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## **Veteran Employment Advisory Committee meeting – 31 March 2026**

The Veteran Employment Advisory Committee (the Committee) met on Tuesday 31 March 2026.

The committee acknowledged members and organisations recognised through the 2025 Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment Awards (Awards), highlighting their ongoing efforts to improve veteran employment outcomes.

Winners of the *Champion of Veteran Employment*, *Veteran and/or Partner Entrepreneur of the Year*, and the *Best Regional Veteran Employment Initiative* categories of the Awards are invited to become members of the VEAC for one Awards cycle. The Committee welcomed three temporary members for 2026 from RSL Queensland, UndaTech Pty Ltd and Ventia Australia.

The Committee discussed its proposed areas of focus for 2026, building on their work in 2025 and recent Ministerial engagement. Members acknowledged veterans and partners still face employment challenges and discussed opportunities to provide targeted, practical advice. As part of this work, the Committee agreed to establish two working groups on:

- rural and regional employment opportunities for veterans and partners
- employment pathways for veterans into trades, including apprenticeships and traineeships.

The working groups will leverage the industry connections and expertise of its members to identify gaps in existing supports and opportunities to strengthen current approaches.

VEAC noted that its annual update report outlining its 2025 activities and achievements was accepted by the Ex-Service Round Table (ESORT) on 23 March. ESORT is a key body in DVA's National Consultation Framework, and more information can be found at:

<https://www.dva.gov.au/about-us/engagement-and-consultation/how-we-consult-the-ex-service-community/eso-round-table-esort>.