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ONE OF OUR BRIGHTEST TO TOUR KEY ANZAC BATTLEFIELDS

Ellen Lavis from Corowa High School will learn about the contribution of Anzac soldiers during a once in a lifetime journey to key battlefields in Greece, France and Belgium as part of the Premier's Anzac Ambassadors Program.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott today announced the winners in the Speaker's Garden at Parliament House.

Ellen is one of six students from across NSW selected to go on the ten-day tour of Athens, Lemnos, Villers-Bretonneux, Passchendaele and London.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin was present to congratulate Ellen on being one of six successful students.

"Ellen Lavis is about to embark on a journey of a lifetime and I know the whole community wishes her the best and will be eager to hear about what she learns on the tour," Mr Aplin said.

Mr Elliott said the tour will bring the Anzac story to life for Ellen, who submitted a 1000 word essay on why the Centenary of Anzac is important for modern Australia.

"It was a tough competition and while not everyone was successful, these Anzac Ambassadors will have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of our diggers and deepen their understanding of a legacy that has shaped Australia's history," Mr Elliott said.

ClubsNSW Director Sallianne Faulkner said the club industry was proud to help educate the next generation about the importance of our Anzac history.

"It's one thing to learn about Australia's history in the classroom, but it's quite another to physically retrace our soldiers' footsteps abroad," Ms Faulkner said.

Ellen will leave on Sunday, 28 October 2018 and return on Wednesday, 7 November 2018. You can follow her journey by liking the Your Local Club Facebook page or by following Your Local Club on Instagram.

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