



Australian Government  
Department of Veterans' Affairs

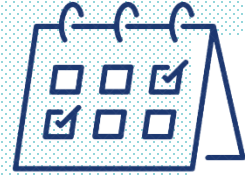


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Deputy Commissioner Victoria,  
Department of Veterans' Affairs

# What we will cover



At a glance



Budget outcomes for veterans and their families



Cross-portfolio measures



Future direction and priorities



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# Funding

Compensation and income support



**\$7.2 billion**

Health care, wellbeing and rehabilitation



**\$4.3 billion**

Commemorations

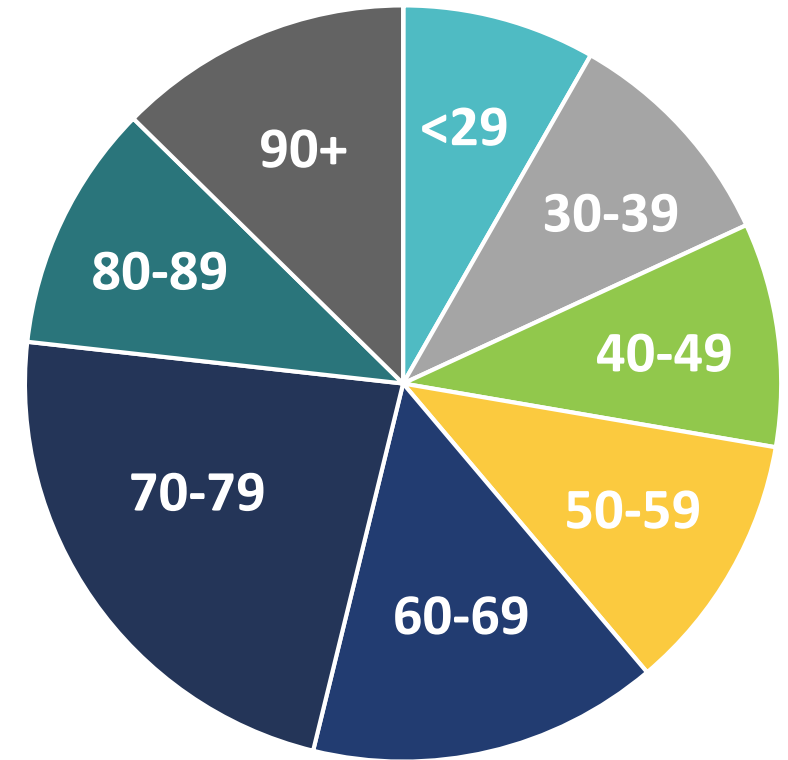


**\$58.5 million**



Department **\$428.7million**

# Our clients



**338,463**  
Total DVA clients

**244,190**  
Veterans

**95,348**  
Dependants

# Budget 2022-23 summary



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The Australian Government invests over \$11.5 billion for DVA to support veterans and their families each year.

\$378.6 million in additional funding allocated to DVA over four years with a focus on supporting the lifetime wellbeing of veterans and their families, mental health support, continuing important programs, and commemorating the service and sacrifice of veterans.

This will support around  
**244,000 veterans** and  
**95,000 dependants**





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## **BUDGET OUTCOMES**

**Support for veterans and families wellbeing**

# Psychiatric Assistance Dogs Program

**\$22.0 million** to continue and expand the highly successful **Psychiatric Assistance Dogs Program**, improving the lives of more veterans living with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).



# Incapacity Support

**\$7.1 million** to maintain incapacity compensation payments at 100 per cent of pre-injury earnings for veterans undertaking study as part of their DVA-funded return to work rehabilitation program.



