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MEDIA RELEASE

Local grants salute veterans

17 JUNE 2014: The Hyden and Williams veteran communities have received a funding boost through the Australian Government's *Saluting Their Service* grants programme to help commemorate its proud history of service.

Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson MP said The Shire of Williams and the Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL Sub-branch had received \$3,300 and \$3,000 respectively.

The Shire of Williams funding will be used to install a community war memorial in the town while the Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL Sub-branch will install a display cabinet at the Miniature Soldier Museum in Hyden to exhibit wartime memorabilia.

"I congratulate The Shire of Williams and the Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL Sub-branch on their efforts to recognise the invaluable contribution of Australian servicemen and women, past and present, and ensure the next generation appreciates their service and sacrifice," Mr Wilson said.

The organisations are two of 81 projects across the country funded from the latest round of *Saluting Their Service* grants, with more than \$187,065 being allocated to community and ex-service organisations around Australia.

"The *Saluting Their Service* grants programme helps the Australian community from all walks of life to contribute to the commemoration of those who have served and continue to serve our nation.

"These funds support local, community-based projects such as the restoration of wartime memorabilia, establishing new memorials and flag poles, and refurbishing existing memorials and local rolls of honour," Mr Wilson said.

Local community and ex-service organisations interested in applying for future grant funding rounds should visit www.dva.gov.au/grants or call 1800 555 254.

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