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Anzac commemorations funded across the State

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92 community groups, schools and ex-service organisations will share in over \$100,000, from the Anzac Community Grants Program (ACGP) to commemorate veterans across the state.

The ACGP provides small grants, of up to \$3000, for a range of projects that help commemorate and educate communities about the service and sacrifices of our current and former military servicemen and servicewomen.

This year has seen a record 110 applications from a range of organisations including schools, RSL sub-Branches and LifeCare highlighting the importance of honouring veterans in local communities.

Projects funded include:

- Purchase of a bagpipe at the Hastings Secondary College, Westport Campus so students can perform at significant Anzac events.
- Purchase of jerseys for the Schofields Junior Rugby League Club players to participate in the Penrith Juniors Rugby League commemorative Anzac Day round.
- Preservation of memorabilia, handmade during the First World War, for display by the Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses Association in Randwick.
- Purchase of banners to display across the Wollondilly region by the Council to honour veterans and promote Anzac Day.
- Purchase of pull-up banners to support the on-going digital honour board, by the City of Canada Bay Heritage Society, recognising the contribution of soldiers, sailors, nurses and airmen from Canada Bay area.
- School holiday art workshops at Kiama Library for children to reflect on the spirit of remembrance for Anzac Day.
- Creation of a memorial wall to commemorate the actions and service of the 1st/15th Royal NSW Lancers and precursor units at the New South Wales Lancers' Memorial Museum in Parramatta.
- Creation of an Anzac Day Mural at Goulburn High School which will serve as a reminder of the service and sacrifice of the Anzacs
- Creation and installation of a decorative mural to promote learning about Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations and war service at Mount Warrigal Public School.

For the full list of ACGP recipients and more information about the program visit <http://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/acgp2023>

Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans, David Harris:

“The NSW Government is committed to honouring our veterans and their families.

“It is great to see so many organisations, especially our schools, keen to honour our veterans and their contributions in their communities.

“And that what this program is for – to fund great projects that not only recognise Australia’s war service history, but importantly also educate a new generation and support the wellbeing of the NSW veteran community.”

Quotes attributable to Ms Leisa Mooney, Mount Warrigal Public School:

“The contribution will help our school to honour the strength, courage, and sacrifice of our service men and women.

“The mural will encourage rich discussion about Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations and war service throughout history within our classrooms and school community.”

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