

# **2025–26 State Budget**

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Minister for Veterans

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Families,  
Fairness  
and Housing

# Portfolio overview

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

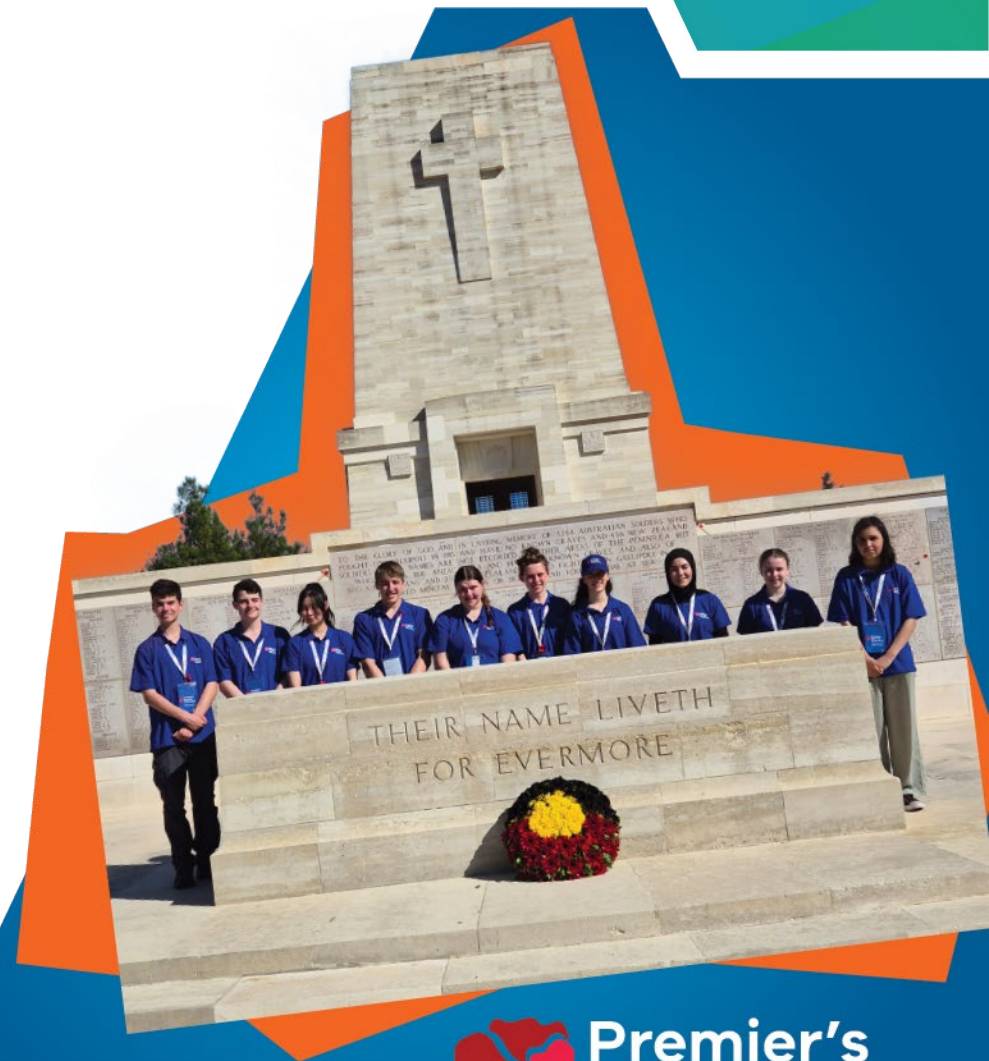
- › Advocating for improved veterans' wellbeing and entitlements with the Commonwealth and working across the Victorian Government to support veterans.
- › Increasing community awareness of veterans' contributions and service through commemoration and community projects.
- › Supporting veterans' employment 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:

