



Media Release

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Anzac grants commemorate a Centenary of service

In commemoration of the Centenary of Anzac, I am pleased to announce that the Australian Government has funded 24 local grants totalling more than \$125,000 to groups across the Flinders electorate.

Through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Programme, community groups have had the opportunity to honour the service and sacrifice that epitomises the Anzac spirit.

Groups have erected memorials, published books, created memorial gardens or hosted commemorative services to mark the Centenary of Anzac.

The Centenary of Anzac is one of the most significant commemorations in our nation's history. It is a time for all of us to reflect on the service and sacrifice of the 152,000 Australians wounded in World War I and the 61,000 who never came home.

These men demonstrated the true meaning of the Anzac spirit. They showed remarkable courage, determination and a sense of mateship like no other.

We remember the families of the men who served. After waiting for their loved ones to return, it was the families who provided assistance to the veterans as they combated the scars and memories of their service.

We also remember the thousands of Australian women who gave war service in numerous and diverse roles.

The bravery of these men and women, their persistence and sacrifice, is why we are able to gather as members of a free, peaceful and prosperous nation.

I encourage people across the electorate to attend Anzac Day services and pay tribute to the men and women who made enormous sacrifices so that we could enjoy the lives we lead today.

Anzac Centenary Local Grants

Organisation	Grant amount	Description
Village Glen Residents Committee	\$3,000	To install a memorial plaque at the entrance of the clubhouse.
Lang Lang Primary School	\$2,000	To create a walking path to its commemorative Aleppo Pine tree.
Nepean Historical Society	\$2,700	To erect an Anzac information panel on local WWI servicemen and women for permanent display at Sorrento Museum.
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	\$10,000	For the relocation and refurbishment of the Somerville Cenotaph.
Rosebud RSL sub-branch	\$8,000	To build a memorial obelisk in the town centre.
Dromana & District Historical Society	\$2,400	To produce a book entitled <i>Lest we forget – the history of a village</i>
Rye RSL sub-branch & Rye Historical Society	\$6,400	To create memorials for the Rye Cemetery and Rye RSL in the form of bronze plaques and produce a book that provides biographical information on each individual from Rye who enlisted in WWI.
Sorrento Portsea RSL sub-branch	\$2,800	To create interpretive signage in Sorrento Park with a history of the Gallipoli campaign and the significance of the Lone Pine.
Our Lady of Fatima Primary School	\$3,500	To commission an art piece to honour the soldiers who served in WWI
Sorrento Primary School	\$1,000	To create a paved walkway that leads to a memorial plaque in memory of former students who served in WWI.
French Island Community Association	\$2,500	To install a flagpole for Anzac Day service.
Red Hill Community Action	\$6,000	To construct a war memorial in Red Hill in honour of local servicemen.
Tyabb Primary School	\$2,600	To create a ceramic poppy remembrance wall.
Pearcedale Public Hall	\$9,000	To build a WWI memorial garden with plaque to honour local servicemen and women.
Radio Port Phillip (RPP FM)	\$5,000	To record stories of the local history of WWI to coincide with local monuments.
Moorooduc Primary School	\$4,200	To create an Anzac memorial garden
Koo Wee Rup RSL sub-branch	\$11,700	To install memorial plaques and an honour roll at the avenue of honour.
Dromana Red Hill RSL sub-branch	\$5,000	To create a memorial Garden to honour WWI servicemen and women.
Sorrento Portsea First Shot committee	\$10,000	To hold the First Shot event on 5 August 2014 at Point Nepean to commemorate the firing of the first shot of WWI.
St John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Flinders	\$3,600	To host a commemorative performance by the Australian Chamber Choir.
Flinders RSL sub-branch	\$8,000	To create a WWI memorial at the Flinders Cemetery.
Crib Point Primary School	\$5,000	To create a memorial walk.
Phillip Island RSL sub-branch	\$11,000	To redevelop the Phillip Island cenotaph.
Somerville Tyabb and District Heritage Society	\$5,500	To publish a commemorative book on local soldiers who fought in WWI

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