

Media Release

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SUMMIT TO SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN OUR VETERAN SECTOR

Organisations that support veterans and their families will soon be brought together for a landmark summit in Melbourne.

Minister for Veterans Shaun Leane today encouraged groups to register to attend the Ex-Service Organisation (ESO) Summit, which will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday 6 August 2022.

The summit will encourage attendees to share insights and collaborate across the ex-service sector, as well as help ensure veterans and their families continue to have access to high-quality support services.

It will also allow organisations to discover current trends and opportunities in service delivery and connect with other groups, so they can forge new relationships across the sector which may enhance their services.

The Andrews Labor Government is providing more than \$200,000 to plan and deliver the summit as part of its ongoing commitment to honouring and supporting Victoria's veteran community.

The summit will be hosted by the Victorian Veterans Council (VVC), an independent statutory body that provides crucial advice to the Labor Government on issues impacting the veteran community.

Attendees will be able to participate in-person or virtually. A welcome event will be held ahead of the summit at the Shrine of Remembrance on Friday, 5 August.

Organisations that support veterans can find out more about the summit or register to attend at: <https://www.victorianveteranscouncil.org.au/eso-summit-2022>

Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans Shaun Leane

"Ex-service organisations and service providers play a crucial role in supporting Victorian veterans and their families – and we want to ensure they continue to have access to the high-quality support services they deserve."

"I encourage all Victorian-based organisations that work with veterans – big or small – to attend this landmark summit. By learning from each other, collaborating and creating new partnerships, we will make sure our veterans are always honored and supported."

Quotes attributable to Victorian Veteran Council Chair Greg Yorke

"We look forward to hosting a wide range of the state's ex-service organisations and service providers at our inaugural Ex-Service Organisation Summit."

"It will be a fantastic opportunity to connect with colleagues, discover other ESO success stories and participate in knowledge exchange."