



The Hon Darren Chester MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs
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MEDIA RELEASE

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BOOST TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES SUPPORTING VETERANS' HEALTH AND WELLBEING

VETERANS and their families from across Australia will benefit from projects funded under the Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) program aimed at ensuring their health and wellbeing.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester announced that more than \$480,000 will be provided to fund activities and services within local communities to help maintain the mental and physical health of our veterans and their families.

"The health and wellbeing of veterans and their families is a priority for the Federal Government and these grants will help local ex-service organisations, veterans' groups and community organisations deliver projects that promote a healthy and independent lifestyle—something incredibly important as we navigate the current coronavirus pandemic," Mr Chester said.

"I am pleased to announce that these organisations have been offered funding to deliver projects such as creating a community garden, bus trips to help reduce social isolation and upgrading existing community facilities.

"For example the Carina's Men Shed will receive almost \$80,000 to develop a series of weekly activities around sport and social engagements targeted specifically towards veterans, their families and carers.

"Congratulations to the communities and ex-service organisations that have been offered funding to deliver activities and services to support the veteran community."

DVA recognises the potential impact coronavirus may have on recipients completing their projects, with social distancing and other public health measures in place across the country. The grants offer will be available for the initial 12-month period, however, if the organisation requires more time to complete their project due to coronavirus, DVA will consider extending the length of the agreement on a case-by-case basis. This flexibility will ensure all of the successful organisations can deliver their projects within a reasonable timeframe and continue to deliver great support to their local veteran community.

You can view a full list of the latest announced grants below.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
NSW RSL Bowls Association	Saratoga	To provide transport for interstate veterans attending the 2020 National Carnival of Veteran Lawn Bowlers and printing of programs.	\$21,065.00

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Returned & Services League of Australia (South Australia Branch) Darwin Sub-Branch	Darwin	To create a community garden at Billeroy House.	\$22,680.00
RDA Alice Springs Incorporated	Alice Springs	To provide an equine therapy program to young veterans in the Alice Springs region.	\$11,000.00

QUEENSLAND

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Australian Flying Corps and Royal Australian Air Force Association, Queensland Division Incorporated Letters Patent	Murrumba Downs	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$6,000.00
Carina Men's Shed Incorporated	Carina	To develop a series of weekly activities around sport and social engagements targeted specifically towards veterans, their families and carers.	\$78,485.00
Southern Downs Ex-Services Association Queensland Incorporated	Warwick	To construct a fire exit safety door to ensure a safe environment for members.	\$5,436.00
Cooroy Memorial Hall Association Incorporated	Cooroy	To replace tables and chairs to ensure a safe environment for members and guests	\$65,000.00
Cockscomb Veterans Bush Retreat Incorporated**	Cawarral	To replace electrical wiring at the Retreat to ensure a safe environment for members.	\$25,586

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Uniting Church in Australia Highgate	Highgate	To purchase computer numerical controlled routing technology to encourage and upskill veterans participating in activities at the Rosefield Community Shed.	\$15,950.00
Returned Services League Blanchetown Sub-Branch Incorporated	Blanchetown	To install air conditioning and solar panels; replace and insulate the interior panelling of the clubhouse and purchase a defibrillator.	\$30,000.00
The Returned & Services League (Mount Gambier Sub-Branch & Memorial Club) Inc.	Mount Gambier	To upgrade the Mount Gambier Community RSL Diggers Room to create a functional, family friendly environment.	\$30,000.00
Returned & Services League (Tumby Bay) Sub Branch Incorporated	Tumby Bay	To purchase and install a sound system at the RSL to support the needs of the veteran and wider community at social events.	\$10,062.00

TASMANIA

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
The Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex Servicemen	North Hobart	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$5,150.00
The Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex Servicemen and Women (Tasmanian Branch) Incorporated	North Hobart	To purchase 10 café/bar type stools for use at the social club.	\$1,000.00

VICTORIA

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Caulfield RSL Sub-Branch Inc.	Elsternwick	To assist with renovation of the kitchen facilities at the Caulfield RSL.	\$106,000.00

Totally & Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen & Women's Association of VIC Inc.	North Melbourne	To purchase computer equipment to enable the production of a quarterly magazine and social club newsletters.	\$10,116.00
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Recipient	Location	Funding description	Amount \$
Broome Sub Branch R.S.L.	Broome	To upgrade the kitchen facilities to provide a safe environment for members and guests.	\$17,987.00
Returned & Services League Busselton Sub-Branch	Busselton	To purchase computer equipment for use at the South West Veterans Centre, undertake bus excursions and conduct educational sessions.	\$8,200.00
North Beach RSL Sub-Branch	North Beach	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation	\$15,020.00