

Budget support for Veterans Affairs
Notice of Motion – Parliament of Tasmania

June 2018

Mr Guy Barnett MP [Member for Lyons] to move –That the House:-

- 1) Notes that supporting Tasmania's veterans and ex-service personnel is a major priority of the Hodgman Liberal Government.
- 2) Acknowledges that today Tasmania has more than 10,500 veterans and ex-serving personnel. Their service and sacrifice deserves to be acknowledged.
- 3) Notes in the 2018-19 Budget, the Government is committing a record \$750,000 package to support veterans, ex-service personnel and their families. This package includes:
 - a. Providing peak body status to the RSL (Tasmania Branch) which will see an increase in core annual funding to \$110,000 to provide assistance and advocacy, with indexation of 2.25 per cent to be applied from 2019-2020;
 - b. Provision of \$50,000 per year for three years to RSL (Tasmania Branch) to undertake projects that improve service delivery to ex-serving men and women in Tasmania;
 - c. Provision of \$50,000 to RSL (Tasmania Branch) to deliver events celebrating the 2018 Armistice centenary, which also marks the end of the Centenary of ANZAC;
 - d. Establishing the Teddy Sheean Grants Program of \$100,000 a year for 3 years for repairs and maintenance to RSLs and other veterans' organisations as well as war memorial construction and repairs;
 - e. Establishing a \$225,000 partnership with the Parks and Wildlife Service to enable participation in an active recreation and adventure program for veterans in Tasmania's National Parks.
- 4) Further notes the Hodgman Liberal Government remains a proud supporter of Tasmania's servicemen and women and their families.

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