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Wellbeing services to support our veterans

The Tasmanian Liberal Government welcomes the announcement of specific funding support for Tasmanian veterans in the Federal Budget.

The 2021-22 Budget includes \$10.7 million over four years for Veteran Wellbeing Centres in both Tasmania and South-East Queensland, which will provide veterans with access to local support services.

We are proud to have been working with the Australian Government in this area, having co-funded a feasibility study to look at integrated services and potential wellbeing centres, paving the way for yesterday's announcement.

The health and wellbeing of our veterans is a matter of national importance and wellbeing services will ensure Tasmanian veterans have access to integrated services in one place.

The operations of the services will be informed by the results of the feasibility study, which is currently being considered by the Tasmanian and Australian Governments.

Once the new Tasmanian Government is commissioned, we will also invest \$1.4 million to support veterans and ex-serving personnel, as outlined in our election policy.

This includes providing \$100,000 per year to the Teddy Sheean VC Memorial Grants Program, which includes welfare activities, as well as \$100,000 for a training centre and additional facilities at the Dago Point Veterans Retreat.

We will also provide \$200,000 to make Health and Wellbeing Vouchers available to veterans and ex-serving personnel for gym or sporting club membership, along with a range of other support measures.

Tasmania is currently home to more than 10,500 veterans and ex-serving personnel, and the Tasmanian Liberal Government and Morrison Government are committed to continuing to support this community.