

Media Release

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SUPPORTING AND HONOURING VICTORIA'S VETERANS

The Andrews Labor Government is improving the lives of veterans and ensuring their stories and sacrifice are remembered for future generations.

The Minister for Veterans Shaun Leane today announced 29 successful projects sharing in more than \$500,000 funding to support veterans and honour their service.

The funding will provide crisis accommodation and welfare support for Victorian veterans among a suite of critical projects supporting those who have served our country.

One of the funding recipients is Carry On Victoria, who have received \$50,000 for crisis accommodation for veterans and their families.

RSL Victoria have also received \$50,000 to continue providing vital welfare support to veterans and their families.

These projects are possible thanks to the Labor Government's *Anzac Day Proceeds Fund*, which helps with direct welfare support, such as living expenses, health and wellbeing, education and school expenses, transport costs and social activities.

In addition, RMIT University have received more than \$18,000 to run a digital media exhibition commemorating the contributions, sacrifices and stories of Australian Army Nurses from the Boer War in 1899 to today.

Diamond Creek RSL Sub-Branch also received \$17,000 to buy and refurbish a shipping container, which will be used to display memorabilia and honour those who have served Australia.

These commemorative projects are being made possible by the Labor Government's *Victoria Remembers Grant Program*, which supports projects that honour veterans and their service or educate Victorians about the significant contribution of veterans.

These grant programs are being delivered in partnership with the Victorian Veterans Council.

The Labor Government's *Restoring Community War Memorials Program* is also providing funding to support the restoration or adaptation of Victorian community war memorials, honour rolls and avenues of honour.

The latest grants include \$30,000 for the Shrine of Remembrance to repair the 177 plaques in its Shrine Reserve that mark trees dedicated to events and service units, and almost \$14,000 to add a new plaque and properly place another at a memorial in Nagambie, which has been abandoned for 50 years.

For more information on these and other veteran grant opportunities, visit vic.gov.au/grants-support-and-commemorate-veterans

Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans Shaun Leane

"We are giving Victorian veterans the support they deserve in their civilian lives and ensuring we properly honour them for their incredible contribution to our country."

"Our veterans should be honoured every day – which is why we're supporting veteran wellbeing and ensuring their service and sacrifice is remembered."

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