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Veteran Employment Advisory Committee Meeting – 21 August 2025

The Veteran Employment Advisory Committee (VEAC) met on Thursday 21 August 2025. Agenda items included an overview of Department of Veterans' Affairs priorities that link to the work of the VEAC, an update on the progress of the Wellbeing Agency and peak body, discussion about the Veteran Employment Commitment Review, and engagement activities being undertaken for the Veteran Employment Program (VEP). Additionally, committee members completed judging two categories of the 2025 Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment Awards.

The VEP delivers initiatives that support Australian organisations to improve employment outcomes for veterans. It is a key contributor to priority four of the *Veteran Transition Action Plan (Veterans and families have access to employment, education and skills development opportunities)*. The Action plan can be found at www.dva.gov.au/documents-and-publications/veteran-transition-strategy-and-action-plan.

The VEAC discussed and noted the results of the *Veteran Employment Commitment (VEC) Interim Review*. The Interim Review reflected on the success of the VEC and identified areas of improvement from the first 15 months of the new model. The review included areas for future focus and identified opportunities to grow the VEC member base. The VEP team will continue to work on areas identified in the interim review for refinement and strengthening of the VEC. More information about the VEC, including a tool to search for VEC members can be found at www.veteranemployment.gov.au/show-your-commitment/veteran-employment-commitment.

VEAC members completed judging two categories for the 2025 Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment Awards (Awards). The VEAC endorsed the finalists and winners of the Best Regional Veteran Employment Initiative category and Best Veteran Employment Commitment Initiative category. VEAC members who had a conflict of interest with relation to nominees were not present during the relevant deliberations nor will see any results in advance of the Awards ceremony. The Award winners will be announced at the ceremony on 24 November 2025, and more information about the Awards can be found at www.veteranemployment.gov.au/awards.

A general summary of the progress of the DVA Wellbeing Agency Taskforce was provided to the committee in relation to the establishment of a new agency for veteran and family wellbeing (Recommendation 87 of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide). The new wellbeing agency is being designed to coordinate, integrate and improve services for veterans and families, and to take responsibility for supporting members to transition out of the Australian Defence Force (ADF). The VEAC was also provided with an update regarding the establishment of a national peak body for ex-service organisations (Recommendation 89). More information about the Wellbeing Agency Taskforce can be found at www.dva.gov.au/about/royal-commission/taskforce-wellbeing-agency-and-peak-body. The final report and other information about the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide can be found at <https://defenceveteransuicide.royalcommission.gov.au>.