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## Supporting Tasmanian Veterans

The Hodgman majority Liberal Government recognises the valuable contribution of Tasmania's service men and women and is committed to supporting veterans and ex-serving members in Tasmania.

We are providing \$100,000 across two rounds of the 2019-20 Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program to fund and support Tasmanian veterans and ex-serving organisations.

The grant program provides funding for small infrastructure repairs and maintenance, and/or equipment purchases for RSLs and ex-serving organisations across the state, as well as war memorial construction, repair and maintenance.

Fourteen organisations from across Tasmania will receive a total of almost \$50,000 funding through the first round.

Some of the projects to receive funding include:

- Ulverstone Returned Servicemen's Club Inc - \$7,700 to upgrade their foyer doors;
- Launceston RSL Sub Branch Inc - \$5,000 to purchase and renovate furniture;
- St Helens – St Marys RSL Sub Branch Inc - \$3,100 to install lighting on the WWI mural and the final 16 names on the WWI Roll of Honour;
- Esperance RSL Sub Branch Inc - \$5,000 to upgrade the Cenotaph memorial; and
- King Island RSL Sub Branch Inc - \$4,728 for preservation and display of donated memorabilia.

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

The Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program is part of the Government's record package of more than \$750,000 in additional funding to support Tasmania's veterans, ex-service personnel and their families.

A full list of the successful applicants is available on the Department of Communities Tasmania website at [www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr](http://www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr)