Budget 2017-18

ANZAC Centenary Program – additional funding

This measure will provide funding for the last stage of the Anzac Centenary and Century of Service commemorative programs.

Why is this important?

The Australian Government continues to acknowledge and commemorate the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

In 2018, the Anzac Centenary and Century of Service commemorative programs, which have provided the overarching commemorative focus since 2014, will conclude.

The Anzac Centenary acknowledges the key centenary anniversaries of the First World War, which did so much to shape and define the Australian nation shortly after Federation. The Century of Service acknowledges significant anniversaries from all subsequent conflicts, wherever possible involving the surviving veterans of battles and campaigns.

This provides for:

- an international commemorative service for the 100th anniversary of the Armistice of the First World War on Remembrance Day – 11 November 2018
- a targeted, federal electorate-based grants program to fund community and cultural institutions to commemorate the Armistice of the First World War centenary
- the Department to facilitate the participation of veterans, from conflicts to be commemorated, at a suitable commemorative event in the Century of Service program
- appropriate measures to manage attendance, raise public awareness about specific events and increased traffic management of the Anzac Centenary program
- continuing support for Victoria Cross and Victoria Cross for Australia recipients to attend commemorations and activities in the public interest.

Who will benefit?

This measure will benefit all veterans and the ex-service community, Victoria Cross and Victoria Cross for Australia recipients, and the general community who attend the commemorative activities.

How much will this cost?

This measure provides funding of \$19.6m over two years.