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Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Healthy mind and body for Tasmanian veterans

The Hodgman majority Liberal Government is committed to supporting Tasmania's veterans and ex-serving personnel and honouring the sacrifice of our servicemen and women.

Today I joined Mark Direen from Point Assist, the successful recipient of the Government's new Active Recreation Program to support the wellbeing of our contemporary veterans.

Point Assist will receive \$225,000 over three years to provide an outdoor recreation experience for returned service personnel in a National Park environment, which provides a challenging outdoor experience, with a focus on mental health and wellbeing, and links to training pathways and employment in outdoor education or eco-tourism.

The Program delivers on the Government's election commitment to harness the positive relationship that exists between social participation, outdoor recreation and psychological wellbeing.

The Active Recreation Program is part of the Government's record package of more than \$750,000 in additional funding outlined in the 2019/20 State Budget to support Tasmania's veterans, ex-service personnel and their families.

The Hodgman majority Liberal Government is committed to support those who have served our nation, and we are proud to stand alongside Tasmania's 10,500 service men and women and their families.