



Veterans' Wellbeing Package - Veterans' and Families' Hubs

This initiative invests \$46.7 million over the forward estimates to expand the Veterans' and Families' Hubs network to support more veterans and families across Australia. This investment will see 10 more hubs established. This includes eight new hubs and the continuation of development of hubs in Southeast Queensland and Tasmania.

The new hubs will be established in Southwest Perth, Northern Adelaide, Ipswich, Queanbeyan, the Hawkesbury and Hunter regions, the Tweed/North Coast region and the Surf Coast/Geelong region.

The funding will also support coordination, assurance, and evaluation activities which will be administered by DVA.

This investment replaces the expansion to the Hubs network announced in the March 2022 Budget.

Grants made under the Veterans' and Families' Hubs Program are one-off grants which provide capital funding to an organisation for up to \$5 million (GST Exclusive) to support the establishment of the hub through purchase, long-term lease, remodelling and/or refurbishment of a suitable premises. Funding can also be used for operational expenses related to the set-up of the hubs or services. This funding is not to be used for the direct delivery of these services, but for the development of the hub from which the services can be coordinated.

Why is this important?

A Veterans' and Families' Hub provides a space for veteran service and advocacy organisations to co-exist and deliver integrated support to veterans and their families. The hubs allow veteran service and advocacy organisations to operate with ex-service, veteran focused, community and other organisations as well as services provided by state and territory governments.

The hubs deliver wellbeing focused support and offer a one stop shop for local veteran services, including advocacy, employment and housing advice, social connection and physical and mental health services. The services at hubs are available to all current and former serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) members, including reservists, and their families. The Veterans' and Families' Hubs have a key role in helping ADF members and families as they transition from military to civilian life.

The funding for more hubs will provide veterans and families better access to coordinated and holistic support which can be tailored to their needs in an increased number of locations.

Who will benefit?

Former, current and future ADF members including reservists and families. Veteran and family service providers will be better able to orientate their information and products through the Hubs.



Date of effect?

From November 2022.

How much will this cost?

\$46.7 million over the forward estimates.