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Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

New retreat to support our veterans

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is committed to supporting the state's veterans and ex-serving personnel and honouring their sacrifice to help protect our freedom and way of life.

Following an expression of interest process, the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (Tasmania Branch) is the successful recipient of the Veterans' Retreat Project grant.

The project aims to provide veterans and their families with a retreat at Lake Sorell, in Tasmania's highlands, which supports positive mental health and well-being outcomes.

The VVAA will receive \$100,000 to lead the development of a retreat by renovating a former Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service shack at the lake.

It is admirable that the VVAA has taken on this project for the benefit of our veterans.

When complete, this highland retreat will make an important contribution to the health and wellbeing of our veterans, offering a place for them to heal, recover and reconnect.

This Veterans' Retreat Project provides a practical demonstration of the Tasmanian Government's efforts to support the health and wellbeing of our veterans, backed by \$750,000 in additional funding in the 2019/20 State Budget to support Tasmania's veterans, ex-service personnel and their families.

The Tasmanian Government is also partnering with the Australian Government on a \$120,000 feasibility study to look at integrated services and a potential wellbeing centres for veterans and their families in Tasmania.