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#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## VETERANS' AND FAMILIES' HUB ONE STEP CLOSER IN ADELAIDE'S NORTH

Following a successful grant application, the Australian Government has today announced that Lives Lived Well has been invited to develop a business case to establish a Veterans' and Families' Hub in Northern Adelaide.

The expansion of the Veterans' and Families' Hub network will see the more than 10,950 veterans and their families in Adelaide's northern suburbs access improved specialist services close to home.

Lives Lived Well will join with the Legacy Club of Adelaide to take these next steps, with the support of a \$50,000 grant to develop the business case to establish this new Hub.

The Hub is set to feature a range of tailored services to assist with transition, employment, social connection and advocacy services, along with mental and physical health support for veterans' and families.

The intention is this Hub will not only be able to provide the services and supports the local veteran community needs, but be sustainable into the future.

The expansion of the Veterans' and Families' Hubs network into Northern Adelaide is part of the Government's \$46.7 million commitment to deliver eight new Veterans' and Families' Hubs across the country.

This commitment also includes the continuation of work underway to establish hubs in Southeast Queensland and Tasmania, delivering 10 new Veterans' and Families Hubs under the Albanese Labor Government.

For more information about Veterans' and Families' Hubs, visit www.dva.gov.au/vfhubs

**Quotes attributed to Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Matt Keogh:** 

"With this grant, *Lives Lived Well* will be able to undertake further consultation with key local veteran, family and service provider stakeholders, allowing them to identify local service needs and opportunities and maximise benefits for veterans and families across the region."

"We don't want to take a cookie cutter approach with Hubs around the country. The opportunity for enhanced stakeholder consultation enables Hub services to be designed so they best meet the needs of the local veteran community and can be maintained and sustained for many years to come."

# **Quotes attributed to Member for Spence, Matt Burnell**

"Our community has one of the highest concentrations of Veterans in Australia.

"We have a super-base in our community, the RAAF Base Edinburgh, and I have made it clear that we need to offer significant assistance to those transitioning out of fatigues and into regular employment and day to day life.

"The Albanese Labor Government is delivering on its commitment to build a Veterans' and families' hub in our community to help those that have intrepidly served our nation and their families.

"After running multiple round tables with the veteran community, I am excited to see significant progress, with Lives Lived Well invited to develop a business case for our new Hub.

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