

From REFLECTION to REFORM:

Building a Future for Veteran Health, Connection and Purpose



Overview

Building on the success of the inaugural Veterans Voices Conference 2025 – Connection, Careers and Community, this annual event is designed to foster meaningful dialogue, drive reform, and strengthen collaboration across the veteran community.

In 2026, Veterans Voices returns with a focus ‘Two years on from the Royal Commission’ and the theme ‘From Reflection to Reform’.

To be held on Saturday, 18 July 2026, the conference will provide a national platform bringing together government, community, industry, and lived-experience leaders to examine progress since the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, identify persistent challenges, and advance practical solutions that enhance wellbeing, inclusion, and opportunity for veterans and their families across Australia.

Purpose and Vision

The Veterans Voices Conference aims to:

- **Empower lived experience** — ensuring the voices of veterans and families guide the national reform agenda.
- **Drive systemic change** — tracking progress against Royal Commission recommendations and identifying where action is still needed.
- **Foster collaboration** — building enduring partnerships between government, community, health, and industry sectors.
- **Promote practical outcomes** — highlighting successful models in employment, education, mental health, and family wellbeing that can be scaled nationally.

This year’s theme, ‘From Reflection to Reform,’ reflects a pivotal moment: moving beyond awareness into sustained implementation and measurable impact.



Conference Themes



Policy into Practice

Translating Royal Commission recommendations into tangible improvements in services and systems.

Community-Led Recovery

Recognising the power of local, veteran-led, and peer-driven support networks.

Next-Gen Veterans

Supporting transition pathways for younger veterans and families adjusting to civilian life.

Culture, Identity, and Inclusion

Amplifying the experiences of women veterans, First Nations veterans, and diverse service communities.

Careers, Capability, and Enterprise

Strengthening employment, training, and entrepreneurship opportunities for veterans and their families.

Conference Partners

We invite organisations, businesses, and community groups to join us in shaping the future of veteran wellbeing by becoming a sponsor of Veterans Voices 2026.

Your support will help bring together lived-experience voices, industry leaders, and policymakers to drive lasting reform and meaningful connection across the veteran community.

Sponsorship offers more than visibility, it is an opportunity to stand alongside those creating real change, showcase your commitment to veterans and their families, and contribute to a legacy of action, inclusion, and impact.

The 2026 conference is expected to attract more than 300 attendees including; local and national dignitaries, current and former serving defence personnel, families of Veterans, ex-service organisations, health services and many more.

To explore partnership opportunities or discuss how your organisation can be part of this important national event, please get in touch today.



Sponsorship Opportunities

Silver - \$2,500

- Significant branding, logo displayed on all promotional material and website and social media recognition.
- Promotional item included in delegate conference bag
- 2 locations within stall area.
- 2 conference entry tickets.
- Acknowledged at event by MC.

Gold - \$5,000

- Prime branding opportunities, half page advert in conference material, logo on all promotional material, website and social media recognition.
- Promotional item included in delegate conference bag.
- 15 minute speaking opportunity.
- 3 locations within stall area.
- 3 conference entry tickets.
- Acknowledged regularly during event by MC.

Platinum - \$10,000

- Premium branding opportunities, full page advert in conference material, logo on all promotional material, website and social media recognition.
- Promotional item included in delegate conference bag.
- 30 minute speaking opportunity.
- Four locations within stall area.
- Five conference entry tickets.
- Acknowledged regularly during event by MC.

Northern Territory based ex-service organisations are invited to hold a display stall at no cost.

Our Why, Our Story

My name is Dani and I have been the NT Coordinator for Walking Off The War Within since 2017 and I am the Organiser for this event.

My incredible husband Ashley is a Veteran.

When Ashley came home from Afghanistan, my overwhelming feeling was pride. What I didn't realise was how much he was hurting. I couldn't yet understand the depth of the trauma he carried, and nothing could have prepared either of us for the difficult and unpredictable years that followed.

Ashley has always been good at compartmentalising, and he hid his cracks well. Until he couldn't any longer...

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) crept up and hit with a vengeance. The 'Black Dog' had well and truly taken over. As a partner, it is so scary to watch the person you love as they won't talk about their feelings, can't talk about specific incidents that haunt them when they close their eyes and are unable to acknowledge that they need help.

We were thankfully in a position where Ashley was able to take time for himself which led to enrolment in a psychology degree - his approach to self-help, having received very little and very lacking through other avenues. My amazing husband learned what he needed to do for his mental health, how to 'fight the black dog', the demon, and although it is an ongoing journey, it is one we continue together.

Many of our friends, his former colleagues, were unable to overcome the demon. In their memory and in their honour, and out of respect for all who serve, have served, and those who walk beside them, I continue to advocate for greater support for veterans and their families. This is the 'why' that drives my work in suicide prevention and mental health awareness, with a strong focus on veterans, police, firefighters, and all first responders and their families.

I believe that all Ex-Service Organisations have a role in supporting our Veterans and their families and welcome everyone to be involved in the Veterans Voices Conference.

As a partner, I have been impacted by vicarious trauma and I use this to drive me in the support of others. I hope to see lots of family members attending this Conference - we do better when we work together.

**TOGETHER
WE CAN**

One Veteran has
suicide-related
contact with
police or
paramedics every
four hours.

Royal Commission, 2024

**SHAKE THE
STIGMA**

One First
Responder takes
their own life
every six weeks.

Beyond Blue, 2024

**CHANGE THE
NARRATIVE**





Thank you for taking the time to review our sponsor prospectus.

If you have any questions, are interested in sponsoring, attending or presenting at the conference - please get in touch on the below contact details.

Together we can make a difference.



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