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Remembrance Day 2022 and new Teddy Sheean VC Memorial Grants

Australians pause every year, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, to remember the service and sacrifice of our servicemen and women.

Remembrance Day has been observed in Australia since the end of World War 1 and commemorates servicemen and women who suffered or died in the line of duty.

Their sacrifice is marked by a minute's silence at 11am, the same time the guns fell silent on the Western Front in 1918.

More than 15,000 Tasmanian men enlisted to serve their nation in World War 1. Of these an estimated 3000 lost their lives and many more suffered physical and psychological injuries.

On the first anniversary of armistice in 1919, two minutes' silence was adopted for Armistice Day.

After the Second World War, Armistice Day was renamed Remembrance Day to commemorate all war casualties.

I am especially pleased that the USS Tripoli will be staying with us in Hobart during Remembrance Day, which is an opportunity to reflect on the more than 100 years of allyship and mateship between Australia and the United States.

November 11 is also Veterans Day in the United States and a national holiday to honour their veterans.

This year, Remembrance Day in Tasmania will also be acknowledged with nine organisations receiving a total of \$50,000 funding from round one of the 2022-23 Teddy Sheean VC Memorial Grants Program.

This Grants Program was established 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 Grants Program honours Teddy Sheean VC as a representative of the many Tasmanians who selflessly gave their lives for others in the defence of this country.

Funding was available for minor capital works, tools and/or equipment purchases, welfare initiative as well as war memorial construction, repair and maintenance.

Some of the projects to receive funding include:

- The Tasman Ex-Servicemen's & Women's Association Inc - \$5,000 for Nubeena cenotaph reconstruction project;
- Dover RSL and Ex-Servicemen's Club Inc - \$10,000 for replacing an internal ceiling;
- Hobart Legacy Inc – \$3,955 for 2023 Legacy centenary commemorative bench and complementary interpretation panel bench seat; and
- Devonport RSL Sub Branch Inc – \$4,395 for community connection projects

The Tasmanian 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 Department of Premier and Cabinet website

at www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/community-

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Lest we forget.