



Minutes

Agenda Item 1 Welcome, apologies and conflicts of interest

Attendees list is at Annexure A.

The Chair opened the meeting and members **NOTED** apologies from the representatives from the Totally and Permanently Impaired (TPI) Federation, Vietnam Veterans' Federation of Australia (VVFA) and Returned Services League of Australia (RSL).

Agenda Item 2 Recommendations from the Royal Commission into Defence and Veterans Suicide Interim Report

The Chair provided an update on the Department's work to date addressing the 13 recommendations handed down by the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide and outlined the schedule for upcoming public hearings of the Royal Commission.

Members **NOTED** the verbal update.

Agenda Item 3 NACCF Terms of Reference and Membership

The Chair acknowledged the Terms of Reference (ToR) had been circulated earlier and members provided with four weeks to consider the ToR out of session. The Chair **NOTED** comments provided by the representative from War Widows Australia and TPI Federation, and advised that the requested changes had been implemented. The Chair invited members to raise any further issues before seeking endorsement of the ToR.

Members **AGREED** to review annually and **ENDORSED** the Terms of Reference.

No.	Decision
2022NACCF/D1	Members endorsed the NACCF Terms of Reference.

No.	Action	Assigned to
2022NACCF/A22	Invite the Assistant Secretary – Veteran and Family Hubs Taskforce, to provide a regular update on the progress of Veterans' and Families' Hubs in 2023.	Secretariat
2022NACCF/A23	Once all of the the Veterans' and Families' Hubs have been progressed further (noting the new election commitments), and the fuller membership of Roundtable has been established, consider seeking an nominee from the Roundtable to join NACCF (seek advice from the Assistant Secretary – Veterans' and Families' Hubs Taskforce) at a later date.	Secretariat

Agenda Item 4 Active Choices – A physical activity support program for DVA clients

The Assistant Secretary, Wellbeing Policy Branch presented the findings of the research project – Active Choices. It was noted that DVA is seeking to expand the program, and further updates will be provided to Members in 2023.

Members **NOTED** the findings of the research project – Active Choices - A Physical Activity Support Program for DVA Clients research project and commended the program.

Agenda Item 5 Veteran Home Care Review Update and 12 Week Treatment Cycle Update

Members **NOTED** the verbal update provided on the Veteran Home Care (VHC) Review. A comparison of the VHC package and the My Aged Care package was discussed and Members were advised that they are eligible to access

both packages without duplicating services.

Members **NOTED** the verbal update provided on the 12 Week Treatment Cycle program.

Agenda Item 6 Department of Health and Aged Care Sector Reform Taskforce

The Chair welcomed the Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC) representative.

Members **NOTED** the update provided on the Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response) Bill 2022 (ratified on 12 August 2022), the update provided on Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) Shadow Assessment Period and the update provided on emergency leave.

Legacy Australia Inc representative highlighted gaps in the AN-ACC. He **NOTED** funding has been allocated for registered nurses and immediate care staff but does not support other aged care workers such as cleaners, kitchen staff, administrative staff and property administrators. Care minutes were discussed and the DoHAC representative noted the questions posed and will provide an update at a later date.

No.	Action	Assigned to
2022NACCF/A24	Department of Health and Aged Care Representative to return to NACCF with answers to questions posed, either out of session or at the first meeting of 2023.	Secretariat

Agenda Item 7 Department of Health and Aged Care Hearing Services Program Update

Members **NOTED** the verbal update presented by the Director of the Hearing Services program at DoHAC. Secretariat to distribute talking points to Members.

No.	Action	Assigned to
2022NACCF/A25	Secretariat to distribute DoHAC's talking points to members.	Secretariat

Agenda Item 8 Mental Health and Wellbeing Services Division Service Review and Transformation Program Update

Members **NOTED** the update on DVA's Mental Health and Wellbeing Service Review and Transformation Program. Following discussion, the First Assistant Secretary – Mental Health and Wellbeing Services will ensure Veteran and Family Hubs are included as a resource for consulting with the veteran community.

Agenda Item 9 Previous Minutes and Actions

The Chair noted that members were provided four weeks consideration of the previous Minutes and **NOTED** nil responses were received. Members **ENDORSED** the minutes from the previous meeting **NOTING** the War Widows representative raised questions around *Agenda Item 6 War Widow/er Entitlements and TPI & EDA Automatic Entitlement to War Widows Pension* and asked requested further information.

Members **AGREED** to close action items 2022A/NACCF3, 2022NACCF/A10, 11,12,13,14,15,16,17, 18, 19, 20 AND 21.

Members **NOTED** 2022NACCF/A9 remains in progress.

No.	Action	Assigned to
2022NACCF/A26	Provide further advice on which Ex-Service Organisations (ESO) receive notification of the death of a veteran and outline the process the Department follows when notifying ESO's. Resend the D9216 form to members.	Income Support Branch

Agenda Item 10 Other Business

Members **DISCUSSED** the proposed dates for 2023 **NOTING** that the Parliamentary Calendar will not be released until later in the year and dates may be subject to movement.

The Chair thanked members for the time and effort that has been put into this Committee this year, and wished members a Happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Meeting closed: 12.20pm.

Annexure A

Members/Attendees	
Ms Vicki Rundle PSM	Chair, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans' Affairs
Ms Sarah Kennedy	A/g Deputy Chair, First Assistant Secretary, Department of Veterans' Affairs
Ms Amanda Miller	Department of Health and Aged Care
Mr Shawn Bergquist	Legacy Australia Inc
Ms Alison Bowman	Partners of Veterans Association
Mr Michael Benyk	Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia
Ms Jenny Gregory	Australian War Widows
Presenters	
Ms Leanne Cameron	First Assistant Secretary, Mental Health & Wellbeing Services
Mr Dylan Kurtz	Assistant Secretary, Wellbeing Policy Branch
Mr Michael Crowther	Director, Hearing Policy and Compliance, Department of Health and Aged Care
Mr Rod Aked	Director, Hearing Program Voucher Operations, Department of Health and Aged Care
Observers	
Ms Margaret Norris	Director, Mental and Social Health Policy Section
Secretariat	
Ms Kylie Robinson	Assistant Director, Governance and Ministerial Events
Mr Tim Adams	Assistant Director, Governance and Ministerial Events
Ms Kaitlyn Godfrey	Secretariat Officer, Governance and Ministerial Events
Apologies	
Ms Pat McCabe OAM	TPI Federation Australia
Mr Ward Gainey	Vietnam Veterans' Federation of Australia
Ms Wendy Bateman	Returned and Services League of Australia