

Federal Government Announcement - Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program

Dear Minister and Wardens,

We are writing to inform parishes about the availability of the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program. Your parish may be eligible to apply for a grant.

What projects are eligible?

Proposed projects and events must be directly commemorative of the involvement, service and sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women in the First World War. Types of projects eligible include:

- public commemorative events, including the commemoration of important military anniversaries, enlistments and other First World War events that have had a significant impact on the local community;
- the restoration of existing First World War memorials or honour boards;

What projects are not eligible?

- Projects which are not eligible include capital works including construction and repair or refurbishment of buildings including memorial halls.
- The grant is restricted to WW1 commemorative events, memorials or honour Boards. In the event that the event, memorial or honour board incorporates conflicts beyond WW1, the parish will need to make a separate grant submission under the "Saluting their service" grants available at www.dva.gov.au/grants

Parishes should weigh up the relative merits of applying for funding through this program in terms of its applicability to the parish buildings; any impact on potential future development (for both heritage or non-heritage listed buildings); and the community benefits of the restoration of WW1 memorials and/or holding ANZAC day commemorative events.

The program is co-ordinated by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) who have confirmed with the ACPT the following requirements:

- 1. Applications close on 30 May 2014 and should be submitted by parishes directly (without any involvement from the ACPT) to each local MP who will consult with their grant Electorate Committee.
- 2. Parishes are advised to speak with their local MP who will advise of the suitability of the project and provide assistance in completing the application form.
- 3. The MP will then make a determination (based on a number of factors including the amount of other submissions received) on whether to consider approval of the grant prior to the 30 May 2014 cut off or to defer a decision until after that date. The MP is then responsible for submitting recommendations on the application to the DVA.
- 4. The grant announcement has been "low key" and so a relatively small number of grant applications have been received to date.
- 5. A small number of applications have been approved ranging from \$500 to \$100,000.
- 6. It is a requirement that all grant applicants make a financial contribution towards the project (i.e. each parish is required to provide parish funds in addition to the grant funding).

The ACPT is not in a position to determine whether a particular proposed project is suitable for a grant. This is because all the successful grants will be determined by the Australian Government.

Application forms are available from local MPs' offices, DVA offices and the website at: www.anzaccentenary.gov.au

For more information, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs DVA who is administering the program on free call 1800 026 185 or www.dva.gov.au

If accepting this grant would push the parish over the ACNC threshold amount of \$100,000 in grants received per annum the parish will need to speak to the ACPT (otherwise there is no requirement for the ACPT to be involved in the grant process for which parishes may apply directly).

If you have any queries directly related to the ACPT, please contact us as per the contact details below.

Kind Regards.

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