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Geoff Brock MP Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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Veterans SA release community driven strategy for 2023

The Veterans SA Strategic Outlook has been updated to include new deliverables that will drive the agency's activities to support South Australia's veteran community in 2023.

The updated strategy has been influenced by feedback from veterans and their families gathered through forums, surveys and round-table meetings held during 2022.

The new deliverables demonstrate the agency's continued commitment to improving outcomes for current and former serving members and their families living in South Australia.

Additional community engagement activities and collaborations with agencies across the South Australian and Australian governments are a large part of the revised strategy, which has as strong focus on families, employment, and wellbeing.

Educating the wider community about the value people with ADF experience bring to the workforce and how to support Defence children at school is addressed as a priority as well as further funding support for veteran support programs, capacity building and commemorative activities.

Veterans SA released its first 10-year Strategic Outlook in 2021 which identified the agency's four strategic pillars: empowering community, promoting inclusion, data-informed policy best practice and honouring service.

The 2023 strategic aims and outcomes are each aligned to one of these pillars. The Veterans SA Strategic Outlook can be viewed at <u>veteranssa.sa.gov.au</u>

Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans' Affairs Geoff Brock

The Veterans' Affairs portfolio is a priority for the South Australian Government, and I feel privileged to be serving the community to achieve positive and lasting outcomes that will improve the lives of current, former, and future serving members and their families.

Veterans SA has achieved a great deal for the South Australian veteran and Defence community since the launch of the Strategic Outlook last year, and I look

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forward to working with the agency to deliver on our aims and drive momentum forward in 2023.

Quotes attributable to Veterans SA Director Chantelle Bohan

Veterans SA is genuinely committed to understanding how we can best help the veteran and Defence community in South Australia, so it was critical that the community was involved in the shaping of the strategy for 2023.

The Veterans SA team is excited to continue the important work we are doing to educate, empower and improve the experiences of the veteran and Defence community, as well as highlighting their valuable contributions to the wider South Australian community.