

# 2024–25 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 through:**

- › increasing community awareness of veterans' contributions and service through commemoration and community projects
- › supporting the ex-service sector and community groups through grant programs
- › supporting veterans' employment in their transition to civilian life
- › advocating for improved veterans' wellbeing and entitlements with the Commonwealth and working across the Victorian Government to support veterans
- › 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:

- › Launched the Veterans Card – Victoria which now has more than **15,400** veterans registered.
- › Exceeded the milestone of more than **1,500** veterans employed in the public sector as part of the Public Sector Veteran Employment Strategy and expanded the target to **1,800** veterans by June 2025.
- › Re-established the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize with **12** Victorian students to travel on a study tour to Türkiye, including Gallipoli, in July 2024.
- › Delivered grants totalling more than **\$2 million** to **80** projects for the veteran and ex-service community.
- › Led Victoria's engagement with the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.





# Continuing to invest in Victoria's veterans

- › For the 2021-22 to 2024-25 financial years, **\$65.5 million** has been allocated to the Veterans portfolio.
- › The 2024-25 Victorian State Budget allocates **\$4.9 million** over three years to continue key supports for Victorian veterans.
- › This builds on investment continuing in future years, including:
  - › **\$36.6 million** over four years for the Veterans Card – Victoria
  - › **\$1.3 million** over four years toward the Public Sector Veteran Employment Strategy
  - › **\$1 million** over four years toward Remembrance Day commemorations and the weekly Last Post Service at the Shrine of Remembrance
  - › **\$800,000** over four years to revitalise the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize
  - › **\$800,000** over four years for the Restoring Community Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grant Program.

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# Honouring Victorian veterans' service



Engaged with  
**1.2m** people

Including digital and  
in-person visits (22/23)



**75,454**

People attended 192 onsite  
commemorative services  
at the shrine



Approximately  
**40,000**

Victorians attended  
Anzac Day 2024 at the Shrine



**50,690**

Student attendance onsite





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