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Teddy Sheean VC Memorial Grants

Ten organisations from across Tasmania will share in a total of \$50,000 funding from round one of the 2023-24 Teddy Sheean VC Memorial Grants Program.

The Grants Program was established as a tribute to the bravery and sacrifice made by Tasmanian sailor Edward 'Teddy' Sheean VC, who gave his life for his country and fellow shipmates during a battle in 1942 off the coast of East Timor.

Minister for Veterans, Guy Barnett, said the Grants Program honours Teddy Sheean VC as a representative of the many Tasmanians who selflessly gave their lives for others in the defence of Australia.

"That sacrifice is embodied in the work of the ten organisations receiving funding this year," said Minister Barnett.

"The Rockliff Liberal Government recognises the valuable contribution of Tasmania's service men and women and is committed to supporting the serving and ex-service community in Tasmania."

The Grants Program provides funds to Tasmanian ex-service organisations and clubs for minor capital works and equipment purchases and welfare initiatives for veterans.

Funds are also available to a range of organisations for the repair and maintenance of war memorials, and for the construction of new memorials in Tasmania.

Some of the projects to receive funding include:

- *Maydena RSL Sub Branch Inc - \$2,152 for equipment purchase;
- *Queenstown RSL Sub Branch Inc - \$8,660 for modernisation upgrades;
- *Bridport Ex-services, Bowls and Community Club Inc – \$6,100 for restaurant carpet replacement; and
- *Zeehan RSL Sub branch – \$5,000 for cenotaph refurbishments.
- *Rosebery District RSL and Ex-Services Club Inc - \$10,000 refurbishment

A full list of the successful applicants will be available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/community-grants/teddy_sheean_grants_program/teddy_sheean_memorial_grants_program_successful_applicants