



## Veteran Employment Program Newsletter

Welcome to the August 2025 edition of the Veteran Employment Program (VEP) Newsletter.

This edition brings you updates on the Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment Awards, the Veteran Employer Webinar Series and practical tools to help your organisation engage with veteran employment.

Whether you are a long-time subscriber or new to the community, there's something here to inform, inspire and share.

### Program Updates



### Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment Awards

Nominations for the [2025 Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment awards](#) have closed.

We were pleased to see the wide variety of nominations received from organisations and individuals which allows us to celebrate our growing veteran employment community.

Judging has commenced and we look forward to announcing finalists later in the year.



### Nominees for the Champion of Veteran Employment

[Learn about nominated individuals and organisations](#) that are making outstanding and sustained contributions in championing the employment of veterans and/or partners.

Voting is open to organisations recognised via the [Veteran Employment Commitment](#) as Veteran Employers of Choice or Veteran Friendly Employers.

## Supporting reservists: what you need to know



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE  
**RESERVES AND EMPLOYER SUPPORT**  
*We Support ADF Reserves*

## Missed an online event? Watch on demand!

The recording of our latest [Veteran Employer Webinar Series](#) event, Supporting reservists: what you need to know, is available to view on our website now.

[ADF Reserves and Employer Support](#) presented about the benefits of employing reservists, Reserve Service Protection, responsibilities for employing reservists, the Supportive Employer Program and Employer Support Payment Scheme.

[View any of our past webinars](#) at any time on our website.

## Wellbeing and workplace connections

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER



MICHAEL HARTUNG   NADIA TEONG   JEREMY SATCHELL  
Invictus Australia   Veterans Psychology   BAE Systems Australia

## Join our next webinar

Wellbeing and workplace connections  
Tuesday 16 September 2025  
1300 – 1400 AEST

Discover practical strategies employed by BAE Systems Australia, Veterans Psychology and Invictus Australia to foster supportive environments, strengthen connections and promote workplace wellbeing.

[Register today.](#)

## JOIN OUR FREE FACE-TO-FACE EMPLOYER WORKSHOPS

### LEARN TO:

- ✓ Develop a veteran employment strategy
- ✓ Develop veteran-inclusive employment policy
- ✓ Adopt veteran-inclusive recruitment techniques
- ✓ Form partnerships

**REGISTER TODAY**

[www.veteranemployment.gov.au/news-and-events/employer-workshops](http://www.veteranemployment.gov.au/news-and-events/employer-workshops)

## Face-to-face employer workshops

The first face-to-face employer workshop delivered in conjunction with the Australian Catholic University was held in Brisbane on the 8 August.

The workshops provide employers with practical tools, policy guidance and actionable strategies to expand on their Veteran Employment Commitment.

[Register now](#) for the remaining workshops.

SUNSHINE COAST	21 August: 1pm – 4pm
TOWNSVILLE	11 September: 1pm – 4pm
SYDNEY	25 September: 1pm – 4pm
CANBERRA	17 October: 1pm – 4pm
MELBOURNE	31 October: 1pm – 4pm



## Are you following VEP on LinkedIn?

The VEP team regularly posts links to resources and upcoming events on our [LinkedIn page](#).

We recently posted resources for establishing formal and informal mentoring programs.

The [How to develop a mentoring program](#) guide can help you decide how mentoring programs might look in your organisation through key questions and tips.

You can also find out more about [employee career development](#).



## ADF Member and Family Transition Seminars: strengthening our reach

The ADF Member and Family Transition Seminars offer a valuable chance for VEP to engage directly with ADF members and families. Attendees who visit the VEP stall hear insights on roles, culture and the kinds of supports available in civilian workplaces.

The VEP team are joined by representatives from Veteran Employment Commitment organisations who share their personal experiences and tips.

Visit our [LinkedIn](#) for updates and photos from recent events.

Be on the lookout for updates on 2026 participation later this year!



## DVA welcomes new Veteran Family Advocate Commissioner

Ms Annabelle Wilson will commence her role as the new Veteran Family Advocate Commissioner, from 18 August 2025.

Ms Wilson follows in the footsteps of outgoing Veteran Family Advocate Gwen Cherne, the inaugural champion for veteran families in the role. Gwen has been an outstanding advocate representing families across government and leaves a lasting legacy.

The [Veteran Family Advocate Commissioner LinkedIn page](#) provides regular updates on information and events relevant to partners and families.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. Together, we're helping to create employment opportunities and shape more inclusive workplaces for veterans and families.

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