

2023–24 Victorian State Budget

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Families,
Fairness
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Portfolio overview

The Veterans portfolio supports and improves outcomes for veterans and their families by:

- › improving accessibility and inclusivity of government services for veterans
- › providing support and opportunities for veterans, families, and carers
- › advocating for improved veterans' wellbeing and entitlements with the Commonwealth
- › increasing community awareness and understanding of veterans' service and contribution
- › supporting the commemoration of the state's legacy of service and the contribution of those who have served in war.



Key achievements over the past 12 months

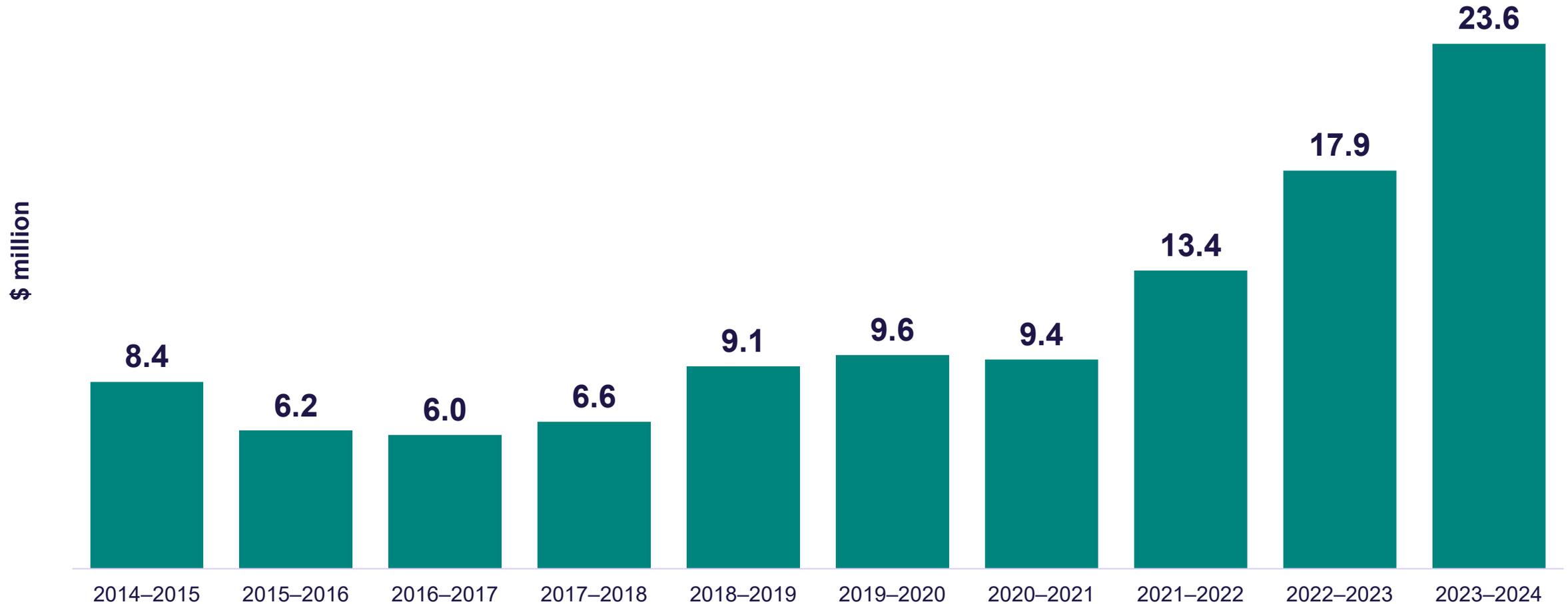
Over the past 12 months, the Veterans portfolio has:

- › reached a milestone of 1,210 veterans employed in the public sector, as part of the Public Sector Veteran Employment Strategy since June 2017
- › provided funding for 22 projects to improve the wellbeing of veterans and their families
- › delivered grants to support 27 projects honouring or commemorating veterans' service and educating Victorians about veterans' contributions.



