

Department of Veterans' Affairs grant funding for sports or sports-related activities under Veteran and Community Grants and Supporting Younger Veterans programs 2021-22 and 2020-21

The Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) program supported activities and services that sustained and/or enhanced health and wellbeing of veterans. It provided seed funding for projects that support a healthy, quality lifestyle for members of the veteran community and assist them to remain living independently in their own homes.

The Supporting Younger Veterans (SYV) program was designed to support the needs of younger veterans (military service post-1999) as they leave the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and integrate back into civilian life. The aim of the program was to deliver services to the younger veterans' community to build capacity for the future, as well as expanding on existing or well established services offered to the younger veterans' community to new regions within Australia, this was achieved, by funding organisations that could sustainably deliver services to the younger veterans' community now and into the future.

Funding Round	Organisation	State	Project	Amount funded
V&CG 2021-22	Accelerated Evolution - The Break Incorporated	VIC	Wellbeing walks - An Australian adaptation & enhancement of the successful Scottish Mental Health Ranger program	\$30,304.00
V&CG 2021-22	Eyes Front Ltd	SA	Restorative and Trauma Sensitive Yoga with Psychosocial Support for Mental Wellbeing and Peer to Peer Connection	\$30,000.00
V&CG 2021-22	Friends of Veterans Inc.	SA	Operation Unity's 2022 support to Fallen Forge's Diggers Program and Northfield RSL's Yoga Program.	\$142,300.00
V&CG 2021-22	Frontline Yoga Inc	NSW	Free Trauma Aware Community Yoga for the Young Veteran Community	\$45,000.00
V&CG 2021-22	Phoenix House Youth Services Incorporated	NSW	Building Community Connectedness with Veterans and Youth. Activity description includes physical activities however these are not specified.	\$30,000.00
V&CG 2021-22	Power Community Ltd	SA	Port Adelaide Football Club ADF Veterans Program. AFL practical and theory education.	\$33,613.89
V&CG 2021-22	RSL Qld Agnes Water/1770 Sub Branch Inc	QLD	Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, Long Life. Activities include exercise, canoeing, paintball, water aerobics and nature walks.	\$15,088.87

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V&CG 2021-22	RSL Qld Banyo Sub Branch Inc	QLD	Indoor Bowls at the Hall	\$5,500.00
V&CG 2021-22	RSL Qld Murgon Sub Branch	QLD	To run a series of bus trips and physical activities designed to address social isolation among our veterans and their families. Activity description includes physical activities including lawn bowls and exercise physiology classes.	\$9,727.27
V&CG 2021-22	RSL Vic Woodend Sub-branch Inc	VIC	The project is an education and skills program to be run over twelve months with one session per month. The activity description includes physical health training but does not specify any further details.	\$5,000.00
V&CG 2021-22	Soldier On	ACT	Veteran Parents and Families- Building Better Relationships. Activity description includes physical activities however these are not specified.	\$146,392.00
V&CG 2021-22	WVUA Ltd	QLD	Young Women Veterans 4 Day Wellness Retreat. The retreat activities include yoga, Pilates and other physical activities.	\$29,959.17
V&CG 2020-21	Australian International Military Games	ACT	To provide an indoor rowing coaching pathway to encourage veterans to stay active and become part of a supportive sporting community	\$19,500.00
V&CG 2020-21	Bundaberg District Women Veterans Inc.	QLD	To undertake a series of bus trips and activities to reduce social isolation - including 10 pin bowling	\$5,600.00
V&CG 2020-21	Burnie Brae Ltd	QLD	To deliver online exercise classes specifically tailored to the veteran community	\$16,950.00
V&CG 2020-21	Connected By Inc.	WA	To enable Connected By Inc to teach 10 ex ADF personnel how to build their own surfboard to promote and develop psychosocial interaction and meaningful engagement	\$20,000.00

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V&CG 2020-21	Kapani Warrior Pty Ltd	ACT	To run ten 3-day camps for veterans in the Cairns region to connect and participate in outdoor activities and improve wellbeing	\$108,982.31
V&CG 2020-21	Makai Lakes Outrigger Canoe Club Incorporated	NSW	To purchase a six seat outrigger canoe plus PFDs and uniforms to conduct weekly paddling events for veterans and their families	\$19,688.07
V&CG 2020-21	NQ Phoenix Dragon Boat Club Inc.	QLD	To purchase a 10's dragon boat to enable members to train together in a smaller team; also purchase a marquee to promote Purple Warriors and for sun protection during regattas	\$17,558.00
V&CG 2020-21	Path of the Horse Ltd.	VIC	To upgrade respite accommodation facilities at The Path of the Horse Equine Assisted Learning Centre in Trentham to provide a safe accessible environment for veterans, their families and careers	\$18,165.00
V&CG 2020-21	Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Agnes Water/1770 Sub-Branch Inc	QLD	To upgrade the outside area at the Sub-Branch to enable Veterans to attend exercise classes and social events in a COVID-19 safe environment; and hold a series of healthy cooking for two classes	\$10,000.00
V&CG 2020-21	Returned and Services League (Strathalbyn-Sub Branch) Incorporated	SA	To run an equine therapy program for veterans and their families at Strathalbyn	\$15,441.00
V&CG 2020-21	Rugby 1st Limited	NSW	To develop a program that connects veterans and their families to sporting clubs to provide both sport and social activity	\$55,138.21
V&CG 2020-21	Swiss Technologies Ltd	NSW	To modify the Swiss 8 Better At Life training package to include fishing and mountain biking to encourage outdoor activity and healthy living	\$100,185.21
V&CG 2020-21	The Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Incorporated	WA	To undertake a series of outdoor activities to support isolated veterans and their families in WA - included sponsoring of Broome Speedway Team (but not the car)	\$9,000.00

