

Media Release

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



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THANKING VICTORIAN VETERANS WITH COST OF LIVING RELIEF

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will thank Victorian veterans and their families for their profound contribution to our state and nation by introducing the Victorian Veterans Card, helping them with the cost of living.

There are more than 90,000 veterans in Victoria. Labor will recognise their service and sacrifice – particularly younger veterans who aren't eligible for the Commonwealth's Gold Card program – with \$37 million for the Victorian Veterans Card, delivered through the Service Victoria app.

It's an investment that builds on Labor's existing record when it comes to backing our veterans and their families – upgrading local RSLs, helping to deliver the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island, and creating new opportunities for veterans on our Big Build and across the public sector.

The Victorian Veterans Card will entitle veterans to a \$100 discount on the registration of one vehicle, as well as free public transport on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

The Card will also offer free trailer and caravan registration and free fishing and boating licences, encouraging veterans to participate in outdoor recreation and connect with their friends and families.

On top of the discounts, the Card will give veterans access to dedicated employment programs to help them find careers after finishing their period of service, making sure the transition to new work is as smooth as possible.

Labor is doing what matters – recognising our veterans' service, by delivering the support they deserve.

Quote attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

“Veterans have given so much for Victoria and Australia – and they deserve our ongoing recognition, appreciation and support. That's why we'll help ease the cost of living for veterans and support them in their transition back to civilian life.”

Quote attributable to Minister for Veterans Shaun Leane

“Veterans' contributions don't end when they leave the defence force – only Labor will support them to retrain and reskill, because they still have so much to give to our community.”