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Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans Affairs

## Supporting our Veterans

I was pleased to visit the St Helens – St Marys RSL Sub-Branch and view equipment and security upgrades secured thanks to the 2018/19 Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program.

These important upgrades were made possible thanks to the Hodgman Liberal Government 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.

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Guy Barnett joined Sub-Branch members to inspect the new equipment.

“It is a pleasure to support valuable community organisations like the St Helens St Helens – St Marys RSL Sub-Branch, particularly while honouring a great Tasmanian hero in Teddy Sheean” Minister Barnett said.

“Today I had the opportunity to meet with some of the community members who use these facilities every day.”

“RSLs provide valuable assistance and advocacy for veterans and their families, which is why the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to supporting these organisations.”

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.

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.



*Picture: with Graham Cameron*