



Presentation to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Veterans Portfolio

The Premier of Victoria,
The Hon Steve Bracks MP
Monday 5 June 2006

Achievements 2005-06

Commemoration and Education

- Victorian Spirit of ANZAC Schools Prize, including Government led trip
- Restoring Community War Memorials Grants Program
- Shrine of Remembrance support
- Victorian Veterans website
- Reception held to mark the 60th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific Day

Achievements 2005-06 (cont)

Coordination & Support

- Veterans Unit, Department for Victorian Communities
- New transport initiatives for veterans
- Established the new Veterans Act and Veterans Fund
- Provided \$50,000 to support ANZAC Day activities
- Provided an additional \$100,000 to complete the business case for the major redevelopment of the Shrine known as the “Galleries of Remembrance” project.

Key Priorities for 2006-07

- **Veterans Act**
 - Establishment of the Victorian Veterans Council (Veterans Fund)
- **Expanding Commemoration and Education activities**
 - Expanded Community War Memorials Grants Program
 - New Commemoration and Education Program
 - Victorian Spirit of ANZAC Prize
- **New budget measures in other portfolios**
 - New rehabilitation facilities for veterans within the re-developed Austin Mercy Hospital
 - Partnership with the RSL to redevelop under utilised facilities for use by the wider community
- **Ongoing support for the Shrine of Remembrance and other activities**
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 - Supporting key commemorative events such as an annual remembrance event for indigenous soldiers