## **Media Release**

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## MORE SUPPORT FOR VICTORIA'S VETERANS

The Allan Labor Government and Victorian Veterans Council are strengthening support for the veteran community with funding to honour their service, protect their legacy and promote wellbeing.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman today announced the recipients of this year's Anzac Day Proceeds Fund and Victoria Remembers programs — providing more than \$1.5 million in funding to deliver vital support to veterans and their families across the state.

The Anzac Day Proceeds Fund delivers more than \$1.1 million to support 20 organisations delivering welfare and wellbeing initiatives for veterans, with grants of up to \$150,000 for statewide programs and up to \$50,000 for local projects.

Among this year's recipients is Vasey RSL Care's STRIVE project. The 12-month program has been developed to address the interconnected needs of veterans, including wellbeing, resilience and social connection, and will be delivered at the V Centre in Ivanhoe which has been specifically adapted to serve at-risk and homeless veterans.

More than \$410,000 provided through the Victoria Remembers Grant Program will fund 27 projects with grants of up to \$30,000 to support commemorative events, new memorials and education projects.

The Ballarat Veterans Assistance Centre will use its funding to showcase the experiences and personal stories of veterans from across the Goldfields region. The "Meet Your Veterans" photo exhibition will celebrate the diversity of the veteran community and encourage open conversation between veterans and the public.

For a complete list of grant recipients, visit <u>vic.gov.au/anzac-day-proceeds-fund</u> and <u>vic.gov.au/victoria-remembers-grant-program</u>.

## **Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman**

"These grants back the local organisations doing incredible work for our veterans, and help ensure every Victorian has a deeper appreciation of the service and sacrifice that protects our way of life."

"As we pause this Remembrance Day to honour those who served, these grants support the wellbeing of veterans and their families through fantastic community programs that keep their legacy alive."

## Quote attributable to Victorian Veterans Council Chair Greg Yorke, AM, CSC

"These grants not only provide practical support for veterans but also help strengthen the connection between veterans and their communities – reminding us of the service and sacrifice that has shaped our history and continues to inspire us today."

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