



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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Novocastrians Salute

Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today announced two Commonwealth grants under the *Saluting Their Service* Program to help Newcastle commemorate those who served our nation in war time.

"Mayfield East Public School was awarded \$2,000 to construct three honour boards dedicated to former students who served in World War II," Ms Grierson said today.

"The Friends of the Second Infantry Battalion, a Newcastle based group, was also granted \$880 to establish a commemorative plaque dedicated to the 2/2nd Australian Infantry Battalion at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra."

"I am pleased to announce funding for these commemorative projects that will give Novocastrians the chance to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have come before us."

"The commitment and courage of Veterans from Newcastle and the Hunter has provided a legacy that must never be forgotten. Those of us who today enjoy such a unique and prosperous way of life must remember that it was Australia's Veterans who defended it."

"I applaud Mayfield East Public School and the Friends of the Second Infantry Battalion for their great leadership in developing these proposals to salute our heritage."

"These commemorations will help us to hold a constant candle to the courage of Australian Veterans."

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