including veterans' reunions, unit histories, new places of remembrance and enhancements to existing memorials, school initiatives, and preservation and display of Australian wartime memorabilia.

"The 93 projects range from assistance for a reunion luncheon in Sydney to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Australian Women's Army Service, to funding for a new annual Anzac Day concert in Canberra, as well as support to help publish a book titled *Easter Monday 1941*," Mr Snowdon said.

The *Saluting Their Service* program also helps fund events to commemorate significant wartime anniversaries. In 2011 this includes the 70th anniversaries of Australian service in Greece, Crete and Syria during the Second World War.

"In almost every city and town across the country there's history of Australian service. Through these projects we can help ensure the contribution of our servicemen and women is remembered, and their sacrifice is not forgotten," Mr Snowdon said.

Mr Snowdon encouraged local community and ex-service organisations interested in applying for funding to visit www.dva.gov.au/grants, or call their nearest DVA office on 133 254 (for metropolitan callers) or 1800 555 254 (for non-metropolitan callers).

Editors note: *A list of grant recipients from each state and territory is attached.*

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SALUTING THEIR SERVICE COMMEMORATIVE GRANT RECIPIENTS – April 2011

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
2/17th Light Anti-Aircraft Airborne Association	CAMPBELL	To help install a plaque at the Australian War Memorial to commemorate the 2/17th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery (Airborne) 1942-43.	1,339
2/26th Battalion Association	CAMPBELL	To help install a plaque at the Australian War Memorial to commemorate all who have served in the 2/26th Australian Infantry Battalion 8th Division AIF.	1,446
Friends of the 2nd Infantry Battalions Inc	CAMPBELL	To help install two bronze plaques at the Australian War Memorial to commemorate those who served with the 2nd Australian Infantry Battalion AIF and the 54th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF.	2,659
National Folk Festival Ltd	MITCHELL	To help hold an Anzac Day concert, 'For the Fallen' a proposed new annual Canberra event, presented by the National Folk Festival in Canberra.	3,000

Total grants: 4

Total \$ 8,444

NEW SOUTH WALES

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
1 Field Squadron Group Royal Australian Engineers Qld Inc	TWEED HEADS	To help install a plaque in Chris Cunningham Memorial Park, Tweed Heads, to commemorate all 1 Field Squadron Sappers and explosive detection dogs of the Royal Australian Engineers who gave their lives.	305
11 Platoon Delta 4 RAR	TWEED HEADS	To help hold a reunion in Tweed Heads from 19-23 September 2011 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Nui-Li. A memorial service followed by a formal luncheon will be held on 21 September.	1,260
17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam Association	SYDNEY	To help hold a reunion and memorial service at the Sydney War Memorial on 28 April 2011 to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, followed by a dinner at the Hyde Park Inn, Sydney.	1,500
7th Division Royal Australian Engineers' Association	MANLY	To help install a plaque and ten pavers at the North Fort Memorial Walkway in Manly to commemorate members of 7th Divisional Royal Australian Engineers 1939-1945.	1,850
9th Australian Division	SYDNEY	To help hold a memorial service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney, on 10 April 2011 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the commencement of the Siege of Tobruk, followed by a luncheon at the Combined Services RSL Club.	960
Advantaged Care Pty Ltd T/AS Bondi Waters	BONDI	To help install a flagpole at the Bondi Waters aged care facility for use by residents on days of commemoration.	1,427
Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans & Associated Forces Inc	SPRINGWOOD	To help hold a memorial service on 14 August 2011 at the Springwood War Memorial to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, followed by a social function.	3,000
Australian Women's Army Service Association (NSW)	SYDNEY	To help hold a reunion luncheon on 30 September 2011 at the Menzies Hotel, Sydney, to commemorate the 70 th anniversary of the formation of the Australian Women's Army Service.	2,250
Bomaderry RSL Sub-branch	BOMADERRY	To help install a secure display cabinet in the Bomaderry RSL Sub-branch members' lounge to house two Second World War 303 Lee Enfield rifles.	3,000
British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Japan) Association of Australia Inc	JUNEE	To help hold a reunion in Junee from 22-24 March to commemorate the 65th anniversary of British Commonwealth Occupation Force landing in Japan, with a dinner on 23 March.	1,350
Bungendore War Memorial Management Committee	BUNGENDORE	To help research, collate names and publish a booklet on the history of servicemen from the Bungendore district who served during the Boer War which will be distributed at a planned Boer War commemorative service in May 2011 with a copy presented to the library for historical reference.	3,000
Bungendore War Memorial Management Committee	BUNGENDORE	To help hold a dinner on 21 April 2011 in Bungendore to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Crete.	1,250
Bungendore War Memorial Management Committee	BUNGENDORE	To help install a Boer War roll of honour at the Bungendore Cenotaph and a plaque to commemorate those who served post first Gulf War.	1,791
Chatswood RSL Sub-branch	CHATSWOOD	To help restore the Boer War Memorial in the Chatswood Garden of Remembrance.	4,000
Coledale RSL Sub-branch	COLEDALE	To help restore the First World War Honour Board which is located at the Scarborough Primary School and relocate it to the Coledale RSL Sub-branch.	4,000
Cowra RSL Sub-branch	COWRA	To help install a secure cabinet in the Cowra RSL Sub-branch to display Australian Light Horse memorabilia including uniforms, equipment and photographs.	2,284

Dorrigo RSL Sub-branch	DORRIGO	To help erect a shelter in Trooper Mark Donaldson VC Park, Dorrigo, and install three interpretive display panels underneath the shelter. One panel will outline the history of the Victoria Cross, one panel will provide information on the conflict in Afghanistan and the SAS, and one panel will show Trooper Donaldson's citation and details of his connection with Dorrigo.	2,933
Doyalson-Wyee RSL Sub-branch	DOYALSON	To help erect a memorial wall at the entrance of the Memorabilia Walkway in the Doyalson RSL Club.	4,000
Gloucester RSL Sub-branch	GLOUCESTER	To help upgrade the Gloucester War Memorial Clock Tower and the honour board at the Gloucester Soldiers Club to show recent conflicts and names of local veterans who have served since the Vietnam War.	2,760
Goulburn RSL Sub-branch	GOULBURN	To help replace two vandalised flagpoles at the Goulburn Mullwaree Honour Roll precinct in Belmore Park.	2,450
Goulburn RSL Sub-branch	GOULBURN	To help install closed circuit television in Belmore Park, Goulburn, to deter vandalism of the Second World War and Post Wars Memorials.	4,000
Gunnedah Shire Council	GUNNEDAH	To help publish a book titled <i>To Fight and Do Our Best</i> written by Cate Clark, a history of the First Australian Armoured Division's time in Gunnedah, Narrabri and North West NSW during 1942-43.	3,000
HMAS <i>Vendetta</i> Reunion	BALLINA	To help hold a reunion at the Ballina RSL from 11-13 March 2011 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first Far East Strategic Reserve deployment of HMAS <i>Vendetta</i> , with a dinner on 12 March.	1,440
Hunter's Hill Council	HUNTERS HILL	To help restore a Howitzer No 1177 located outside the Hunters Hill RSL Sub-branch.	4,000
Kenna Investments Pty Ltd trading as The Bay Nursing Home	BLAKEHURST	To help install a flagpole at The Bay Nursing Home in Blakehurst for use by residents on days of commemoration.	1,639
Malabar RSL Sub-branch	CHIFLEY	To help install a commemorative plaque at Chifley Public School, Sydney, to commemorate all servicemen and women.	1,650
Malabar RSL Sub-branch	CHIFLEY	To help install a commemorative plaque at Matraville Sports High School, Sydney, to commemorate all servicemen and women.	1,650
Malabar RSL Sub-branch	MALABAR	To help install a commemorative plaque at St Andrews Catholic School, Sydney, to commemorate all servicemen and women.	1,419
Malabar RSL Sub-branch	MALABAR	To help install a commemorative plaque at Malabar Public School, Sydney, to commemorate all servicemen and women.	1,650
Molong RSL Sub-branch	MOLONG	To help publish a book titled <i>The Boer War (1899-1902) Molong and the Colony's Involvement</i> , written by Robert Ellis about the history of the Boer War with Molong and districts involvement to be distributed to libraries, bookshops, RSL, visitor centres and schools.	2,100
National Servicemen's Association of Australia NSW Branch Westlake Macquarie Sub-branch	TORONTO	To help install a new National Servicemen's Memorial in Goffett Park, Toronto.	4,000
Orange City Council	ORANGE	To help restore a 25 Pounder Field Gun located in Anzac Park, Orange, and install interpretive signage.	3,000
St Francis Xavier's College	HAMILTON	To help assist students from the college to research the Korean War, which will include local Korean War Veterans sharing their memories and experiences and will be presented to 1,500 local primary and secondary schools as well as the veteran community.	3,000
St Leo's Catholic College	WAHROONGA	To help install an Anzac memorial garden at St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga, which will be a focal point for Anzac and Remembrance Day ceremonies.	3,386
Taylors Arm RSL Sub-branch	TAYLORS ARM	To help refurbish the Taylors Arm War Memorial.	4,000
Toronto RSL Sub-branch	TORONTO	To help refurbish the Toronto First World War Community War Memorial.	4,000
Vietnam Veterans (Northern)	PALM BEACH	To help hold a march and service at the Palm Beach RSL cenotaph on 14 August 2011 to commemorate the 45th anniversary of Long Tan Day, followed by a luncheon.	1,250
Total: 37			Total \$ 90,554

