

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **NEW PROJECT TO CAPTURE STORIES BEHIND COMMUNITY WAR MEMORIALS**

The stories of courage and sacrifice commemorated in more than 3,000 community war memorials will be mapped and recorded as part of a new program funded in the NSW Budget.

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott said the NSW War Memorials Survey and Mapping Project will enable communities to record the location, historical significance and condition of their local war memorial, strengthening the Register of War Memorials in NSW.

The \$50,000 to support the Register of War Memorials is part of more than \$5.8 million the NSW Government is investing in veterans in the 2018-19 Budget, helping to commemorate the sacrifice of NSW's servicemen and women and support veterans transition back to civilian life.

"As I have travelled around the State as Minister for Veterans Affairs, it has become clear that there are many stories behind these local war memorials which should be recorded and archived for future generations," Mr Elliott said.

"This is part of the Liberal & National commitment to ensure the Anzac legacy is shared and commemorated beyond the Centenary of Anzac."

"The Register of War Memorials is an invaluable resource for the community, and I'm proud of this investment in our military heritage."

Other highlights of the 2018-19 Budget include:

- \$50,000 for the Anzac Community Grants Program
- \$250,000 for the Community War Memorials Fund for the protection and conservation of local war memorials across NSW
- \$200,000 for the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship 2019 tour
- \$1.5 million (\$6.1 million over four years) in the Anzac Memorial

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