

ANZAC DAY SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Statement by Member for Yokine

MR R.C. KUCERA (Yokine) [12.51 pm]: I wish to remind the house that the second round of the Anzac Day small grants scheme closes on 14 September for an announcement on Remembrance Day in November. The small grants scheme was announced by the Premier in January this year and will have four funding rounds of about \$250 000. It builds on a similar scheme commenced in 2003 that delivered more than \$1.5 million to nearly 100 groups. In the first round announced on Anzac Day, the grants committee approved 54 applications worth more than \$260 000, including \$9 166 for the Wyalkatchem Returned and Services League to replace its roof, \$10 000 for the Narrogin RSL and \$10 000 for the Preston Beach Progress Association to assist with the construction of a memorial wall. Funding is available to assist with the restoration or protection of existing war memorials; the creation of new community war memorials where there is no existing memorial; upgrades to RSL, memorial or community halls used for Anzac Day services; the promotion of public awareness about the Anzac tradition through interpretive programs and partnerships, particularly with local schools; and research that promotes the Anzac tradition in Western Australia. Groups such as RSL sub-branches, schools and local governments can apply through the Constitutional Centre or online at www.anzac.dpc.wa.gov.au. With the centenary of the Anzac landing less than a decade away, this is an invaluable program that I ask all members to promote in their communities.