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Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Supporting our Veterans

The Hodgman Liberal Government will be providing almost \$50,000 in funding to ten veterans and ex-serving organisations across Tasmania from the first round of the 2018/19 Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program.

Named in honour of Ordinary Seaman Edward 'Teddy' Sheean - one of Tasmania's best-known wartime servicemen—the Government established the Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program to help support Tasmania's veterans and ex-serving community.

Under the Program, funding is available for small infrastructure repairs and maintenance, and/or equipment purchase for RSLs and ex-serving organisations throughout Tasmania, as well as for war memorial construction, repair and maintenance.

Projects to receive funding in this round include:

- Burnie RSL Sub Branch – \$10,000 for refurbishment of the kitchen;
- Launceston RSL Sub-Branch - \$10,000 for refurbishment of facilities;
- St Helens – St Mary's RSL Sub Branch – \$1,698 to replace office equipment and security system; and
- Queenstown RSL Sub Branch – \$5,000 for memorial repairs and display gun refurbishment.

Alongside this, it is extremely pleasing to note that the Australian Government's Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal has accepted a submission from the Tasmanian Government to consider the merits of Teddy Sheean as to whether he should receive a Victoria Cross.

The Tribunal will undertake a review into Teddy's actions, and I am looking forward to participating on behalf of the Tasmanian Government, with Garry Ivory, the nephew of Teddy Sheean.

I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of Garry Ivory for his untiring work over 30 years to properly recognise Teddy for his gallant actions.

The Hodgman 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.

A full list of the successful applicants will be available on the Communities Tasmania website at www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr