



# Media Release

## The Hon Greg Hunt MP

Federal Member for Flinders  
Minister for the Environment

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### **Anzac Centenary grant for Phillip Island RSL**

The Phillip Island RSL Sub-Branch will be able to refurbish the Cowes cenotaph and make it more accessible for the Anzac Day service this year thanks to an \$11,000 Commonwealth Government grant.

Flinders MP Greg Hunt said the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program gave community members the opportunity to honour the service and sacrifice that epitomises the Anzac spirit.

“The Centenary of Anzac will be the most significant national period of commemoration in our nation’s history,” Mr Hunt said.

“We want all Australians, no matter where they live, to have the opportunity to participate in Centenary of Anzac commemorative events and in particular to attend Anzac Day services.”

Phillip Island RSL Sub-Branch president Tom Mallaghan said the RSL was thrilled to have received the grant.

“The \$11,000 grant will be used to install additional walls either side of the cenotaph for memorial plaques and make changes to the jetty triangle to accommodate the growing number of people attending the Anzac Day service,” Mr Mallaghan said.

“We will work with Bass Coast Shire Council on the broader plan for the jetty triangle to create a more usable precinct surrounding the cenotaph.”

Mr Hunt said he was working with community groups across the electorate to fund commemorations to honour the nation’s centenary of service through \$125,000 in Commonwealth Government grants across the Flinders electorate.

“I am delighted the Phillip Island RSL Sub-Branch has received this Commonwealth Government grant to improve access to the Anzac Day service at Cowes for the Centenary of Anzac and for many years to come,” Mr Hunt said.

“The Centenary of Anzac is a period for all of us to reflect on the sacrifice of the 102,785 Australians who have been killed in action and the hundreds of thousands wounded in action.”

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