

Media Release

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SUPPORTING VICTORIAN VETERANS AND PRESERVING THEIR LEGACY

The Victorian Government is supporting the welfare of veterans and their families and ensuring their sacrifices are remembered by future generations.

Acting Minister for Veterans Luke Donnellan today announced grant applications are open thanks to the ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund and the Victoria Remembers Grant Program.

Under the ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund, organisations that support the wellbeing of the veteran community can apply for funding for a range of welfare support activities – including health and wellbeing programs, education expenses and transport for shopping, social activities and welfare needs.

Previous recipients include Soldier On Victoria, who in 2020 received \$50,000 to help veterans secure a future career through employment and education support.

The fund is generated through proceeds of sporting events held in greater Melbourne on ANZAC Day, along with a proportion of the tax the Government collects from wagering and betting companies in April.

Grants of up to \$30,000 are also available through the Victoria Remembers Grant Program, supporting projects that honour or commemorate veterans' service or inform the community about the significant contributions veterans have made.

Last year, the Australian Commando Association of Victoria received more than \$16,000 to create a digital oral history archive, recording the experiences of Victorian veterans.

Ex-service organisations, local government authorities, not-for-profit organisations and educational institutions are all encouraged to apply.

Applications for both grant programs close at 5pm on Monday 23 August 2021.

For more information about the ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund and to apply, visit vic.gov.au/anzac-day-proceeds-fund.

Further information on the Victoria Remembers Grant Program including how to apply is available at vic.gov.au/victoria-remembers-grant-program

Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Veterans Luke Donnellan

"We're ensuring Victoria's veterans and their families – who have sacrificed so much to ensure all Australians can enjoy safety, freedom and peace – have the support and recognition they deserve."

"Whether you can support veterans with employment and education, or you have an idea to honour their service or help inform the Victorian public about their sacrifices, we encourage you to apply for one of these grants."