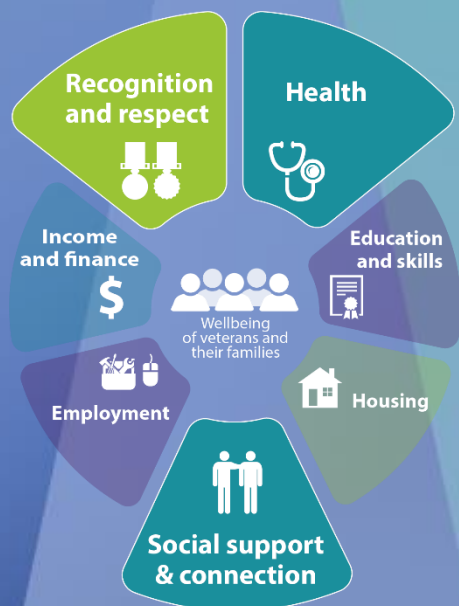
# Family Support Package

**\$36.8 million** for additional support for widowed partners, and families in crisis



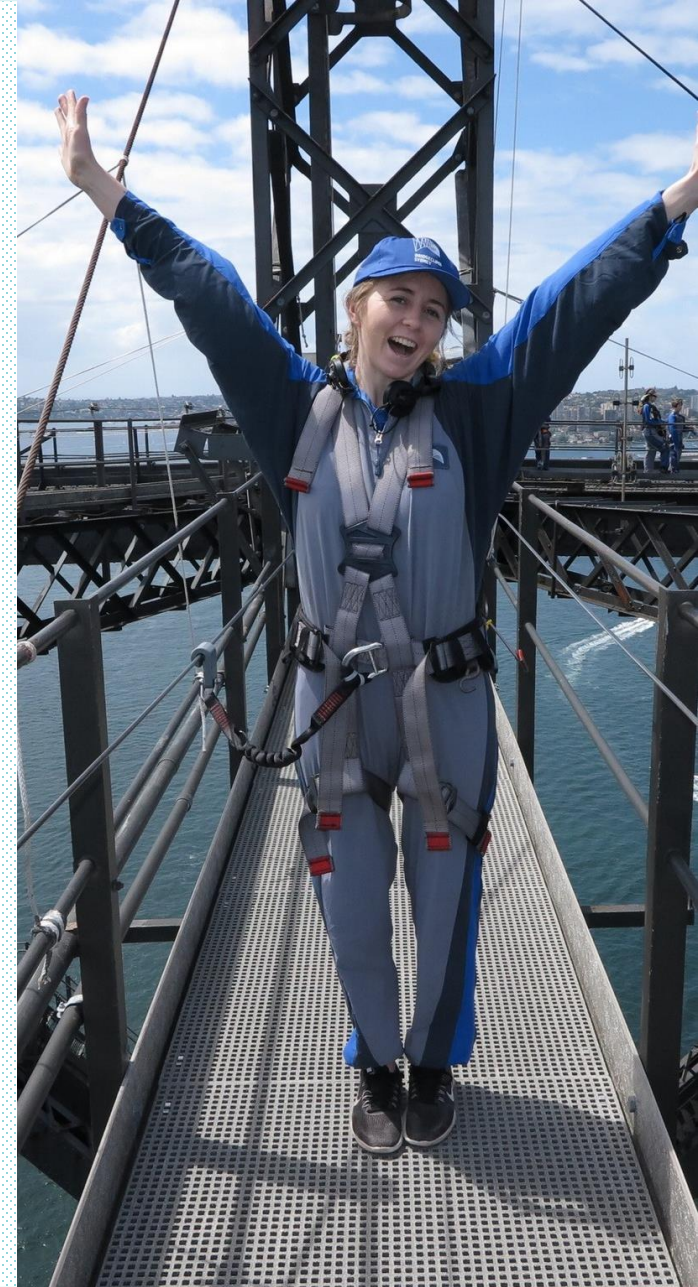
# Invictus games

**\$9.0 million** in grant funding to Invictus Australia to support the Australian team participation at the 2023 Invictus Games and 2023 and 2024 Warrior Games and promote and encourage veteran involvement in adaptive sports across the country.



# Kookaburra Kids

**\$13.7 million** to continue the investment into the Kookaburra Kids 'Defence Kids' mental health program for 8-18 year olds.





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## **BUDGET OUTCOMES**

**Commemorations and activities  
to honour our veterans**



# Grants

- **\$0.4 million** in a grant to support Legacy Australia to commemorate its 100th anniversary in 2023.



