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VETERAN CENTRAL OPENS FOR BUSINESS

VETERANS and their families in Western Australia will benefit from a new chapter in supporting wellbeing and support services with the official opening of the first Veteran Wellbeing Centre, ANZAC House Veteran Central.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester congratulated the Returned and Services League of Western Australia (RSL WA) and all those involved for creating a welcoming environment for veterans and their families, where their unique experiences are understood and supported.

"The key to these Veteran Wellbeing Centres is that they provide local solutions to local issues, bringing together all the support services veterans and their families may require under the one roof," Mr Chester said.

"ANZAC House Veteran Central will provide access to health providers specialising in hearing, physiotherapy, dental, occupational therapy and mental health support, as well as financial, legal and employment support services, home care and aged care services.

"In addition, it will see services provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and Open Arms — Veterans & Families Counselling, providing easy access to services and information when and where veterans and their families need it.

"This is a great example of what can be achieved when we all work together — governments, ex-service organisations and the broader community.

"Once again I congratulate RSL WA for officially opening the centre today, an amazing achievement with all that has occurred this year."

The Australian Government announced a \$30 million investment for the development of a national network of six Veteran Wellbeing Centres in partnership with local ex-service organisations and state and territory governments. Each is at a different stage of development and the Government is committed to delivering centres that meet the needs of the local veteran community.

Further information on the Veteran Wellbeing Centres can be accessed on the DVA website, dva.gov.au.

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