## **Ministerial Circular**



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## SUPPORT FOR THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE (RSL) DURING CENTENARY OF ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS

As Australia and New Zealand commemorate the Centenary of ANZAC, the New South Wales Government wants to reiterate its support for our service men and women and the Returned and Services League (RSL) of Australia.

Community interest in RSL-led Centenary events is anticipated to be significant and events will be planned in all local government areas in New South Wales. In the lead up to ANZAC Day and more broadly in the planning of other Centenary events, all councils are urged to support the RSLs throughout the State in planning for these commemorations.

Councils are encouraged to assist in the preparation of the Centenary of ANZAC services and events. Assisting RSL sub-branch representatives with event management in planning and running ANZAC Day and other Centenary services would be welcomed throughout the entire Centenary period.

Councils are also urged to use discretion and remain mindful of the importance of the services when deciding whether or not to impose fees for development applications and other local approvals. It is hoped that due to the local, State and national significance of these events that councils will see fit to waive any fees that may traditionally be imposed.

For councils requiring further information on community events please refer to <u>Developing a council community event policy – a toolkit for NSW councils</u>

If not already in discussions, your council should anticipate being contacted by your local RSL sub-branch in the coming months.

The Hon Paul Toole MP Minister for Local Government

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