



Mr Sam Birrell MP
Federal Member for Nicholls

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Supporting and Remembering Our Veterans

Federal Member for Nicholls, Mr Sam Birrell MP, says more than \$20,000 in Federal Funding will be awarded to organisations across Nicholls to support and remember veterans.

Around \$12,000 will go to Goulburn Valley Veterans Services to assist the team in their work in helping veterans and their families access vital veteran services.

Mr Birrell said the money was provided under the Building Excellence in Support and Training program.

“I recently met with members of Goulburn Valley Veterans Services and the team do an incredible job helping veterans and their families navigate sometimes challenging services,” Mr Birrell said.

“Many veterans can be unaware of the assistance they are entitled to, and for some individuals, dealing with the various agencies is confusing and can increase stress.

“This money will support their tireless work to help get local veterans the help they need and deserve,” Mr Birrell said.

While 3 organisations across the region will share in \$8,500 to commemorate the service and sacrifices of Australian heroes in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

- \$3,500 - Marungi Memorial Park Reserve Committee of Management - restore the Marungi Memorial Park Cenotaph
- \$3,000 - Puckapunyal Primary School - restore the school's Memorial Garden
- \$2000 - Shepparton Search and Rescue Squad - install a flagpole at S&R Headquarters.

“I commend the passion of these groups for undertaking projects that honour our men and women who served,” Mr Birrell said.

“This money will support projects that will be used in local communities to remember veterans and educate residents for generations to come,” he said.

Mr Birrell encouraged community organisations, councils and schools to apply for the next round of the Saluting their Service Commemorative Grants Program.

Applications are now open for the next batch of the grants program which supports projects that promote appreciation and understanding of the experiences of service and the roles that those who

served have played, and to preserve, or provide access to information about Australia's wartime heritage.

2 categories of grants available under the program:

Community Grants up to a maximum of \$10,000 are available for local, community-based projects and activities and Grants between \$10,001 and \$150,000 are available for major commemorative projects and activities that are significant from a national, state, territory and/or regional perspective.

For more information visit - www.grants.gov.au

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