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### **Grants support veterans and their communities**

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan said veterans around Australia would benefit from more than \$799,000 in grant funding provided to ex-service organisations for community projects.

Mr Tehan said the latest round of 47 grants under the *Veteran and Community Grants* program would directly benefit veterans and their families.

“These grants will fund a diverse range of projects and equipment that will help improve life for veterans in their communities, including upgrading facilities, improving venue accessibility and social outings,” Mr Tehan said.

“As a nation we must never forget the service and sacrifice of the men and women who serve in the defence of our nation.

“The support provided through these grants complements efforts underway at the Department of Veterans' Affairs to transform services to the veteran community and their families.”

Ex-service and community organisations, veteran representative groups, private organisations and projects that promote improved independence and quality of life for veterans are eligible for funding through the *Veteran and Community Grants* program.

For more information or to apply visit the DVA website ([www.dva.gov.au/consultation-and-grants/grants](http://www.dva.gov.au/consultation-and-grants/grants)).

*A list of grant recipients in each state is attached. All figures are GST exclusive.*

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**Veteran And Community Grants  
2017-2018 Funding Round One**

| State | Recipient | Location | Electorate | Funding description | Amount \$ (GST Exc) |
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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

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|---|--|--------|----------|---|-------------|
| ACT   | Forecast Systems Pty Ltd T/A Tharwa Valley Forge | Tharwa | Canberra | To provide courses to veterans and their family members in blacksmithing, artisan bladesmithing, bow making and archery, woodworking and woodcarving. | \$58,181.82 |
| <b>Total Grants – Australian Capital Territory: 1</b> |  |        |          | <b>Total: \$58,181.82</b>   |             |

**NEW SOUTH WALES**

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|-----|--|------------|-------------|---|------------|
| NSW | Gloucester Sub-Branch of the RSL of Australia (NSW Branch) | Gloucester | Lyne        | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.  | \$6,618.18 |
| NSW | Legacy Club of Armidale Incorporated                       | Armidale   | New England | To install a hearing loop to help hearing impaired clients to be able to follow verbal instructions and guest presenters. | \$2,181.82 |
| NSW | Military Brotherhood MMC Illawarra Sub-Branch Incorporated | Wollongong | Cunningham  | To purchase a marquee and flags to be used at functions and events to raise awareness of available services.              | \$3,646.50 |

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| NSW                                      | NSW RSL Zone 6 Lawn Bowls  | Raymond Terrace | Paterson | To promote and encourage participation in lawn bowls to help alleviate social isolation and increase interaction. To also support attendance at the Lawn Bowls Carnival. | \$8,874.00 |
| NSW                                      | The Trustee for NSW RSL Zone 11 Bowling Association  | Hunter          | Hunter   | To purchase equipment to produce a newsletter for members, bowls equipment and to undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.                            | \$6,580.00 |
| NSW                                      | Tweed Valley-Murwillumbah National Servicemens' Association of Australia Incorporated Sub-Branch | Murwillumbah    | Richmond | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.   | \$7,339.20 |
| NSW                                      | Ungarie Sub-Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia NSW Branch                   | Ungarie         | Riverina | To install new carpet in the extended Meeting and Memorabilia Display Room.  | \$1,390.91 |
| <b>Total Grants - New South Wales: 7</b> |  |                 |          | <b>Total: \$36,630.61</b>  |            |

## QUEENSLAND

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|-----|--|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|
| QLD | Cockscomb Veterans Bush Retreat Incorporated                 | Cawarral    | Capricornia | To purchase and install a solar system, power outlets and lighting at the Cockscomb Retreat. | \$21,251.00 |
| QLD | Legacy Club of Fraser Coast and Country Burnett Incorporated | Maryborough | Wide Bay    | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.                               | \$6,802.73  |

