

2026–27 Victorian State Budget

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Portfolio overview

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

- › Advocating for improved veterans' wellbeing and entitlements with the Commonwealth and working across the Victorian Government to support veterans.
- › Increasing community awareness of veterans' contributions and service through commemoration and community projects.
- › Supporting veterans' employment in their transition to civilian life.
- › Supporting the ex-service sector and community groups through grant programs.
- › Delivering the Victorian Government's unwavering support for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day events across the state.



Key achievements over the past 12 months

Over the past 12 months, the Veterans portfolio has:

- › Delivered grants totalling **\$2.6 million** for **80** projects across the veteran and ex-service community.
- › Increased funding for RSL Victoria's Anzac Day commemorations in Melbourne, with attendance growing to **55,000** this year.
- › Boosted support for the Shrine of Remembrance.
- › Continued rollout of the Veterans Card – Victoria which now has more than **25,100** veterans registered.
- › Celebrated the 20th year of the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize, with **36** student Prize winners over the past 3 years and **12** more to travel on an international study tour this year.
- › Extended the Public Sector Veterans Employment Strategy for **2** years, helping more veterans find jobs.
- › Worked with the Commonwealth Government to ensure Victoria's veterans receive the supports they need.

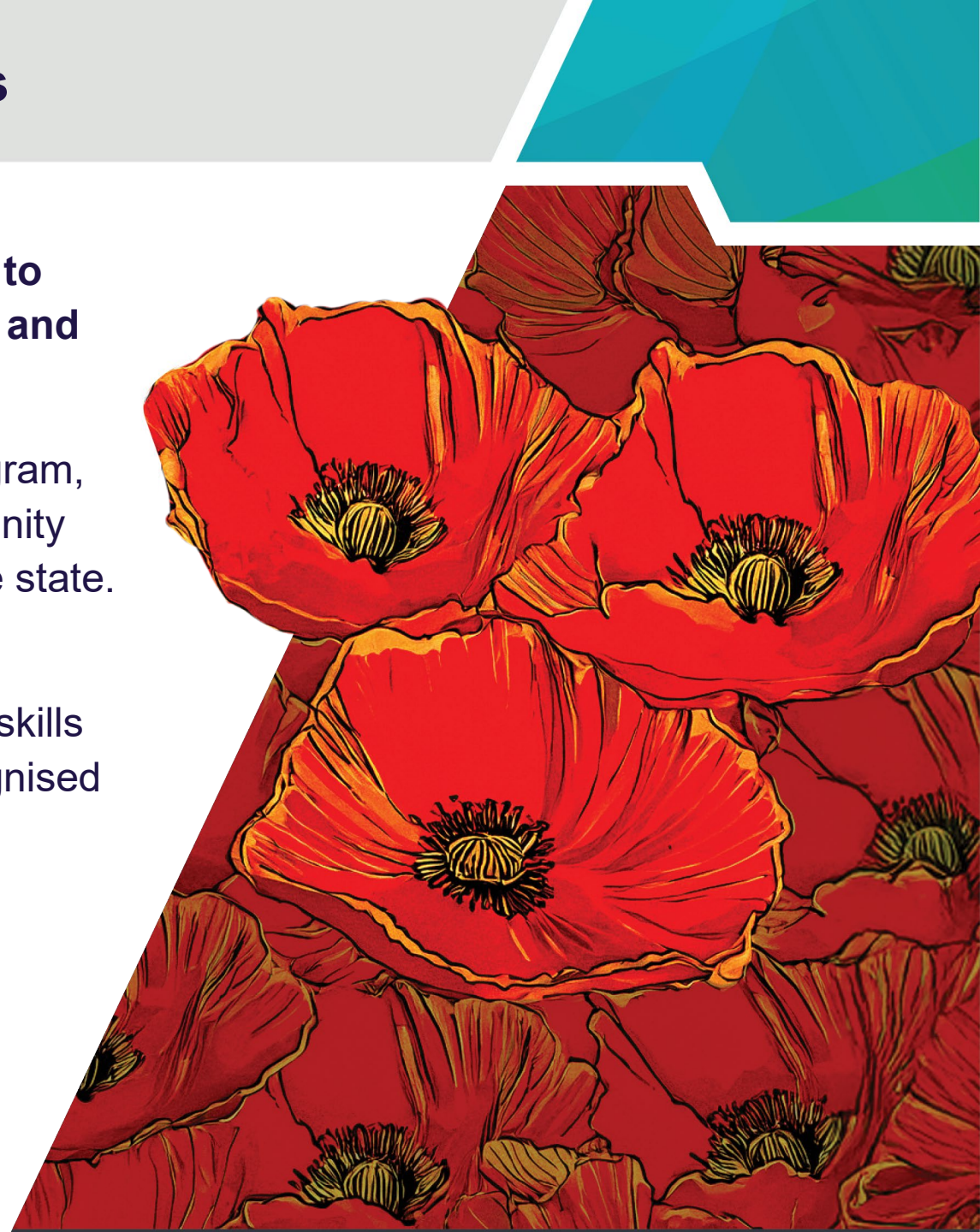
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Continuing to invest in Victoria's veterans

The 2026-27 Victorian State Budget invests \$1.2 million to continue key initiatives that support Victoria's veterans and improve access to services:

- › Another round of the **Veterans Capital Works** grant program, providing funding to ex-service organisations and community providers to upgrade veteran-focused facilities across the state.
- › Extending the **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for Veterans** initiative, supporting veterans to translate their skills and experience gained through military service into recognised civilian qualifications – further boosting job opportunities.



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