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SMITHFIELD HONOURS THE ANZAC LEGACY

The NSW Government has honoured soldiers from across the Smithfield area with additional funding to support the revitalisation of the McCarthy Memorial Park.

Minister for Corrections and Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott presented the \$3,500 grant to the Smithfield RSL Sub-Branch at the official reopening of the Park following extensive restoration works.

Mr Elliott said investing in local war memorials was a crucial step in safeguarding the legacy of Australian servicemen and women beyond the Centenary of Anzac.

“Western Sydney made an enormous contribution to the war effort and this funding will support the restoration of the McCarthy Memorial Park, ensuring Smithfield residents have a place to honour the service and sacrifice of defence personnel”, he said.

Mr Elliott also visited Modular Building Systems (“MBS”), an Australian owned business based in Smithfield, and inspected the construction of modular cells for NSW prisons.

The business has successfully tendered to manufacture 688 modular cells which will increase prison bed capacity by more than 2,700 beds. They will be installed in the following maximum-security prisons across the state:

- Junee Correction Centre;
- Cessnock Correction Centre;
- Mid North Coast Centre;
- Bathurst Correctional Centre; and
- Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals are investing \$3.8 billion into increasing prison bed capacity and it's exciting to see the positive impact this investment has on Australian manufacturing companies like MBS,” Mr Elliott said.

Mr Elliott also opened a new Juvenile Justice Community Office in Parramatta to provide community-based intervention for young offenders.