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**Remembering the ANZAC Centenary**

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Schools, community groups and local councils across the Territory will share in almost $100 000 in Government grants to help them commemorate the ANZAC Centenary in 2014 and 2015.

“Territorians have not forgotten the sacrifices made by men and women in wars over the past century and it is encouraging to see such enormous interest in commemorating this centenary at a grassroots level in our community,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

Dozens of funding applications were received for events, activities and projects right across the Territory.

“I am particularly impressed to see the level of interest from Territory schools in wanting to pay tribute to our war time history. Helping our children to understand the horrors and sacrifices of war is critical to promoting peace over the next 100 years,” Parliamentary Secretary Lia Finocchiaro said.

With the funding provided through the grants program Casuarina Senior College is holding a commemorative week and service in April, Moil Primary School is staging a play based on the lives of NT WWI servicemen who have local streets named after them, St Philip’s College in Alice Springs is focussing on the women’s war effort and Rosebery Middle School is building a memorial garden.

“As a patron of the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, I am especially looking forward to hearing *Poppies*, a symphonic tribute to the Centenary of ANZAC. The Government is contributing $5000 towards this project as part of the grants program,” Mr Giles said.

*Poppies* is being developed in partnership with the Darwin Army Band and will be performed at ANZAC Centenary events across the Territory, including a number of regional locations.

“The Territory has a rich wartime history and it is great to see that many of the grants have also been awarded to projects aimed at preserving these stories and sites.”

The Genealogical Society of the NT is receiving $5000 to record the final burial place of the Territory’s returned ANZACs.
Katherine RSL will upgrade the plaques at the town’s War Memorial, while Wagait Shire Council is receiving funds to replace the interpretive signs at the WWII USAF Liberator crash site on the Cox Peninsula.

The Alice Springs Public Library will hold an exhibition called *The ANZAC legend in Alice – Then and now*, while Katherine School of the Air will record 100 stories of men and women who served in the Great War.

The Community Grants scheme is part of a wider program of ANZAC Centenary events being planned by the Territory Government over the next four years.

“Preparations are now well advanced for next year’s *Borella Ride*. This project will re-enact the journey of the Territory’s only Victoria Cross recipient Albert Borella from Tennant Creek to Darwin to enlist,” Mr Giles said.

“On Remembrance Day, I encourage all Territorians to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by men and women in war, and to consider how they can get involved in these grassroots ANZAC Centenary events over the next four years.”

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