

The Hon Victor Dominello MP

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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\$98,630 IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY WAR MEMORIALS

Minister responsible for Veterans' Affairs Victor Dominello MP today announced the twelve recipients of the Remembrance Day 2011 round of the Community War Memorials Grants.

Grants totalling \$98,630 have been approved for the maintenance and repair of existing local community war memorials.

"Local war memorials hold a very special place in the hearts and minds of our local communities. As we approach the Centenary of Anzac, the NSW Government wants to ensure that our local organisations have the means and support to restore and conserve these important memorials during the lead up to First World War commemorations," Minister Dominello said.

Successful community-based applicants for this round include:

- Brooklyn RSL Sub Branch: \$10,000 for a replacement sandstone plinth memorial following storm damage.
- Bungendore War Memorial Management Committee: \$10,000 for repointing and cleaning of memorial stonework.
- Bulahdelah Show Society Inc: \$9,000 for restoration of Bulahdelah District Soldiers Memorial Gates.
- Toronto RSL Sub Branch: \$10,000 for restoration of First World War Memorial.
- Merewether RSL Sub Branch: \$10,000 for landscaping, drainage work and paving at Mitchell Park Memorial Gates.
- Camden RSL Sub Branch: \$10,000 for restoration of Macarthur Park Memorial.
- Thirroul RSL Sub Branch: \$8,000 for restoration of Thirroul Memorial.
- Miranda RSL Sub Branch: \$10,000 for relocation of Miranda War Memorial.
- Nambucca Heads Sub Branch: \$3,500 for lighting and repairs at Nambucca Heads War Memorial.
- Penshurst RSL Sub Branch: \$10,000 to improve security at Penshurst War Memorial.
- Newington College 70 Club: \$3,170 renewal of War Memorial Honour Roll at Newington College.
- War Widows Guild: \$4,960 for maintenance of the War Widows Field of Remembrance monument at St Andrews Cathedral, Sydney.

"I congratulate all the successful applicants who do this dedicated and important community-based work. They ensure that future generations will continue to honour those who served and our precious history of service," Minister Dominello said.

The grants are supported by the Community War Memorials Fund and successful applicants are recommended by the State War Memorials Committee.