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## RSL Victoria welcomes a new Chief Executive Officer

RSL Victoria today announced the appointment of Jamie Twidale CSM as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Mr Twidale has joined the RSL after an extensive career in the emergency services and a 22-year career in the Australian Army. He will commence the role on December 16, 2019 following an extensive process supported by executive recruitment firm Tanner Menzies.

RSL Victoria State President, Dr Robert Webster OAM, said that the appointment of Mr Twidale has come at an important time for RSL Victoria as it undertakes a number of strategic projects, including the further development of RSL Victoria's Veteran Hubs network.

"Leadership and innovation were front of mind for this appointment, particularly as RSL Victoria forges ahead with its *Strategic Plan 2019-2023*.

"Jamie stood out as an outstanding candidate for the role during an exhaustive recruitment process. The selection committee and State Executive were particularly impressed with Jamie's experience as Manager, Emergency Operations Capability at the Environment Protection Authority, Assistant Chief Officer at the Victorian State Emergency Services and Executive Manager at Emergency Management Queensland.

"We also valued Jamie's 22 years of military service in the Royal Australian Engineer Corps, primarily within the Combat Engineer Regiment. The interview committee believes that Jamie's service and experience both at home on Australian soil and during overseas deployment in Afghanistan, East Timor and the Solomon Islands place him in a unique position to help RSL Victoria maintain growth and a connection to recent veterans from the post-1990's era.

"I look forward to working with Jamie, and I am confident that Jamie's experience in senior leadership positions and the Australian Army will hold him in good stead for this role and to lead the RSL through this period of change." Dr Webster said.

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Dr Webster also acknowledged the significant contribution of interim CEO, Mr Brian Cairns.

Mr Twidale said that the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of Victorian veteran and their families is what drew him to the role.

“The RSL in Victoria has been making a positive difference in the lives of veterans and their families since 1916. This is something that I wanted to be a part of and to ensure that it is an inclusive veteran-focused organisation for another 100 years.

“I look forward to getting to know the RSL and defence family across Victoria and to work alongside the staff and volunteers to achieve our organisation's mission of providing the best possible support and services to all generations of veterans.” Mr Twidale said.

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