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Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

## Supporting our veterans

The Tasmanian Government is committed to supporting veterans and ex-service personnel and is proud of Tasmania's long and distinguished military history.

The Government has provided more than \$750,000 in additional funding over three years to a number of new and existing programs to support Tasmania's veterans and ex-service personnel.

This includes \$50,000 annually for 3 years to the Returned Services League of Australia Tasmania Branch (RSL Tasmania) to undertake projects relating to Tasmania's veterans.

RSL Tasmania recently launched its Supporting our Veterans Report, which was funded by the Tasmanian Government.

The Report states that younger veterans require our help and support and the Government will work with organisations to look for new opportunities to support younger veterans and their ongoing physical, social, mental and financial wellbeing.

The Report shows that the needs of our veterans will be best served if we work together, by fostering cooperation between the services that are needed by veterans and their families.

I thank all those who played a part in the report, including the more than 800 RSL members who responded to the member survey that was foundational to the report's findings.

The Government has also announced a Supporting our Veterans – COVID-19 Grants Program which is open to RSL Clubs, RSL sub-branches, Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs), and other organisations with a demonstrated commitment to veterans and their families. Applications closed on 31 May 2020 and are currently being assessed.

Guidelines and application forms are available from Communities Tasmania website <https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr/Grants/covid-19-supporting-our-veterans-grants-program>.

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