



Media Release

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GRANTS HELP IMPROVE VETERAN AND DEFENCE COMMUNITY LIFE

Everything from upgrades to kitchen and office facilities to the purchase of equipment for Men's Sheds are among projects to receive funding in the latest round of *Veteran and Community Grants*, Minister for Veterans' Affairs Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson announced today.

"It is a pleasure to announce grants for 38 projects around the country, together receiving more than \$410,000 towards the invaluable work of these dedicated organisations. I congratulate each of the successful applicants," Senator Ronaldson said.

Minister Ronaldson said RSLs, Men's Sheds and many other veteran and defence community organisations provide a central hub of support, recreation and comradeship for so many of our current and former servicemen and women.

"Since 1999, the *Veteran and Community Grants* programme has helped ex-service organisations continue to provide high quality services and support to the veteran and defence community and their families, as well as assisting in attracting the next generation of members."

Ex-service and community organisations, veteran representative groups, private organisations and projects that promote improved independence and quality of life for veterans are eligible for funding through the *Veteran and Community Grants* programme.

"The Australian community is justly proud of the service and sacrifice of our veterans and those currently serving in the Australian Defence Force. Each of these grants is a show of our appreciation and gratitude to our sailors, soldiers, airmen and nurses, past and present," Senator Ronaldson said.

"The *Veteran and Community Grants* programme will continue to provide funding in future rounds. I encourage any eligible local veteran or defence groups to consider how a grant could help you deliver care and support to your community."

For further information on how to apply visit www.dva.gov.au/grants or contact your nearest DVA office on 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia.

Editor's note: *A list of grant recipients is attached.*

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VETERAN AND COMMUNITY
GRANTS 2013-14 FUNDING
ROUND TWO

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY			
Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women Association (ACT)	Erindale	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$7,190
Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women Association (ACT)	Erindale	To upgrade existing computer equipment for the production of a newsletter.	\$6,053
Total Grants - ACT - 2		Total \$	13,243

NEW SOUTH WALES			
Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Berry RSL Sub-branch	Berry	To install air-conditioning in the sub-branch for the wellbeing of the local veteran community.	\$5,600
Gosford RSL Sub-branch	West Gosford	To purchase new audio-visual equipment to enhance the programs provided by the Day Club.	\$3,130
Kingscliff RSL Sub-branch	Kingscliff	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$5,250
Macksville RSL Sub-branch	Macksville	To purchase a public address system to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$3,756
Maitland RSL Sub-branch	Maitland	To upgrade photocopier equipment for the production of a newsletter.	\$6,574
National Service & Combined Forces Association of Australia Incorporated (Maitland Branch)	East Maitland	To purchase computer equipment and a digital camera for the production of a newsletter.	\$3,476
NSW RSL Lawn Bowls Association	Cabramatta	To purchase a digital camera and to assist with transport, printing and postage costs associated with hosting the 2013-2014 National RSL Bowls Carnival.	\$14,346
Tocumwal RSL Sub-branch	Tocumwal	To refurbish the facilities and install air-conditioning to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$30,080
Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia Gosford City Sub-branch Incorporated	Ettalong Beach	To fund a Group Senior First Aid Course and to purchase a public address system to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$6,501
Total Grants - NSW - 9		Total \$	78,713

QUEENSLAND			
Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Defence Force Welfare Association Queensland Branch Incorporated	Enoggera	To purchase a photocopier to sustain the Association's quarterly newsletter project.	\$6,000
National Servicemens Association of Australia (Qld) Incorporated Bundaberg	Bundaberg	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$4,155
Naval Association of Australia Queensland Section	Woolloongabba	To purchase computer equipment and a photocopier to support the establishment of a quarterly newsletter.	\$7,103
Queensland RSL Bowls Association Brisbane Zone	Hamilton	To undertake a series of bus trips to regular bowls matches to enhance the social and healthy lifestyle activities facilitated for the local veteran community.	\$2,000
RAAF Radschool Association	West Chermside	To purchase digital photography equipment to enhance the Association's magazine project.	\$2,820
Returned & Services League of Australia Blackall Senior Citizens Day Club	Blackall	To purchase new tables and chairs to enhance the programs provided by the Day Club.	\$2,000
Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Currumbin Palm Beach RSL Sub-branch	Currumbin	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$5,870
Defence Force Welfare Association Queensland Branch Incorporated	Enoggera	To purchase a photocopier to sustain the Association's quarterly newsletter project.	\$6,000
Total Grants - QLD - 8		Total \$	29,948

SOUTH AUSTRALIA			
Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Brighton Sub-branch RSL Incorporated	Brighton	To install air-conditioning, carpet and furniture to create a lounge area for use by the veteran community.	\$22,649
Coonawarra Penola RSL Sub-branch Incorporated	Penola	To upgrade the kitchen facilities to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$68,200
The Royal Australian Air Force Association Mitcham Branch Incorporated	Hawthorn	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$3,800
Total Grants - SA - 3		Total \$	94,649

VICTORIA			
Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Barham Koondrook Men's Shed Incorporated	Koondrook	To purchase a dust filter system for the wellbeing of members.	\$8,685
Combined Tramways & East Melbourne Sub-branch RSL of Australia VIC Branch Incorporated	Fitzroy	To purchase a portable defibrillator to benefit members during outings and activities.	\$2,300
Glenmount Day Club	Glen Waverley	To purchase new equipment to enhance the programs provided by the Day Club.	\$6,239
Kangaroo Flat Day Club	Kangaroo Flat	To purchase new equipment to enhance the programs provided by the Day Club.	\$2,221
Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club Incorporated	Mt Eliza	To upgrade a photocopier to enhance the production of a newsletter.	\$7,997

Power House Day Club	Morwell	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation and to purchase new equipment to enhance the programs provided by the Day Club.	\$9,855
Queenscliff Point Lonsdale RSL Sub-branch	Queenscliff	To purchase a new oven to enhance the programs provided by the Sub-branch.	\$4,675
St Arnaud RSL Sub-branch	St Arnaud	To refurbish the kitchen facilities to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.	\$46,271
Ti-Tree Day Club	Mentone	To purchase new equipment to enhance the programs provided by the Day Club.	\$1,731
Trafalgar Thorpdale RSL Sub-branch	Trafalgar	To purchase an audio visual system to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.	\$11,909
Western Suburbs TPI Social Club	Sunshine	To purchase computer equipment and a digital camera for the production of a newsletter.	\$1,592
Wimmera TPI Social Club	Natimuk	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$4,130
Total Grants - VIC - 12		Total \$	107,835

WESTERN AUSTRALIA			
Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Australian Ex-services Atomic Survivors Association Incorporated	Canning Vale	To upgrade a photocopier to enhance the production of a newsletter.	\$8,800
Bridgetown RSL Sub-branch	Bridgetown	To install air-conditioning and a dust filter system in the Men's Shed for the wellbeing of members.	\$2,265
Hopetoun Men In Sheds Incorporated	Hopetoun	To purchase tools and equipment to facilitate activities provided by the Men's Shed.	\$28,784
Returned and Services League of Australia Mount Barker WA Sub-branch	Mt Barker	To construct a park to commemorate people from the Plantagenet Shire who served in World War 1.	\$34,500
Returned Services League City of Cockburn Sub-branch	Hamilton Hill	To purchase a colour photocopier to enhance the production of a newsletter.	\$12,765
Total Grants - WA - 5		Total \$	87,114

Other States and Territories : NIL		
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National Total: 38	National Total \$	411,502
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