# International Memorials

**\$5.1 million investment in the upgrade of the Sandakan Memorial**

**\$4.9 million investment of the creation of a Remembrance Trail at Lemnos**





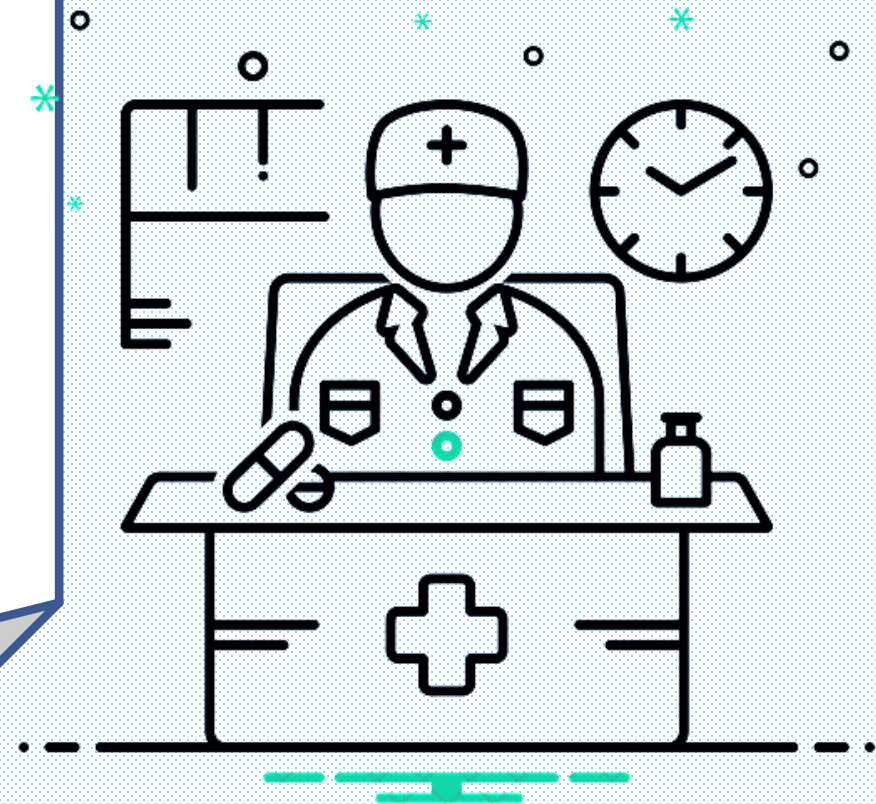
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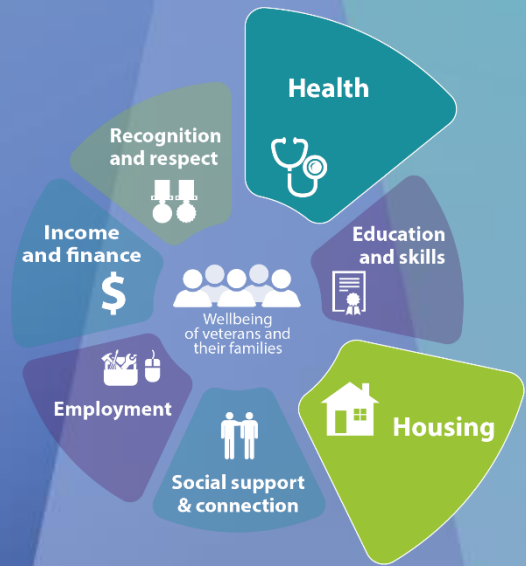
**Veterans health care**

# Provisional Access to Medical Treatment

**\$33.6 million**  
to continue the  
**Provisional Access  
to Medical  
Treatment program  
to 30 June 2024**  
which allows veterans  
to access treatment  
for 20 of the most  
common service-  
related conditions  
while their claim is  
being processed.



# Veterans' Home Care Program



25.38%



*Domestic assistance*

20.53%



*Personal care (standard)*

16.70%



*Personal care (exceptional)*

**\$70.5** million to fund an interim increase to fees for domestic assistance and personal care services under the Veterans' Home Care program.



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**Claims Processing**

# Claims Backlog



**\$22.8**  
million for  
additional  
90 ASL over  
two years

**McKinsey**  
Claims  
Process  
Review  
Diagnostic

**Review of  
policies and  
processes**

**Monitoring  
Reporting  
Governance**



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**BUDGET OUTCOME**

**Cross-portfolio measures**



# Cross-portfolio measures

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## Health

- Ageing and Aged Care
- COVID – 19 Response Package – ageing and aged care
- COVID – 19 Response Package – guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines
- COVID – 19 Response Package – vaccines and treatments
- Guaranteeing Medicare – improved patient access to magnetic resonance imaging
- Guaranteeing Medicare – Medical Benefits Schedule new and amended listings
- Improving Access to Medicines – Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme new and amended listings
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – lowering the Safety Net threshold
- Prioritising Mental Health
- Women’s Health Package

# Cross-portfolio measures

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## Treasury

- Supporting Retirees – extension of the temporary reduction in superannuation minimum drawdown rates

## Social Services

- Boosting Participation and Building Australia's Workforce
- Cost of Living Payment



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## FUTURE DIRECTION & PRIORITIES

# Priorities

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- ✓ Reducing the claims backlog
- ✓ Putting Veterans and Families First - Continuing our transformation
- ✓ Implementing and measuring the investment in veteran and family lifetime wellbeing priorities and strategies
- ✓ Preparing and planning for the future generation of veterans and families

