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**Media Release****War memorials around NSW to receive funding**

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Twenty-two war memorials across the state are set to receive a share of over \$125,000 in funding thanks to the NSW Government in Round 2 of the Community War Memorials Fund.

Minister for Veterans David Harris today announced the grants awarded to the successful projects that will support war memorials in communities across NSW.

"I am pleased to announce this funding, which will be used to fund important projects around the state. War memorials are a vital part of our community that reflect over 100 years of our veterans' service and sacrifice." Mr Harris said.

Forty-six applications from 34 local government areas were received during this round, which closed on 13 February, and were assessed by the State War Memorials Committee.

"A total of \$125,189.90 was awarded to local councils, RSL sub-Branches and community groups, with grants ranging from \$1,600 to \$10,000 to fund conservation projects in 18 local government areas in both metropolitan and regional areas." Mr Harris added.

Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum Inc. was awarded \$6,290 for conservation works to the First World War Roll of Honour. Ms Donna White, President and Custodian was grateful to receive the funding.

"Thank you to the NSW Government for this funding, which will help to bring the memorial back to its original state so we can continue to appropriately and respectfully honour the service of Lithgow's veterans from the First World War". Ms White said.

The historic Nowra Mafeking Boer War Memorial will have a condition assessment prepared thanks to \$3,000 in funding awarded to Shoalhaven City Council.

Mr Gordon Clark, Strategic Planning Manager, Shoalhaven City Council acknowledged the support to the local community. "This funding allows the council to have a condition report prepared to allow us to see what conservation work is required to ensure the memorial is appropriately repaired." Mr Clark said.

"Round 1 of the 2023/24 grant program is currently open, and closes on 25 July. I encourage all communities to visit and check the status of their local war memorials and apply for funding for restoration work that is needed." Mr Harris said.

For more information visit <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/heritage/community-war-memorials-fund/>

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Round 2 of the Community War Memorials Fund 2022/23 – Successful recipients

Organisation name	Project description	Amount funded	Electorate
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Conservation works to the mortar located at the Tallong War Memorial.	\$7,500	Goulburn
Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden Inc.	Conservation works to the Ivanhoe Park War Memorial.	\$3,995	Manly
Liverpool City Council	A condition assessment report prepared for the A.E. Smith Boer War Memorial.	\$1,600	Liverpool
Jindera Recreational Reserve Management Committee	A condition assessment report prepared for the Jindera First and Second World War Memorial.	\$3,000	Albury
Gosford RSL sub-Branch	Conservation work to the lower section of the Gosford Cenotaph.	\$9,999	Gosford
Mosman Preparatory School	Conservation work to the Mosman Church of England Preparatory School WWI Roll of Honour.	\$6,500	North Shore
St Mary's Balmain Anglican Parish	Conservation works to the St Mary's Church Balmain Honour Roll 'European War 1914'.	\$7,000	Balmain
Maclean RSL sub-Branch	A condition assessment report prepared for the Harwood Island Great War Memorial	\$3,000	Clarence
Maclean RSL sub-Branch	Conservation works to the Chatsworth Cenotaph, including cleaning and painting.	\$2,975	Clarence
Empire Bay Progress Association (EBPA)	Conservation works to the Empire Bay War Memorial, including replacement of base and cleaning.	\$8,500	Terrigal
Dubbo Public School	Conservation works to the Dubbo District School Great War Honor Roll.	\$10,000	Dubbo
Hornsby Shire Council	Conservation works to the Galston War Memorial.	\$7,500	Hornsby
Girilambone Community Association	To have a condition assessment report prepared for the CWA Memorial Park, Girilambone.	\$2,200	Barwon
St Luke's Anglican Church	Conservation and cleaning works to the First World War honour roll for the 19th Battalion in St Luke's Anglican Church, Clovelly, and two associated plaques.	\$4,486	Coogee
Yass Valley Council	Conservation works to three sets of entry doors at the Yass Soldiers Memorial Hall.	\$10,000	Goulburn
Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum Inc.	Conservation works to the Lithgow Small Arms Factory First World War Roll of Honor.	\$6,290	Bathurst
Shoalhaven City Council	A condition assessment report prepared for the Berry War Memorial.	\$3,000	Kiama
Braidwood Sub-branch	Conservation works to the Braidwood Central School Honour Roll.	\$7,412.90	Monaro
Canterbury-Bankstown Council	Conservation works to the Lakemba War Memorial.	\$7,500	Canterbury
Shoalhaven City Council	A condition assessment report prepared for the Kangaroo Valley Soldiers Memorial.	\$3,000	Kiama
Shoalhaven City Council	A condition assessment report prepared for the Nowra Mafeking Boer War Memorial.	\$3,000	South Coast
Wandsworth Community Reserve	A condition assessment report prepared for the Wandsworth Heritage War Memorial.	\$6,732	Northern Tablelands