



## Veteran Employment Program Newsletter

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# Program Updates

Australian Government

2026 Prime Minister's  
National Veteran  
Employment Awards

**RECOGNISE  
SUCCESS BEYOND SERVICE**

**NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL,  
ORGANISATION OR  
INITIATIVE TODAY.**

[veteranemployment.gov.au/awards](http://veteranemployment.gov.au/awards)

### Nominations are open for the 2026 Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment Awards

The Awards continue to recognise excellence across a broad range of categories, including initiatives, employees and organisations that demonstrate leadership and a sustained commitment to improving veteran and partner employment across Australia.

[Nominate now](#) before 31 July and recognise 'Success beyond service'.

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**SPONSORSHIP IS  
NOW OPEN!**

Sponsorship opportunities for the 2026 Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment Awards are available now.

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### Sponsor the 2026 Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment Awards

Expressions of Interest are now open to sponsor the Awards. Support national recognition of organisations, veterans and partners contributing to strong employment outcomes in the civilian workforce.

Tiered sponsorship opportunities are available, from Supporter to Principal Partner, offering a range of benefits and visibility throughout the Awards program. [Expressions of Interest](#) close 24 July.



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**VOTE.  
GET INVOLVED.**

**RECOGNISE  
'SUCCESS BEYOND SERVICE'.**

Cast your People's Choice vote or submit an EOI to judge.

## Have your say on the winners

The Champion of Veteran Employment award will be decided by a 'People's Choice' vote, open to organisations that have joined the Veteran Employer Commitment and are recognised as a Veteran Employer of Choice or Veteran Friendly Employer.

Voting will open in August 2026 via a unique voting link sent directly to the organisation representative.

Veteran Employers of Choice can also submit an EOI to be a judge on one of the panels. EOIs close 3 July 2026.

[Submit your EOI today.](#)



Veteran Employer  
Webinar Series

**Mentoring matters - supporting staff to succeed**

Thursday 16 July  
1300-1400 AEST





David Bragg  
Boeing Defence Australia

James McRae  
Narada

Jeremy Stredwick  
Arc Professional Services

## Veteran Employer Webinar Series - Mentoring matters

Our next event in the Veteran Employer Webinar Series focuses on workplace mentoring.

Benefit from the experiences of our panel – facilitated by veteran mentors and mentees from organisations that value mentor programs in their workplaces.




Find out how their mentoring programs work and the successes they have achieved.

Thursday, 16 July 1300-1400 AEST.

[Register online today.](#)

**IN CONVERSATION**

**2026 SERIES**

Christine Gilchrist  
Spouse Force

Emily Pyke  
UndaTech

Daniel Stevens  
Seitec

Creating your own success -  
veteran and partner entrepreneurs

Thursday 6 August  
1300-1400 AEST

## In conversation with the 2025 Awards entrepreneur finalists

Join Veteran Family Commissioner, Annabelle Wilson, in conversation with the winner and finalists from the Veteran and/or Partner Entrepreneur of the Year category of the 2025 Prime Minister's National Veteran Employment Awards.

Panellists will talk about what drew them to starting their own businesses and share their experiences.

Thursday, 6 August 1300-1400 AEST.

[Register online today.](#)



The BUSY Group -  
unlocking veteran talent



RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW

## BUSY Group webinar recording – online now!

The recording of the latest event in the 2026 Veteran Employer Webinar Series is available to view online.

Watch the video to learn about the BUSY Group, how they work with veterans and how employers can partner with them to recruit veterans to your organisation.

[View all our Veteran Employer Webinar Series recordings online.](#)



## Strengthening Connections with employers and industry leaders

In May, the VEP team engaged with more employers than ever to promote the skills of veterans and partners. We participated in the Indian Ocean Defence & Security Conference about building successful veteran programs. VEP also attended Talent X Melbourne – the recruitment industry’s festival of innovation.

These events provided valuable opportunities to connect with employers, industry leaders and workforce professionals to promote the skills, and experience veterans bring to the civilian workforce.

## Volunteering – From serving in the ADF to serving in the community

Hear from Colleen, a retired Army nurse, as she continues her service through volunteering in the community.

Her story highlights the lasting value of skills and experience gained through Defence service, and the positive impact of staying connected. For Colleen, volunteering is not just about giving back – it’s about staying connected and maintaining wellbeing.

Read more about [Colleen’s story here.](#)



**“In the Army we served our country. Volunteering is a continuation of that, but on a local level – it’s about serving the local community.”**

**Colleen**  
Retired Army Nurse

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to veteran and partner employment.

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