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| QLD | National Servicemen's Association Australia Hervey Bay Branch  | Pialba       | Hinkler  | To purchase computer equipment for the production of a newsletter.   | \$3,941.00  |
| QLD | National Servicemen's Association of Australia (Queensland) Incorporated                                   | Wacol        | Oxley    | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.   | \$9,030.00  |
| QLD | National Servicemen's Association of Australia (Queensland) Incorporated                                   | Wacol        | Oxley    | To install air-conditioning in the Association's activity hall for the wellbeing of the local veteran community. | \$19,568.00 |
| QLD | Queensland RSL Bowls Association Brisbane Zone   | Hamilton     | Brisbane | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.   | \$3,555.00  |
| QLD | Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Forest Lake Sub-Branch                         | Durack       | Oxley    | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.   | \$2,070.00  |
| QLD | Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Gympie Sub-branch Incorporated                 | Gympie       | Wide Bay | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.   | \$5,765.45  |
| QLD | Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Holland Park-Mt Gravatt Sub-Branch             | Holland Park | Griffith | To purchase tables to support and expand activities provided for the veteran community.                          | \$6,690.00  |
| QLD | Returned & Services League Of Australia (Queensland Branch) Isis Sub-branch Incorporated                   | Childers     | Hinkler  | To install a disabled access ramp and purchase equipment and furniture for the Sub-branch.                       | \$15,586.36 |
| QLD | Returned and Services League Of Australia (Queensland Branch) Kingaroy - Memerambi Sub-Branch Incorporated | Memerambi    | Maranoa  | To purchase computer equipment for the production of a newsletter.   | \$6,077.27  |

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| QLD                                  | Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association (Queensland) Incorporated   | Runcorn     | Moreton  | To purchase computer equipment for the production of a newsletter.                         | \$4,542.45  |
| QLD                                  | Tewantin Noosa Legacy Laurel Club   | Tewantin    | Wide Bay | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.                             | \$5,400.00  |
| QLD                                  | The Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex Servicemen and Women (Queensland Branch) Incorporated | Newmarket   | Brisbane | To upgrade a photocopier to support the production of a newsletter.                        | \$7,209.09  |
| QLD                                  | The Probus Club of Ingham Incorporated  | Ingham      | Kennedy  | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.                             | \$1,800.00  |
| QLD                                  | Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Toogoolawah Sub-Branch Incorporated                             | Toogoolawah | Blair    | To upgrade the kitchen facilities to enhance activities provided to the veteran community. | \$40,691.00 |
| QLD                                  | Wynnum Manly War Veterans and Associates Social Bowls Club Incorporated   | Manly       | Bonner   | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.                             | \$8,440.00  |
| <b>Total Grants - Queensland: 17</b> |   |             |          | <b>Total \$168,419.35</b>  |             |

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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|----|---|-------------|---------------|---|-------------|
| SA | Cooper Pedy RSL Sub-Branch Incorporated | Cooper Pedy | Grey          | To redevelop an outdoor entertaining area to improve facilities for the local and travelling veteran community. | \$51,500.00 |
| SA | Largs Bay Sub-Branch RSL Incorporated   | Largs North | Port Adelaide | To install automatic doors in the Sub-Branch clubrooms to improve access for the veteran community.             | \$9,068.18  |

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| SA                                       | Mount Pleasant Men's Shed Incorporated                                       | Mount Pleasant | Mayo          | To install kitchen facilities in the Men's Shed to enhance activities provided to the veteran community.                                 | \$6,525.00  |
| SA                                       | Returned and Services League Strathalbyn Sub-Branch Incorporated             | Strathalbyn    | Mayo          | To upgrade kitchen facilities to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.  | \$19,051.00 |
| SA                                       | Royal Australian Air Force Association Incorporated SA Division              | Adelaide       | Adelaide      | To upgrade kitchen facilities to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.  | \$31,955.00 |
| SA                                       | Semaphore & Port Adelaide Returned & Services League Sub-Branch Incorporated | Semaphore      | Port Adelaide | To purchase new tables and chairs for the benefit of the local veteran community.  | \$25,621.82 |
| SA                                       | The Kersbrook Shed Incorporated  | Kersbrook      | Mayo          | To purchase tools, equipment, furniture and provide first aid training to facilitate activities provided by the Men's Shed.              | \$22,800.00 |
| SA                                       | The Repat Foundation Incorporated  | Woodville      | Port Adelaide | To provide physical and mental wellbeing activities tailored to veteran's interests that reduce social isolation and improve resilience. | \$52,022.73 |
| <b>Total Grants - South Australia: 8</b> |  |                |               | <b>Total \$218,543.73</b>  |             |

