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New retreat and training centre 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.

As part of our 2021-22 Tasmanian Budget, we are investing an additional \$1.4 million to support our veterans.

This includes an additional \$100,000 for a training centre and additional facilities at the Veterans Retreat Project at Lake Sorell.

This new funding is in addition to the \$100,000 previously provided to the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (Tasmania Branch) to renovate a disused Parks & Wildlife Services shack into a contemporary Retreat for veterans and their families.

It is intended that the Retreat will help support positive mental health and wellbeing outcomes for veterans and their families.

By way of an update, the existing structure has been stripped clean and a substantial new addition, including deck, is being added to the lake side of the property.

New windows, flooring, wiring and plumbing are in the process of being installed with the aim of having the Retreat completed by the end of November.

Pleasingly, the project has also been generously supported by the Tasmanian community with significant levels of in-kind donations of material and fittings provided.

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 and training centre provides a practical demonstration of the Tasmanian Liberal Government's efforts to support the health and wellbeing of our veterans and their families.