Investment in the portfolio 2014–15 to 2023–24

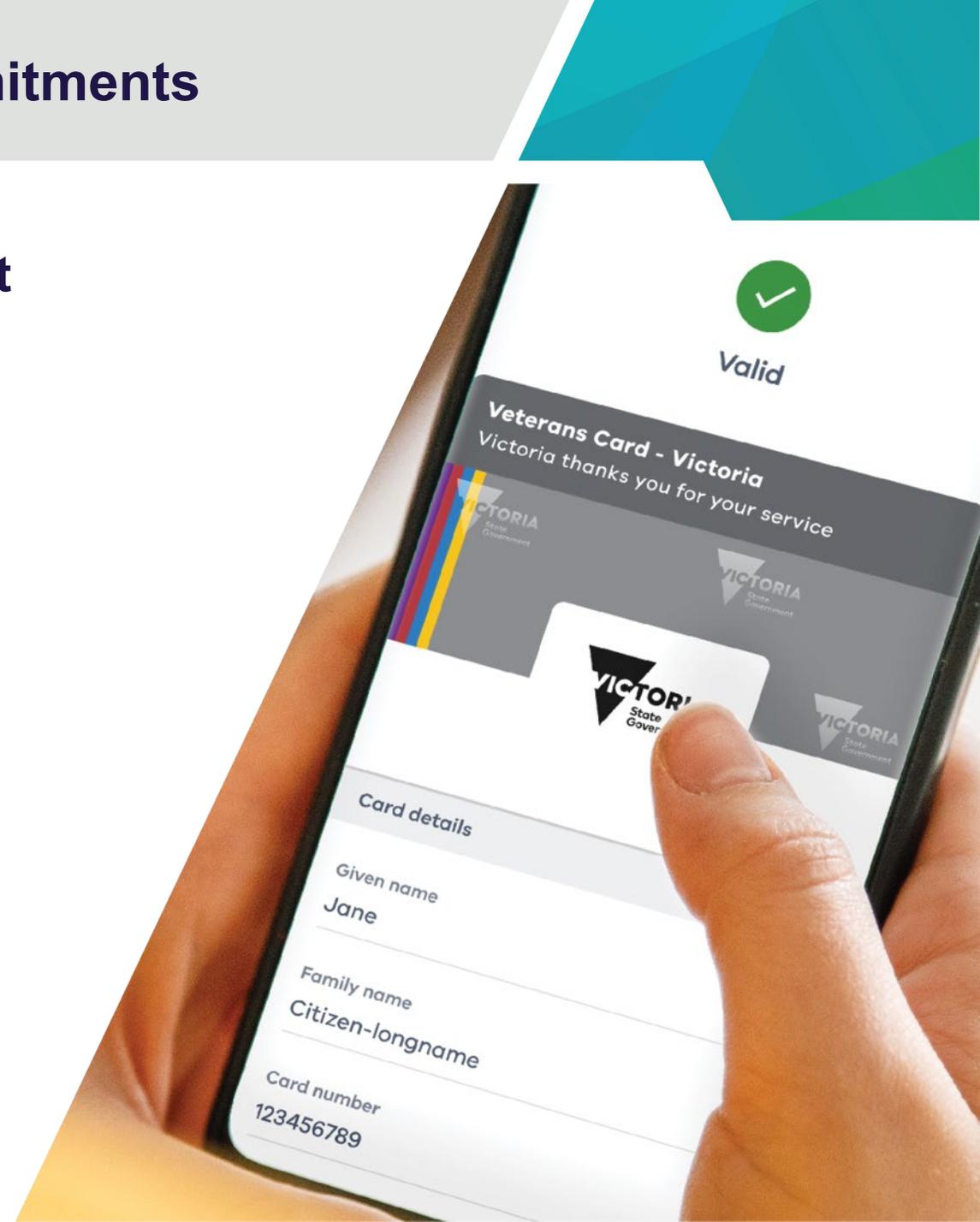
Support to veterans in Victoria (actuals)



Funding the government's election commitments

At the last election, the Victorian Government committed more than \$36 million to deliver:

- › A new Victorians Veterans Card. The Card will recognise and thank Victorian veterans for their service to our state and nation. Its associated discounts and benefits will be available to anyone living in Victoria who has served or is currently serving in the Australian Defence Force.
- › Türkiye Centenary celebrations and Spirit of Anzac Prize trip to Gallipoli
- › Upgrades for Newport RSL infrastructure.



Continuing to honour veterans' service

The 2023-24 Victorian State Budget also provides funding to support Victorian veterans and recognise their service, including through:

- › continuation of the Remembrance Day commemorations and the weekly Last Post Service at the Shrine of Remembrance
- › continuation of the Restoring Community Memorials and Avenues of Honour grant programs to maintain memorial sites across Victoria
- › continuation of the Premier's Anzac Day Luncheon.



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