



# The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

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### NSW GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NEW ANZAC COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell and Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello today announced a new grants program that will help young people and multicultural communities participate in the Anzac spirit and traditions, as well as involve them in commemorative efforts.

"The **Anzac Community Grants Program** has been established to facilitate commemorative and educational initiatives at a local level by young people and to engage culturally diverse communities in Anzac remembrance," Mr O'Farrell said.

"In 2015, we will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the formative Campaign at Gallipoli.

"It will be our generation which will have the special responsibility to honour the legacy of Australia's military history, a legacy drawing on the heritage of the Anzac valour and mateship which was the making of our young nation.

"Our generation is the crucial link between the heroic past and the hopeful future.

"As the son of a soldier, I understand how important it is we capture and pass on the stories and the spirit that make our nation proud and strong."

The Anzac Community Grants Program will be made up of a youth component and multicultural component of \$50,000 each.

Mr Dominello said the Anzac Community Grants initiative ensures that members of the NSW community can share in and honour the enormous sacrifices the Anzac diggers made.

"Projects that could be considered under the youth component include providing support to RSLs to visit and present to local schools, or supporting local schools undertake studies about the Anzac experience of former students" Mr Dominello said.

"Possible projects under the multicultural component could include assisting ex-service organisations facilitate story telling with new community members, or community organisations partnering with host ESOs on commemorative days, such as laying wreaths at the ANZAC Memorial at Hyde Park on Italian National Day," he said.