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
City of Palmerston	PALMERSTON	To help install two memorial walls behind the cenotaph in Memorial Park, Palmerston, which will be available to Defence members and members of the public to install plaques dedicated to ex-servicemen and women from all wars and conflicts.	4,000

Total: 1

Total \$ 4,000

QUEENSLAND

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
2/15th Battalion AIF Remembrance Club Inc	COORPAROO	To help publish a book titled <i>Easter Monday 1941</i> written by J MacKenzie-Smith.	3,000
31st Infantry Battalion Association Inc Townsville Branch	TOWNSVILLE	To help install a memorial at the Army Museum North Queensland, Jezzine Barracks, Townsville, to commemorate 125 years of continuous service of the 31st Battalion - Kennedy Regiment - to the ADF in Queensland.	2,450
31st Infantry Battalion Association Inc Townsville Branch	TOWNSVILLE	To help hold a dedication service and plaque unveiling at the new 31st Battalion Kennedy Regiment memorial at the Army Museum North Queensland, Jezzine Barracks, Townsville, on 30 October 2011, followed by a morning tea.	1,750
42nd Australian Infantry Battalion Association	MACKAY	To help hold a dinner on 30 July 2011 in Mackay to commemorate 95 years since the 42nd Infantry Battalions first engagement in active service.	2,250
5th/7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment Association	PETRIE	To help purchase four banners showing correct deployments by 5th/7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment.	2,069
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam Association (Queensland Branch) Inc	CANUNGRA	To help replace name plaques on trees at Memorial Grove, Canungra and install an honour roll and history plaque. Memorial Grove includes 998 trees planted in honour of the soldiers who served on the team in South Vietnam during the period 1962-72.	4,000
Bowen RSL Sub-branch	BOWEN	To help restore and upgrade memorial plaques and honour boards on the Bowen Cenotaph.	4,000
Caloundra RSL Sub-branch	CALOUNDRA	To help restore two decommissioned Second World War 40mm Bofor guns and mount them on new concrete pads outside the Caloundra RSL Sub-branch.	3,000
Gold Coast Naval Foundation Gold Coast Navy Week Committee Inc	SOUTHPORT	To help hold a service at St Peter's Anglican Church, Southport, on 23 October 2011 to commemorate the centenary of the Royal Australian Navy, followed by a luncheon at Southport Sharks AFL Club.	3,000
Greenmount State School	GREENMOUNT	To help upgrade the Greenmount State Primary School Memorial and its immediate surrounds.	4,000
Gympie and District Historical Society Inc	GYMPIE	To help restore the 77mm Krupps gun on display at the Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Museum.	3,000
Holland Park-Mount Gravatt RSL Sub-branch	MOUNT GRAVATT	To help install a display cabinet at the Holland Park-Mount Gravatt RSL Sub-branch to house memorabilia from the First World War.	1,575
Innovative Care Pty Ltd trading as Sheridan Gardens	CAIRNS	To help install a flagpole at the Sheridan Gardens care facility in White Rock, Cairns, to be used by residents on days of commemoration.	1,650
Innovative Care Pty Ltd trading as Sheridan Gardens	CAIRNS	To help install an honour board at Sheridan Gardens care facility in White Rock, Cairns, with the names of residents who have served for the armed forces and widows of veterans who have served.	670
Laidley RSL Sub-branch	LAIDLEY	To help restore the Laidley War Memorial and the Memorial Gates.	4,000
Leyburn RSL Sub-branch	LEYBURN	To help construct a new war memorial at the Leyburn RSL Museum and Community Centre to commemorate those who have served in all wars and conflicts.	3,636
Royal Australian Air Force Association Qld Division, Redlands Branch	CLEVELAND	To help install and refurbish an aircraft propeller for display at the front of the Redlands RSL Museum.	2,500
Royal Australian Air Force Association, Cairns Branch	CAIRNS	To help hold a service at the Cairns Cenotaph on 20 March 2011 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Australian Air Force, followed by a luncheon at the Cairns RSL.	700
Tin Can Bay RSL Sub-branch	TIN CAN BAY	To help install two display cabinets and purchase three mannequins to display donated wartime memorabilia and uniforms at the Tin Can Bay RSL Sub-branch.	3,000
Toogoolawah RSL Sub-branch	TOOGOOLAWAH QLD	To help erect a Wall of Remembrance at the Toogoolawah RSL Sub-branch with 12 plaques commemorating all conflicts, peacemaking and peacekeeping to the present and four bronze plaques representing each Service and national servicemen.	4,000
Waterloo Public Hall Association Inc	WATERLOO	To help erect a granite cairn at the Waterloo Hall engraved with names of local servicemen and women who have served in all wars and conflicts.	3,890
Yuleba Development Group Inc	YULEBA QLD	To help construct a new memorial in Garth Cox Memorial Park, Yuleba, dedicated to all servicemen and women from the district who served their country in times of war and peace.	2,974

