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New minister gets to work

On 14 September the Veterans' Affairs portfolio was taken under the watchful eye of the Hon. Warren Snowdon MP. Mr Snowdon is also the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel and Minister for Indigenous Health.

Mr Snowdon brings defence experience to the Veterans' Affairs portfolio, previously serving as Minister for Defence Science and Personnel in 2007. He said his deep appreciation for the Department of Veterans' Affairs portfolio also stemmed from a long and proud family service history.

For a biography and more information, please visit the [Minister's website](#)

Long Tan Bursary applications now open

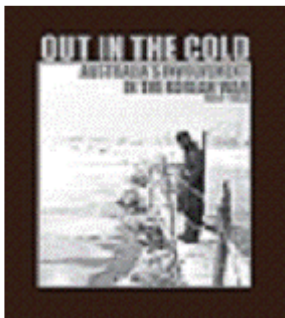
The Long Tan Bursary is an Australian Government initiative helping eligible children of Australian Vietnam veterans to undertake tertiary education. Offering 50 scholarships per year, worth up to \$9000 over three years, the Bursary allows students to undertake full-time study on campus. More than 360 sons and daughters of Vietnam veterans have received the scholarship since it was first introduced in 2000.

Applications for the Long Tan Bursary are open until 31 October. For more information on the Long Tan Bursary or to apply visit www.dva.gov.au/grants or www.avcat.org.au.

Grant recipients announced

Nearly \$4.4 million has been made available through the Building Excellence in Support and Training program, to help Ex-Service Organisations provide essential on-the-ground support to veterans, war widows, widowers and their families.

For more information on DVA grants or to apply visit www.dva.gov.au/grants.



60th anniversary of the Korean War

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. A national ceremony will be held at the Australian National Korean War Memorial in Canberra on 23 October 2010. This is in addition to seven state-based ceremonies that were held during June and July 2010.

To recognise the importance of the anniversary, the Department of Veterans' Affairs has released a new edition of *Out in the Cold*, a book detailing the service and sacrifice of Australians during the Korean War. This is now available from the Australian War Memorial Shop and [website](#) and The Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne from early October.

For more information on commemorative activities surrounding the anniversary visit the [Department's website](#).



Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels Day

The inaugural Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels Day will be held on 3 November to acknowledge the contribution made by Papuan and New Guinean civilians during the Second World War. Their extraordinary support of Australian soldiers in the transportation of supplies and the wounded is firmly woven into the fabric of Australian military history.

A presentation of commemorative medallions to surviving Angels and families of those who have passed away will take place during a ceremony at Kokoda Station on 3 November. For information about the medallion visit the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels Commemorative Medallion [page](#). For more information about Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels, visit the [Australia's War](#) website.



Remembrance Day

On 11 November at 11 am, Australians will pause to remember men and women who have died in all wars, conflicts and peace operations.

This year's Remembrance Day poster marks a significant anniversary in Australia's wartime history—the 60th anniversary of the commencement of the Korean War which commenced on 25 June 1950. For information about Remembrance Day, to download our poster, to access the wartime snapshot or to find out about a service near you, go to the Remembrance Day [page](#).

Publications

- [Vetaffairs – September 2010](#)
 - [Out in the Cold: Australia's Involvement in the Korean War 1950-53](#)
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Media Releases

- New Veterans' Affairs Minister meets veterans in Brisbane *12 October 2010* ([PDF 32Kb](#)) ([RTF 1Mb](#))
- Help is a phone call away on World Mental Health Day *11 October 2010* ([PDF 44Kb](#)) ([RTF 1.8Mb](#))
- Liberals misfire on veterans' entitlements *6 October 2010* ([PDF 32Kb](#)) ([RTF 1.2Mb](#))
- Important milestone in veterans' health care *1 October 2010* ([PDF 36Kb](#)) ([RTF 1.87Mb](#))
- Australian peacekeepers to be honoured *13 September 2010* ([PDF 45Kb](#)) ([RTF 1.8Mb](#))
- Greater awareness of suicide can save lives *9 September 2010* ([PDF 30Kb](#)) ([RTF 1.74Mb](#))

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