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\$9,200 grant to restore Enfield War Memorial

The Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Peter Primrose, today joined the Member for Strathfield, Virginia Judge, to announce funds for the restoration of a German 105mm World War I Howitzer Gun which is the centrepiece of the Enfield War Memorial.

Mr Primrose said the funding was made possible through the Community War Memorials Fund, which helps local communities to protect and restore war memorials.

"This war memorial, like thousands of others around NSW, is an enduring symbol of the sacrifices made by those who served in World War One," Mr Primrose said.

Ms Judge welcomed the \$9,200 grant and said the money would go to Strathfield Council to pay for the restoration.

"I am pleased that the Enfield War Memorial is being restored so that it can stand for the next 80 years as a reminder to the community of past sacrifices," Ms Judge said.

"This memorial is unique – the captured gun was donated by the French government in recognition of the contribution made by Australian troops during World War I.

"The restoration work involves removing the gun from the plinth, transporting it and then sandblasting to remove paint and rust.

"The wheels and other surfaces then need to be restored before it can again be reinstalled on the plinth."

Mr Primrose said the Community War Memorials Fund was established in recognition that many memorials, some now 80 or 90 years old, are in need of maintenance.

"\$250,000 is available across the state each year for the repair and conservation of local memorials," Mr Primrose said.

The applications are considered by State War Memorials Committee twice a year.

Members of the committee include Don Rowe, the NSW RSL President, and representatives of heritage and community groups.

Mr Primrose said communities, councils and ex-service organisations interested in applying for funding to visit www.veterans.nsw.gov.au or phone 9228 5370.

More information about war memorials across the state can be found at the NSW war Memorials Register: www.warmemorialsnsw.asn.au