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RSL Victoria grateful for State Government's ANZAC Appeal donation

RSL Victoria has thanked the Victorian Government for their \$1.5 million donation to the [ANZAC Appeal](#).

RSL Victoria State President, Dr Robert Webster OAM, said that the state government's donation would provide much needed funds to support veterans and their families when in need.

"COVID-19 has disrupted many things, including the RSL's annual ANZAC Appeal Fundraiser. Our volunteers were unable to fundraise in the community, and many of our commercial partners needed to significantly modify the way they sold ANZAC Appeal merchandise.

"At one stage there was a genuine fear that we wouldn't raise any money for the ANZAC Appeal in 2020, but the Victorian Government's kind donation has provided a level of certainty that the RSL is incredibly grateful for," Dr Webster said.

The Victorian government also donated \$650,000 to the Victorian Veterans Council and another \$50,000 to Melbourne Legacy, to help ensure that their services to veterans would continue.

Dr Robert Webster said. "The Victorian veteran community is complex and multigenerational. Together RSL Victoria, Legacy and the Veterans Council care for veterans from WWII to today's young veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts."

"There is no one size fits all approach to supporting veterans, and the Victorian Government's additional donation to both Legacy and the Veterans Council is a good reflection of this," he said.

The ANZAC Appeal is the RSL's biggest fundraiser, in 2019 The ANZAC Appeal raised more than 3 million dollars.

The state government's donation to the 2020 ANZAC Appeal will help the RSL continue to provide a range of welfare and support service to Victorian veterans and their families.

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These services include crisis accommodation, emergency financial help, [advocacy service](#), and the [RSL Active program](#).

The RSL has been fundraising via the ANZAC Appeal since 1921. This is the first time in the ANZAC Appeal's history that the Victorian State Government has financially contributed.

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