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V&CG 2020-21	The Returned and Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch)	NSW	To establish a RSL NSW Sport and Recreation Program to encourage veterans in NSW to engage in organised sports and recreation activities to improve social connectedness and support the mitigation of mental health risks	\$109,055.01
V&CG 2020-21	Wynnum Manly War Veterans and Associates Social Bowls Club Inc.	QLD	To undertake a series of bus trips to reduce social isolation, including social bowls	\$9,360.00
SYV 2021-22	A Stable Life	SA	Equine activities for Veterans to learn a new set of life skills to help them engage in the civilian community. This organisation provides an equine activities programme	\$47,000.00
SYV 2021-22	Buddy Up Australia Limited	National	Buddy Up events enable veterans to connect to their communities through physical fitness, social activities and purposeful volunteering. Activity Description includes physical activity however these are not specified	\$100,000.00
SYV 2021-22	Kanyini in partnership with Yandina Eumundi RSL	QLD	Young Veterans Equine Therapy Program: The program provides clients with sessions in: counselling with a qualified counsellor; equine therapy; arts therapy; mediation and mindfulness; trauma-informed yoga.	\$30,000.00
SYV 2021-22	Operation PTSD Support	QLD	Respite Retreats for Partners / Carers of Incapacitated Veterans. The organisation offers educational sessions as well as health and fitness activities to encourage self care so they can continue in the caring role for their veteran. Activity Description includes physical activity however these are not specified	\$24,950.00

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SYV 2021-22	Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Currumbin Palm Beach	QLD	Young Veteran Holistic Wellbeing Program; Social, Mental and Physical Wellbeing through activities and events, collaboration and support. Physical activities include fitness and sporting programs. Activity Description includes physical activity however these are not specified	\$20,000.00
SYV 2021-22	RSL LifeCare Limited	NSW	To service the needs of the younger veteran community by providing a program that promotes mental and physical wellbeing for the wounded, injured and ill and their families through horse handling and riding courses.	\$29,131.00
SYV 2021-22	Soldier On	ACT	Supporting members transitioning from the ADF by providing connection and purpose through physical fitness, social activities and purposeful volunteering to mitigate post-service depression, enable early intervention and help reduce Veteran suicide. Activity Description includes physical activity however these are not specified	\$149,600.15
SYV 2021-22	Trek2Health Ltd in partnership with RSL QLD, The Gap Sub Branch	QLD	Supporting Young Veterans via multi-level module based treks in remote areas to build resilience through nature	\$77,842.21
SYV 2021-22	Veteran Surf Project Incorporated	NSW	Veteran Surf Project delivers twice a week learn to surf programs "surf therapy".	\$90,000.00
SYV 2020-21	Australian International Military Games	ACT	To provide surfing initiatives to improve the physical and mental health of younger veterans. Improving the physical and mental health of younger veterans through empowering surfing initiatives.	\$39,250.00

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SYV 2020-21	Buddy Up Australia Limited	WA	To hold wellness activities and retreats across the country to help improve the mental and physical health of younger veterans. This may include the Holyoake DRUMBEAT as well as iREST yoga, meditation and practical knowledge around nutrition.	\$50,000.00
SYV 2020-21	Path of the Horse Ltd. In partnership with Hawthorne RSL Sub-Branch Inc.	VIC	To provide a mental and social health program - equine therapy.	\$49,184.00
SYV 2020-21	RAEMUS Rover Off Road Racing Inc.	NSW	Raemus Rover Challenge Program Development, establishing a women's only adventure/challenge program capability.	\$48,000.00
SYV 2020-21	Vietnam Veterans and Veterans Federation ACT Inc.	ACT	To provide activities to promote social and mental health and wellbeing for veterans and families living in remote area. To hold four Younger Veterans Family Days at locations in the ACT. The family days will include activities such as motor regaining (orienteering sport).	\$7,016.00
SYV 2020-21	Walk for a Veteran Inc.	SA	To hold a veteran and community walk and concert to support mental and social health and wellbeing. Walk for a Veteran with PTSD 37.5km community walk and after concert.	\$50,000.00

Attachment A

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SYV 2020-21	Young Veterans Australia Limited	VIC	To purchase a BBQ trailer, kayak and trailer and gazebos for social activities with the younger veteran community.	\$42,111.80