Total: 22

Total \$ 61,114

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Bowhill Lutheran	BOWHILL	To help replace the flagpole at the Bowhill Anzac Memorial.	2,013

Church			
Clare RSL Sub-branch	CLARE	To help upgrade the Clare Second World War Memorial.	4,000
Cowell RSL Sub-branch	COWELL	To help preserve, restore and display wartime memorabilia at the Cowell RSL Sub-branch and purchase three mannequins to display service uniforms.	3,000
Keith RSL Sub-branch	KEITH	To help produce a photographic inventory of memorabilia at the Keith RSL Sub-branch and record the story behind the memorabilia.	700
McLaren Flat Soldiers Memorial Hall	McLAREN FLAT	To help frame service photos of local residents listed on the First World War, Second World War and Vietnam honour boards for display at the McLaren Flat Soldiers Memorial Hall.	500
Regional Council of Goyder	BURRA	To help install security lighting to deter vandalism, and upgrade the immediate surrounds at the Burra War Memorial.	3,000
Royal Australian Artillery Association of SA Inc	ADELAIDE	To help install a replica of the Royal Australian Artillery memorial plaque that was stolen from Memorial Walk adjacent to Torrens Parade Ground.	1,760
Royal Australian Regiment Association South Australia Branch Inc	LINDEN PARK	To help print a unit history titled <i>A Potted History of the Royal Australian Regiment in the Korean War 1950-1953</i> , copies of the booklet will be printed and presented to veterans at the service on 20 April 2011 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong and the Korean War.	2,515
Royal Australian Regiment Association South Australia Branch Inc	LINDEN PARK	To help print copies of an original 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment nominal roll detailing all ranks and positions on the battlefield in Korea on 24 and 25 April 1951, and enclose a copy in a time capsule at the RAR club rooms.	1,950
Royal Australian Regiment Association South Australia Branch Inc	LINDEN PARK	To help hold a luncheon on 20 April 2011 at the RAR Association SA clubhouse to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong.	3,000
St Brigid's Catholic Primary School	EVANSTON	To help install a removable flagpole and plaque in the Performing Arts and Sports Centre at St Brigid's Catholic Primary School.	733
The National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc - South Australia & Northern Territory Branch	ADELAIDE	To help hold a luncheon on 31 August 2011 at Anzac House, Adelaide, following a service to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the cessation of the Indonesian Confrontation.	1,500

