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Mr NEUMANN (Blair) (09:47): On 25 April this year, Australia will mark the centenary event of the Anzac landings at Gallipoli. Our nation's identity was shaped by the service and sacrifice of Australian men and women at Gallipoli and on other battlefields of that war. The former federal Labor government established the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program, and I commend the current government for continuing that program. I want to thank the local committee, which I established, chaired by Jim Runham OAM, with members Jim Madden MP, Councillor Andrew Antonioli, Beryce Nelson, Elizabeth DeLacy, Phil Gilbert, Bruce Saxby, Brian Hall, and committee secretary and my electorate officer, Kylie Stoneman, for the work they have done. I am delighted to congratulate the 12 applicants across the Blair electorate who have so far have received funding. The Esk RSL Sub Branch received \$11,990 to erect a memorial at the main cenotaph in Ipswich Street, Esk, depicting the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce received \$20,000 to establish First World War memorial structures and a memorial wall as part of the Anzac memorial under construction at the Robelle Domain Parklands, Springfield. St Brigid's Catholic Primary School—where I will be on Friday—received \$10,000 to construct an Anzac memorial garden in the school grounds. The Bundamba Anzac Observance Committee received \$6,539 to create a living memorial to the 12 men from Bundamba who gave their lives in the First World War. The Ipswich Adventist School received \$5,447 to update and relocate the school's memorial stone and flagpole to provide more room for the increased number of attendees at the school's Anzac Day dawn service. Brisbane Valley Heritage Trails received \$2,633 to produce a book entitled *The Colinton Boys*—the boys from the Brisbane Valley who took their horses overseas and fought in the First World War.

The St Edmund's Christian Brothers College Old Boys Association received \$1,921 to publish a book about the 72 men listed on the Woodend honour stone, commemorating those from Woodend, a suburb in Ipswich, who died in the First World War. Brisbane Valley Uniting Church received \$2,168 to refurbish its First World War Honour Board and produce a related booklet. The Ipswich City Council received \$14,808 to assist with stage 1 of the Ipswich Memorial Garden redevelopment. The Pine Mountain and District Historical Society received \$10,000 as a contribution toward the Pine Mountain honour stone memorial project. The Eastern Suburbs Anzac Day Commemoration Committee received \$2,860 for the design, production and dedication of a marble Anzac Centenary stone at Cameron Park in Booval. The Military Brotherhood received \$250 for a plaque to commemorate the Dungaree's Recruitment March Centenary Ride 2015, which retraces the original 1915 recruitment march. I congratulate all those diverse projects and all the people associated with those applications.