



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

MEDIA RELEASE

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Local projects receive boost through major commemorative grants

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Dan Tehan, today announced four projects will share in more than \$67,000 to commemorate Australia's wartime heritage.

The funding was provided under the Major Commemorative Grants category of the *Saluting Their Service* program to projects in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory.

The Surfers Paradise RSL Sub-branch will receive \$24,212 to complete Stage 3 of the Queensland Korean War Memorial.

The Australian Flying Corps (AFC) and Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Association National Council in Victoria was awarded \$10,455 to publish a book on the AFC in the First World War.

The National Boer War Memorial Association in the ACT will receive \$11,321 to hold a dedication ceremony in May 2017.

The Jewish National Fund of Australia Inc in NSW was awarded \$21,750 towards an exhibition at the Sydney Jewish Museum to commemorate the centenary of the Australian Light Horse involvement in the Battle of Beersheba.

"These projects will honour the service and sacrifice of our nation's servicemen and women as we commemorate the Anzac Centenary period from 2014 to 2018," Mr Tehan said.

"As a nation it is important we reflect on Australia's wartime experiences and how they have shaped our nation."

A list of the projects awarded funding in this round of grants is attached.

For more information about the Saluting their Service program, contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs' Commemorative Grants team on 1800 026 1`85 or email commemorativegrants@dva.gov.au.

**SALUTING THEIR SERVICE MAJOR
COMMEMORATIVE GRANTS OCTOBER
2016**

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
National Boer War Memorial Association	CAMPBELL	Hold a dedication ceremony for the National Boer War Memorial in Canberra	11,321
Total Grants – ACT – 1			Total \$ 11,321

NEW SOUTH WALES

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Jewish National Fund of Australia Inc	DARLINGHURST	Hold an exhibition at the Sydney Jewish Museum commemorating the centenary of the Australian Light Horse involvement in the Battle of Beersheba	21,750
Total Grants – NSW – 1			Total \$21,750

QUEENSLAND

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Surfers Paradise RSL Sub-branch	BROADBEACH	Complete Stage 3 of the Queensland Korean War Memorial at Broadbeach	24,212
Total Grants – QLD – 1			Total \$24,212

VICTORIA

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount
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AFC and RAAF Association National Council	HAWTHORN EAST	Publish a book entitled 'Australian Flying Corps in the Great War 1914-18'	10,455
Total Grants – VIC – 1			Total \$10,455

MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

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