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RSL Victoria to lead the way on the creation of a Veteran Wellbeing Centre in Victoria's North East

RSL Victoria will receive \$5 million in funding from the Australian Federal Government to establish a Veteran Wellbeing Centre in Victoria's North East.

RSL Victoria's State President, Dr Robert Webster OAM said that once established the *Wodonga Veterans and their Families Wellbeing Centre* will bring trauma-informed, contemporary and progressive veteran and families support services to Victoria's far north-east.

Dr Webster said "As the largest ex-service organisation in Victoria, the RSL is best placed to lead this important next step in veteran centred care. *The Wodonga Veterans and their Families Wellbeing Centre* will be a one stop shop, that will have RSL transition, health and wellbeing, advocacy and advice and welfare and housing services sit alongside complementary services from other ex-service organisations, government and private service providers."

"This holistic approach to veteran support, with services and providers accessible in the one location will cater to the needs of all veterans and their families, from those in need of acute care, through to those looking to transition back into civilian life." "With funding and support from the Department of Veterans' Affairs we believe that the *Wodonga Veterans and their Families Wellbeing Centre* will transform the lives of veterans and their families in Victoria's north-east," Dr Webster said.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester commend RSL Victoria for its dedication and commitment to the serving and exserving community in Victoria.

"RSL Victoria has a strong relationship with the ex-service community and brings a wealth of experience that will benefit the some 5,300 current and former Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel, and their families in the north east region," Mr Chester said.

The RSL Victoria run Wodonga Veterans and their Families Wellbeing Centre is one of six Veteran Wellbeing Centres across Australia that have been established in partnership with Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs) and state and territory governments.

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