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22 LOCAL WAR MEMORIALS TO BE RESTORED

Local war memorials across the State will be restored and preserved for future generations with \$140,000 from the NSW Government's *Community War Memorials Fund*.

Acting Minister for Veterans Geoff Lee has announced 22 successful projects in communities from Bonalbo to Bungendore and Woy Woy to Wagga Wagga.

"Local war memorials connect with our communities and have a very important role in paying tribute to those who served our country," Mr Lee said.

"Funding will restore honour rolls, repair stone monuments and provide access to specialist conservation advice.

"We must ensure the sacrifice and courage from the service men and women we lost in war are never forgotten."

The grants ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000 will support memorials including Alexander Eagleton Boer War Memorial Gates in Clarence Town, the Holbrook War Memorial Obelisk and the Berrima Remembrance Grove.

The Trungley Hall Second World War Memorial Gates near Temora in the south west will also receive funding in this round of grants.

The gates were erected in 1948 and serve as an entrance to the Trungley Hall Lutheran Church, with the posts bearing the names of two local soldiers who were killed in action in the Second World War.

"When you walk through the gates you remember Private Norman Appelt who died in Egypt in 1942 and Corporal Walter Forck who was killed in New Guinea in 1943," Mr Lee said.

"As we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War this year, it is the perfect time to restore these gates."

Applications for the next round of the NSW Government's *Community War Memorials Fund* are open until 27 July 2020.

More info at: <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/heritage/community-war-memorials-fund/>