

SUPPORTING QUEENSLAND VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

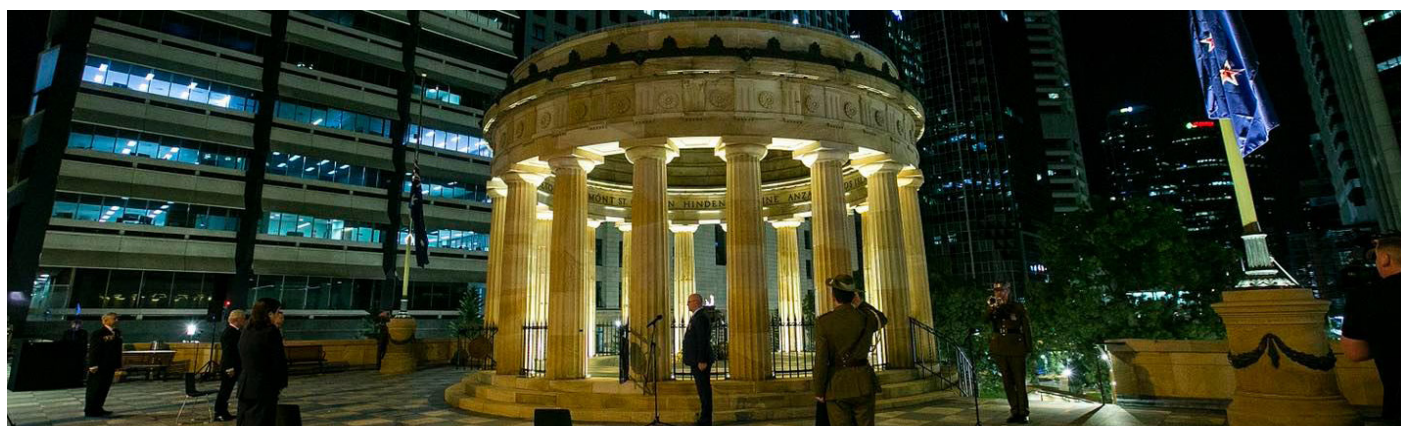


Queenslanders honour, respect and remember the sacrifice and service of our veterans.

As we unite and recover from the impacts of COVID-19, we can never forget the special place our veterans hold in our past, present and future.

Our veterans have served us in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping missions abroad. At home, our serving members of the Australian Defence Forces have been there for us in our times of need as together we have fought floods, fires and now a devastating global pandemic.

When it's time for serving members of the ADF to transition to civilian life, as thousands do every year, working together, we will be there for them. This is our shared responsibility.



OUR COMMITMENT AND PLAN FOR QUEENSLAND

\$4 million for Grants for Capital Works, Memorials and Commemorative Events

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will establish a new grant program to support not-for-profit organisations that provide services to veterans upgrade their buildings, facilities and equipment with two streams for major and minor capital works, generating income for local suppliers and creating jobs for local tradies.

A new Queensland Remembers grant program will also enable Councils and not-for-profit organisations to apply for grants to restore or create memorials, avenues of honour, memorial gardens and deliver projects, activities and commemorative events that remember the many ways veterans contribute to the Queensland community.

\$1.8 million to Tackle Homelessness

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will reach out to our veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless through a network of outreach services to provide veterans with the wrap around support they need to find stable and secure accommodation.

\$1.1 million for Employment and Training

Over 5,000 veterans separate from the Australian Defence Forces every year. We will provide free TAFE and apprenticeships for up to 300 veterans transitioning to civilian employment and enhance our successful Veterans Employment Pathway and Veterans Online Portal to make them more user friendly.

We will also work with the private sector to identify employment pathways for veterans in key industries like defence, resources and logistics.



\$1 million for COVID-19 Related Financial Support

In addition to the more than \$1 million annual funding to the Anzac Day Trust Fund, we will provide a one off \$1 million supplementary payment to provide financial support for veterans impacted by COVID-19 and veterans organisations to assist with staging COVID-19 Safe commemorative events.

The Oasis Townsville (TOT)

TOT will provide a one stop shop for welfare support and employment transition services for veterans in the Townsville community. In addition to the \$4.3 million provided towards the construction of the new facility at Oonoonba, we will provide a \$1 million grant to get TOT off to a flying start and commence delivering services in early 2021.

Access to Justice

Up to \$600,000 will be made available to support an 18 month pilot service, based in Townsville, to expand and improve access to claims advocacy and legal assistance services for veterans including outreach to other regions.

Health and wellbeing

We will invest \$500,000 in a new Veterans Health and Wellbeing Research Grant Program to enable vital research to find new and better ways to support and foster veterans' health and wellbeing.

PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT'S RECORD

- \$1.5 million to deliver the Veterans Memorial Grants Program and support services to veterans
- \$4.3 million towards the construction of The Oasis Townsville
- Established the Office for Veterans, located in Ipswich.
- Successfully placed over 600 veterans in the Queensland Public Service between July 2018 and August 2020 through the Veterans Employment Pathway
- Introduced a 50% discount for Translink and qConnect public transport services for veterans
- \$1 million grant to Legacy, whose fund raising was severely impacted by COVID-19 restrictions
- Supported over 300 veterans under Skilling Queenslanders for Work projects.



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