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FUNDING BOOST FOR STATES AND TERRITORIES ANZAC CENTENARY PROJECTS

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs and the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, today announced \$4 million in funding from the Anzac Centenary Public Fund to support the commemoration of the Centenary of Anzac in Tasmania, the Northern Territory and South Australia.

"The Australian Government is proud to support state and territory governments, local communities and Australians across the nation through the Anzac Centenary programme. Through donations to the Anzac Centenary Public Fund, we are able to provide funding for projects across the country and ensure they receive the recognition they truly deserve," Senator Ronaldson said.

"The Centenary of Anzac will be one of Australia's most important periods of national commemoration, providing all Australians the opportunity to reflect, remember and commemorate the service and sacrifice of more than two million Australians who have served in the Australian Defence Force and those on the home front who have cared for and supported them."

Senator Ronaldson said that the Government has adopted the recommendations of the Anzac Centenary Public Fund Board to support the following projects:

- \$300,000 to install a Flame of Remembrance at Hobart's Cenotaph. Hobart is the only state capital currently without a flame of remembrance;
- \$1.7 million to support the Albert Borella Ride in the Northern Territory. The Ride commemorates the journey of Albert Borella VC to enlist and serve in the First AIF; and
- \$2 million to begin work on the Memorial Garden Walk project in Adelaide. This funding will be contingent upon matching contributions from the South Australian Government and the City of Adelaide. This is a \$9.7 million project of which the Commonwealth will fund up to \$5 million.

Other projects with priority funding status from the Anzac Centenary Public Fund include:

- Redevelopment of the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne (up to \$22.5 million to be reimbursed to the Victorian Government);
- Redevelopment of the Hyde Park Memorial in Sydney (up to \$19.6 million);
- Redevelopment of Anzac Square in Brisbane (\$5.9 million); and
- Fulfilment of the Commonwealth's contribution to the Memorial Walk project in South Australia (\$3 million).

Further projects to be supported by the Fund will be announced in due course and subject to available funds. The Government is continuing to scope arrangements for a travelling exhibition, in conjunction with the Australian War Memorial and the corporate sector.

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“From today, the public can make contributions to the Anzac Centenary Public Fund by visiting www.anzaccentenary.gov.au. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and will be used to support projects associated with the Centenary of Anzac, such as those listed above.

“The Fund will contribute to a range of significant projects associated with the Anzac Centenary and will help leave an enduring and unifying legacy for current and future generations of Australians. All monies gifted to the Public Fund will be spent on Commonwealth Government approved Anzac Centenary initiatives or projects in Australia.

“I would also like to thank Mr Lindsay Fox AC for his efforts to raise funds from corporate Australia for the Public Fund, and those Australian companies which have donated so far. It is at the local level where commemoration must live on, Australians young and old must ensure we never forget our brave servicemen and women,” Senator Ronaldson said.

Further information on the Anzac Centenary Programme can be found at the Anzac Centenary Website www.anzaccentenary.gov.au and the Anzac Centenary Facebook page at www.facebook.com/anzaccentenary. To join the conversation use #AnzacCentenary.

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