



Amanda Rishworth MP

Member for Kingston

MEDIA RELEASE

Over \$9,700 SUPPORT FOR KINGSTON VETERAN COMMUNITY

Three Kingston organisations will receive over \$9,700 in funding from the Rudd Government, Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth said today.

- **\$3,100** for the McLaren Vale & Districts RSL Sub-branch Inc
- **\$3,000** for the Naval Association of Australia Inc Beachvale Sub-section
- **\$3,630** for the Port Noarlunga/Christies Beach RSL Inc Sub-branch

Ms Rishworth said the funding had been approved by Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Alan Griffin, as part of the *Saluting Their Service* commemorations program.

"The approved grants will help these organisation install memorial displays and wartime memorabilia to formally recognise the services of those who served in wars, peacekeeping operations and conflict," Ms Rishworth said.

"*Saluting Their Service* provides funding to help community and ex-service organisations honour the service and sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations," Ms Rishworth said.

"*Saluting Their Service* has helped fund initiatives such as refurbishing or upgrading existing memorials, constructing new community memorials, repairing vandalised memorials, preserving and displaying wartime memorabilia, and commemorating significant wartime anniversaries.

"Local communities and ex-service organisations can apply for funding to help commemorate significant anniversaries this year such as the 90th anniversary of battles on the Western Front, the 90th anniversary of the Armistice and the 40th anniversary of the battles of Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral in Vietnam.

"I am pleased the Rudd Government has been able to support this project and I congratulate the successful organisation for their efforts on these projects

and in ensuring the contribution of our service personnel are honoured and remembered.”

For more information about *Saluting Their Service* and how to apply for funding contact the Office of Amanda Rishworth MP on (08) 8186 2588, or visit www.dva.gov.au/commem/commac/guidelin/guidelin.htm.

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***Saluting Their Service* grant presentation**

Talking points for MPs/Senators

- I am pleased to be here today to present [organisation name] with \$xxx in funding from the Australian Government as part of the *Saluting Their Service* commemorations program.
- *Saluting Their Service* is an important source of funding to help ex-service and community organisations to honour and remember the contribution made by Australians in times of war and conflict.
- Initiatives supported through *Saluting Their Service* include refurbishing or upgrading existing memorials, constructing new community memorials, repairing vandalised memorials, preserving and displaying wartime memorabilia, and commemorating significant wartime anniversaries.
- Local communities and ex-service organisations can apply for funding to help commemorate significant anniversaries this year such as the 90th anniversary of battles on the Western Front, the 90th anniversary of the Armistice and the 40th anniversary of the battles of Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral in Vietnam.

- The *Saluting Their Service* grant I present today will go towards [project description].
- I congratulate [organisation name] for its efforts in ensuring the contribution of our service personnel is honoured and remembered.
- Honouring the dedicated service of our past and present servicemen and women is very important, and through initiatives like [organisation's name] we are ensuring that they are recognised and remembered.