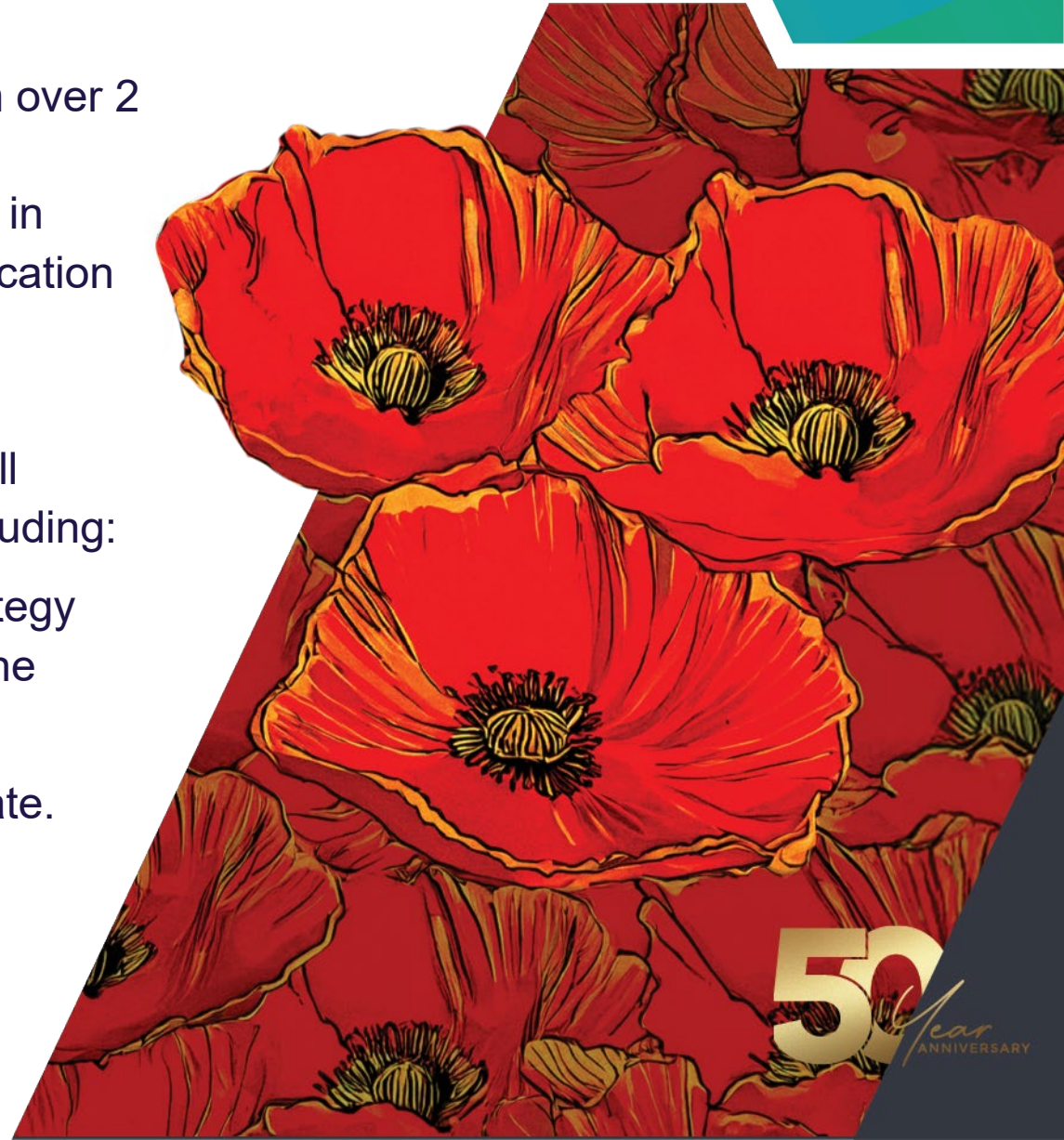
- › Continued the rollout of the Veterans Card – Victoria which now has more than **20,100** veterans registered.
- › Achieved the expanded target of more than **1,800** veterans employed in the Victorian public sector.
- › Delivered grants totalling **\$2.6 million** to support **88** projects for the veteran and ex-service community.
- › Completed **2** study tours to Türkiye, including Gallipoli, with **24** students for the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize.
- › Led Victoria's engagement with the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide and work with the Commonwealth on responding to the recommendations.





# Continuing to invest in Victoria's veterans

- › The 2025-26 Victorian State Budget delivers **\$2.4 million** over 2 years to boost support for the Shrine of Remembrance – safeguarding its vital role as the heart of commemoration in Victoria and ensuring it remains a place of reflection, education and honour for generations to come.
- › In addition, an investment of **\$0.8 million** over 2 years will continue targeted employment supports for veterans, including:
  - » Extending the Public Sector Veteran Employment Strategy with a new target to employ a further **500** veterans in the Victorian public sector over the next 2 years.
  - » Continuing the role of the Veteran Employment Advocate.



# Honouring Victorian veterans' service



Approximately

**50,000**

people attended Anzac Day 2025  
Dawn Service at the Shrine



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