



**THE HON WARREN SNOWDON MP  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs**

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**74 PROJECTS FUNDED TO BENEFIT VETERANS  
ACROSS AUSTRALIA**

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Warren Snowdon, today announced funding to support 74 projects and initiatives which will benefit thousands of veterans and their families across Australia.

The funding is part of the Australian Government's *Veteran & Community Grants* program which supports local health and wellbeing activities for members of the veteran community.

"I am pleased to announce that \$837,927 has been allocated to 74 projects in New South Wales, the ACT, Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia," Mr Snowdon said.

"This will assist with a range of initiatives from delivering health and exercise programs to purchasing equipment and materials to enhance services and resources provided to the veteran community.

"I'm pleased the Australian Government can help support a number of RSL branches to conduct bus trips to reduce social isolation. Many organisations are also purchasing valuable equipment such as computers, speaker systems, and exercise and recreational equipment.

"These projects are designed to improve access to community care services, encourage social interaction, and ultimately, enrich the lives of Australia's veteran community.

"*Veteran & Community Grants* help improve the health and wellbeing of the veteran community by supporting a range of projects where they can learn skills to help them remain independent and active, particularly for the elderly living by themselves," he said.

Ex-service and community organisations, veteran representative groups and private organisations that contribute to the health and welfare of the veteran community can apply for funding through the grants program.

Local and community organisations interested in applying for funding are encouraged to visit [www.dva.gov.au/grants](http://www.dva.gov.au/grants) or contact their nearest DVA office on 133 254 (for metropolitan callers) or 1800 555 254 (for non-metropolitan callers).

**VETERAN AND COMMUNITY GRANTS  
RECIPIENTS**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Funding description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alzheimer's Australia NSW	Broadmeadow	To conduct a series of 'Mind Your Mind' health and education information sessions for the veteran community.	\$53,961
Lambton - New Lambton RSL Sub-branch	New Lambton	To conduct a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation.	\$18,250
Zone 6 RSL Bowls Section	Mayfield	To purchase a lawn bowls set and fund four bus trips to various lawn bowls venues, and purchase computer equipment to produce a newsletter.	\$7,056
Adamstown RSL Sub-branch	Adamstown	To purchase a public address system to support sub-branch activities.	\$3,478
Merewether RSL Sub-branch	Merewether	To purchase computer equipment to support a Day Club.	\$4,947

TOTAL: \$87,692