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A STATE BUDGET FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

The South Australian Government has committed \$2.1 million over the forward estimates to deliver projects and programs that will support current and former-serving ADF members and their families.

Under the new Veteran Community Security Framework to be delivered by Veterans SA, the South Australian Government will fund a range of initiatives set to benefit veterans who have or are considering transitioning from the ADF, as well as families of current and former members.

The programs that will be funded through the Framework will be developed in response to information collected from the veteran community through engagement activities including forums, surveys, and research activities.

Skills enhancement, employment and families are expected to remain as priority areas identified through community consultation, set to commence in the coming months.

The Framework will support investment in outreach activities that ensure regional participation and engagement in veteran community-focused programs.

Projects and events that commemorate South Australia's military history will continue to be a priority supported by the South Australian Government through the continuation of the Anzac Day Commemoration Fund and the Veterans SA Commemorative Services Grant Fund.

Ex-service organisations will also continue to benefit from the Veterans SA Capacity Building Grant Fund, which offers eligible organisations who provide services and support to the veteran community, help to improve their governance, and strengthen their capacity building skills.

Quotes attributable to Stephen Mullighan

South Australia is quickly becoming known as a national leader in taking action for the veteran and defence community, and the Veteran Community Security Framework will continue to demonstrate the South Australian Government's commitment to supporting this important group.

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This investment is an important step towards ensuring that current and former ADF members and their families, are adequately supported in South Australia today and into the future.

Quotes attributable to Geoff Brock:

Through the Veteran Community Security Framework, the South Australian Government will be better equipped to meet the needs of South Australia's 47,852 veterans and their families.

Consultation to better understand community needs will be critical and Veterans SA have commenced planning for a calendar of engagement activities for 2023-2024 to ensure that the voices of the South Australian veteran community are heard.

We are looking forward to forging and fostering relationships with organisations and service providers to take a collaborative approach to program development under the Framework and deliver relevant, meaningful programs and support to South Australia's evolving veteran community.

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