

# Media Release

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## DELIVERING SUPPORT FOR VICTORIA'S VETERANS

The Victorian Government is continuing to support veterans and their families, with the latest round of grants injecting more than \$1.1 million in mental health and welfare support.

Minister for Veterans Shaun Leane today announced all the successful recipients from three separate veterans' grants programs, delivering 62 projects to support the ex-service community.

It includes projects that will preserve their legacy for future generations, as well as ongoing support to assist ex-service organisations impacted by the global coronavirus pandemic.

Through a \$150,000 *ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund* grant, Carry On (Victoria) will deliver welfare, financial and education support to more than 300 ex-service men and women.

Melbourne Legacy has received more than \$145,000 for three projects, including one supporting elderly widows in their care, through safe travel options to social activities and health care.

More than \$46,000 has also been provided to the Warrnambool RSL Sub-Branch to deliver preventative mental health programs, reconnecting veterans and supporting their transition back into the local community.

Through the *Victoria Remembers Minor Grant Program* and in partnership with the Victorian Veterans Council, Yeungroon Country Fire Authority has received almost \$14,000 to construct an obelisk as a tribute to the local community members who served their country.

More than \$16,000 has been provided to The Australian Commando Association of Victorian to create a digital oral history program, recording the experiences of Victorian veterans for the future.

Ten memorials and avenues of honour around the state will also be restored and improved as part of the *Restoring Community War Memorials Program*, including \$26,000 to recognise the Tintaldra Avenue of Honour destroyed in the January bushfires and more than \$24,000 to restore the 1918 Wallan Avenue of Honour.

For a full list of successful recipients in your area and information on other veteran grant opportunities, visit: [vic.gov.au/grants-support-and-commemorate-veterans](http://vic.gov.au/grants-support-and-commemorate-veterans).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans Shaun Leane

*"Just as our veterans have served our country, it is our duty now to support them. The Victorian Government is proud to preserve their legacy for future generations."*

*"Victoria's veterans have faced a different kind of battle this year. This funding will provide critical health and welfare support to our ex-service men and women and their families during these challenging times."*

### Quote attributable to Victorian Veterans Council Chair Roger Clifton

*"This support is particularly important this year, as are the continued opportunities for commemoration and remembrance that these grants provide."*