



Speech By  
**Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk**


**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Anzac Day Trust, Grants**

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Olympics) (9.39 am): Our veterans and their families have made an enormous contribution to Queensland over the decades. They dedicated their lives to keeping Queenslanders safe and secure. We have the largest population of veterans in the country, with 163,000 ex or current service men and women. I am proud that my government will continue to contribute to their health and wellbeing.

In March we opened applications for two Anzac Day Trust grant programs, including for organisations impacted by the pandemic. I am pleased to announce today the recipients of the more than \$1.6 million in grants from those two programs to support over 200 ex-service organisations such as \$35,000 to Australian War Widows Queensland. As they celebrate their 75th anniversary, we will honour those left behind on the inaugural War Widows Day, next Wednesday, at an event I will host along with assistant minister Bart Mellish. Others include: \$23,000 to Legacy Bundaberg; \$100,000 to Legacy Club Brisbane; \$40,000 to Legacy Club Gold Coast; \$100,000 to Mates4Mates; \$40,000 to the RSL in Gympie; \$32,000 for the RSL in Hervey Bay; \$40,000 for the RSL in Redcliffe; \$27,000 for the RSL in Townsville; and \$40,000 for Young Veterans Australia.

The funding will ensure ongoing help to those who have served us so well. Many of the organisations operate on a voluntary basis, and the grants will assist veterans and their families with household and medical expenses and with welfare programs. Queenslanders are proud of their veterans. We must do what we can to ensure they are rewarded for their service. We will ensure their needs are met for them to look forward to a brighter future.