Total: 12

Total \$ 24,671

TASMANIA

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Tasmania Branch Inc	SANDY BAY TAS	To help hold a reunion in Hobart from 16-18 August 2011 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy and the role of the Royal Australian Navy during the Vietnam War, with a formal dinner to be held on 17 August.	3,000

Total: 1

Total \$ 3,000

VICTORIA

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
10th Medium Regiment Association	GEELONG	To help replace the old and deteriorated 10th Medium Regiment Association banner.	286
2/29th Battalion AIF Association Inc	MALVERN	To help reprint the book titled <i>A History of the 2/29 Battalion - 8th Australian Division AIF</i> .	1,729
Box Hill RSL Sub-branch	BOX HILL	To help produce three new displays of wartime memorabilia at the Box Hill RSL Sub-branch to commemorate the 95th anniversary of Fromelles, the 70th anniversary of Tobruk and the 60th anniversary of Kapyong.	3,000
Dependable Care trading as Bamfield Lodge	HEIDELBERG HEIGHTS	To help install a flagpole at Bamfield Lodge aged care facility, Heidelberg, for use by residents on days of commemoration.	1,285
Derrinallum RSL Sub-branch	DERRINALLUM	To help install an honour board at the Derrinallum Community Hall to commemorate local servicemen and women who served from the Second World War to the present day.	3,000
Domain Principal trading as Domain Aged Care, Sale	SALE	To help install a flagpole at Domain Aged Care facility, Sale, for use by residents on days of commemoration.	1,307
Elphinstone Cemetery Trust	ELPHINSTONE	To help restore the Elphinstone War Memorial.	3,200
Innovative Care Pty Ltd trading as Glenelg Community Aged Care	PORTLAND	To help install an honour board at Glenelg Community Aged Care facility in Portland which will have the names of all residents who have served in the armed forces and widows of veterans who have served.	670
Innovative Care Pty Ltd trading as Glenelg Community Aged Care	PORTLAND	To help install a flagpole at the Glenelg Community Aged Care facility in Portland for use by residents on days of commemoration.	1,490
Mentone RSL Sub-	MENTONE	To help install three display cabinets in the Mentone RSL Sub-branch to house a	2,640

branch		large number of wartime books.	
Neerim District Health Service T/AS Tarago Views Aged Care	NEERIM	To help install a memorial rock, plaque and flagpole at the Tarago Views Aged Care facility in Neerim which will honour those who have served in all conflicts, peacemaking and peacekeeping missions, as well as volunteers who have served the country.	3,985
South Port Community Residential Home Inc	ALBERT PARK	To help install a flagpole at the South Port Community Residential Home for use by residents on days of commemoration.	1,018

Total: 12

Total \$ 23,610

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Denmark RSL Sub-branch	DENMARK	To help refurbish and relocate the Denmark War Memorial.	4,000
Margaret River & Districts Historical Society Inc	MARGARET RIVER	To help build a replica Margaret River First World War Honour Roll for display in the Augusta-Margaret River Shire Offices which will show the names of 15 residents from the area who fought in the First World War.	2,662
Naval Association of Australia, National Council	ROCKINGHAM	To help hold a memorial service on 29 July 2011 at Naval Memorial Park, Rockingham, to commemorate the Centenary of the Royal Australian Navy, followed by a dinner at the Rockingham Navy Club.	1,750
Uniting Church Homes trading as St Andrew's Aged Care Home	BALCATT	To help install a flagpole at St Andrew's Aged Care Home, Balcatta, for use by residents on days of commemoration.	360

Total: 4

Total \$ 8,772

Total Grants - 93

Total amount \$ 224,165