



**Jason Wood MP**  
Federal Member for La Trobe

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### **Avenue of Honour for Ferny Creek Veterans**

Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson and Member for La Trobe Jason Wood, re-opened the refurbished Anzac Memorial at Ferny Creek on Monday.

The stone shelter located in the Sherbrooke Forest was a dedication to those who served in the First World War and was originally erected by local returned servicemen in 1939.

"I am so proud to see the Ferny Creek and Sassafras community take such an interest in commemorating and remembering the service of the ANZACS," Senator Ronaldson said.

"The Australian Government is proud to provide \$10,000 through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program to assist the Dandenong RSL to refurbish the memorial, installing a new flagpole and erecting two new storyboards."

Mr Wood said the project was another example of how the Government was working with the local community to commemorate the Centenary of Anzac.

"It was only a few weeks ago that we had the Governor-General and the Minister here in La Trobe opening the Anzac Walk so it is fantastic that we now have another great commemorative project finished ahead of Anzac Day," Mr Wood said.

"The refurbishment of the Ferny Creek memorial will enable the local community to conduct a special service for the Anzac Centenary this year."

The Centenary of Anzac will be Australia's most significant period of commemoration. During the Centenary we not only remember the Anzacs, we also pay tribute to all men and women who have served Australia in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

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