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ANZAC MEMORIAL PROJECT GAINS MOMENTUM

One year out from the centenary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli, Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL is a step closer to building a memorial park to share in and honour the enormous sacrifices Australian diggers have made throughout the nation's history.

Through the SITA Community Grants program, Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL has received a \$5,000 grant to help build the Anzac Crescent Memorial Park at the 'The Glades' in Byford.

Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL President Ric Giblett said the grant will enable the RSL to create a place of reflection for the Shire community to honour the local men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

"It is our intention to have all the names currently listed on Honour boards hidden away in the various Shire Halls in one place at this Memorial," said Mr Giblett.

"With an increasing number of people now attending the Dawn Service conducted by the Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL, there is a need for a dedicated area for the people of Serpentine-Jarrahdale to reflect on our past," he said.

SITA WA Infrastructure Manager Craig Barker said the company was honoured to support the project as part of the SITA Community Grants Program.

"We could not find a more worthy recipient than Serpentine-Jarrahdale RSL and are delighted to help them reach their goal of building the Anzac Crescent Memorial Park in time for next year's centenary", he said.

"With operations from Neerabup to Busselton and across to Kalgoorlie, SITA is committed to supporting and encouraging the tireless work of community groups in the areas where we operate," said Mr Barker.

Member for Darling Range Tony Simpson said it was important to recognise and remember the sacrifices of the past.

"We have a great lifestyle in this region and it would not have been possible without the courage and dedication of previous generations," Mr Simpson said.

"I am really pleased by this example of a private business and a local community group working together. This is a very important project to create a Memorial Park in Byford where over 300 courageous local men and women will be recognised," he said.

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