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Guy Barnett, Liberal Member for Lyons

### **Supporting veterans on Tasmania's East Coast**

RSLs provide valuable assistance, support and advocacy for veterans and their families, and I was honoured to join Liberal member of Lyons, John Tucker at the Swansea RSL on 13 September to announce a \$4,400 grant from the Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program 2018-2019, funded by the Hodgman majority Liberal Government.

The funding will be used to undertake an electrical upgrade at the Sub Branch, helping ensure the RSL can continue its important work in supporting veterans in the East Coast region and beyond.

This Government is providing more than \$750,000 in additional funding over three years to back our veterans and ex-serving communities in Tasmania, including \$100 000 per annum over three years towards the Teddy Sheean Grant Fund, which assists RSLs and ex-serving organisations with small infrastructure works, repairs and equipment purchases.

The Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program was established as a tribute to the bravery and sacrifice made by Tasmanian sailor Ordinary Seaman 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 Grants Program honours Teddy Sheean as a representative of the many Tasmanians who selflessly gave their lives for others in the defence of this country.