



**Scott Bacon, MP**

Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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## **Funds to maintain Tasmanian war memorials announced**

Six Tasmanian war memorials will share in \$25,500 funding for repairs and maintenance in grants announced today by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Scott Bacon.

Mr Bacon said there were more than 100 war memorials around the State, ranging from cenotaphs and halls through to honour boards and plaques.

"They are important reminders of the sacrifice made by many Tasmanians in conflicts around the world and are often the focus of public ceremonies to recognise the dedication of our service men and women," he said.

"The War Memorial Repair and Maintenance Grants Program helps ensure these memorials are maintained to a standard fitting their important role."

Mr Bacon said war memorials receiving funding in the latest grants round are:

- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Devonport - \$5,000
- Remember Them – replacement of individual plaques, George Town - \$4,575
  - Lone Pine Project, Queenstown - \$2,500
    - Tasman Cenotaph - \$4,070
- Reinstatement of Ladysmith/Boer War Statue, Huonville - \$4,886
  - Memorial field gun restoration, Triabunna - \$4,553.

The War Memorial Repair and Maintenance Grants program was established in 2010-11, with \$50,000 allocated each year for three years.

Mr Bacon said eligible organisations will be able to apply for the remaining funding from this financial year's program in late February.

Guidelines for the Grants Program were developed in consultation with the Tasmanian Veterans' Advisory Council (TVAC).

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