## TASMANIA

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| TAS | Defence Force Veterans Time Out Workshop Incorporated | Glenorchy | Denison | To purchase equipment for the workshop to expand the programs provided to members. | \$5,297.00 |
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| TAS                               | Wynyard RSL Sub-Branch Incorporated | Wynyard | Braddon | To upgrade furniture in the clubrooms to improve safety and comfort for the veteran community. | \$26,365.00 |
| <b>Total Grants - Tasmania: 2</b> |                                     |         |         | <b>Total \$31,662.00</b>   |             |

## VICTORIA

|     |  |               |            |  |             |
|-----|--|---------------|------------|--|-------------|
| VIC | Benalla RSL Sub-branch                           | Benalla       | Indi       | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.   | \$6,997.27  |
| VIC | Freedom Day Club                                 | Dandenong     | Bruce      | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.   | \$8,925.00  |
| VIC | Geelong & District Vietnam Veterans Association  | North Geelong | Corio      | To purchase a defibrillator and conduct first aid training courses for members.  | \$2,895.00  |
| VIC | Mildura TPI/EDA Social Club                      | Mildura       | Mallee     | To purchase computer equipment for the production of a newsletter and to undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation. | \$10,026.00 |
| VIC | RAAF Engineer Officers' Association              | Croydon       | Deakin     | To purchase equipment to enhance the production of a newsletter and to update a website.   | \$4,040.00  |
| VIC | Red Gum Day Club                                 | Noble Park    | Bruce      | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.   | \$2,659.00  |
| VIC | The Sale RSL & Community Sub-Branch Incorporated | Sale          | Gippsland  | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.   | \$8,281.82  |
| VIC | Vietnamese Veterans Association of Victoria      | Footscray     | Gellibrand | To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.   | \$6,600.00  |

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| VIC                                | Warrnambool RSL Sub-Branch Incorporated        | Warrnambool | Wannon | To upgrade clubroom facilities to enhance activities provided for the veteran community.        | \$14,797.73 |
| VIC                                | Wodonga RSL Sub-Branch Building Patriotic Fund | Wodonga     | Indi   | To install air-conditioning in the Sub-Branch for the wellbeing of the local veteran community. | \$63,538.18 |
| <b>Total Grants - Victoria: 10</b> |  |             |        | <b>Total \$128,760.00</b>   |             |



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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|--|--|------------|----------|--|--------------|
| WA   | Naval Association of Australia<br>Rockingham City<br>Sub-Section<br>Incorporated | Rockingham | Brand    | To establish an outdoor entertaining area to expand the activities provided for the local veteran community. | \$17,769.00  |
| WA   | Returned & Services League Denmark<br>Sub-Branch                                 | Denmark    | O'Connor | To upgrade the clubrooms to enhance the facilities provided for the local veteran community.                 | \$140,000.00 |
| <b>Total Grants - Western Australia: 2</b> |  |            |          | <b>Total \$157,769.00</b>  |              |

### SUMMARY OF GRANTS BY STATES

|                              | Number of Grants | Total               |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| ACT                          | 1                | \$58,181.82         |
| NSW                          | 7                | \$36,630.61         |
| QLD                          | 17               | \$168,419.35        |
| SA                           | 8                | \$218,543.73        |
| TAS                          | 2                | \$31,662.00         |
| VIC                          | 10               | \$128,760.00        |
| WA                           | 2                | \$157,769.00        |
| Other States and Territories | NIL              |                     |
| <b>Totals</b>                | <b>47</b>        | <b>\$799,966.51</b> |