

Female Veterans

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a LITTLE BIT of **FUN** with a LITTLE BIT of **LOVE**

KATE POPE

THE SEEDS THAT are
**PLANTED
HERE**

Do **GROW**

A **CONCRETE**
PATH FORWARD

TO BE HEARD

WE HEAR the
**SUBTLE
THINGS**
THAT YOU
SUGGEST

NOT ALL IDEAS
WILL BE

PROCESSED

LET'S HAVE
**ROBUST &
RESPECTFUL
DISCUSSIONS**

GRACE

WHAT DO WE WANT
from the **FORUM?**

**CONTINUE BUILDING
NETWORKS**

WHAT IS
**HAVING AN
IMPACT?**

**OUTDATED
LEGISLATION**

**ACCESS to
MEDICAL SERVICES**

LACK of
PSYCHIATRISTS

**NOT TAKING
DVA
PATIENTS**

KNOWLEDGE of
ACCESS

**MEDIA
STORIES**

WHERE are the
**POSITIVE
STORIES?**

**ENCOURAGE
WELLNESS**

**NOT
IMPAIRMENT**

**ROYAL
COMMISSION**

1.

TRANSITION

3.

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FEMALE VETERAN SUICIDE & PROTECTIVE FACTORS

The VETERAN RATE
TWICE THAT
of CIVILIANS

THERE IS LITTLE
RESEARCH INTO
THIS DUE TO

GENDER  IMBALANCE

RESEARCH SHOWS THESE PROTECTIVE
FACTORS HAVE AN IMPACT

RESILIENCE

SELF CARE
&
DETERMINATION

SPIRITUALITY

SOCIAL
SUPPORT

ACCESS TO
EBT

\$\$\$
FINANCIAL
STABILITY

HOUSING
STABILITY

RESEARCH SHOW THAT THESE
FACTORS ACT AS A STRONG
SAFETY NET

1. AN ABILITY
TO DEAL WITH
LIFE'S DEMANDS

2. GOOD
SLEEP
HYGIENE

3. STRONG
EMOTIONAL
SUPPORT

**MORE
PROTECTIVE
FACTORS**

= **LESS
IDEATION**

MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

VALUED &
ACCEPTED

A
REASON
TO EXIST

IDENTITY

A
SNOWBALL
THAT PICKS UP
ALL THE FACTORS

STORIES
ON
SUCCESSFUL
VETERANS

Positivity

COMPARISON
IS THE THIEF OF
JOY

**MORE
FEMALE-CENTRIC
PROGRAMS**

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HOMELESS VETERANS
ACCORDING to the 2021 CENSUS

FEMALE VETERANS WHO ARE
USING HOMELESSNESS SERVICES
IS INCREASING by **4.4%** a YEAR

WHERE IS THE INFORMATION ON
HOUSING OPTIONS and
ELIGIBILITY

HOW DID I
GET THROUGH
THAT?!

FEMALE
VETERANS
HAVE DIFFERENT
NEEDS

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES
CAN **CHANGE**

HOUSING and HOMELESSNESS

WORKING WITH
VETERANS
TOOLKIT

a **VETERAN CENTRIC TOOLKIT**
for COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDERS

THERE are LOTS of FANTASTIC
SMALLER SCALE OPERATIONS
WHAT WE NEED are

WIDE OVERARCHING SOLUTIONS

THE NEED for a
**NATIONAL
FRAMEWORK**

RELEVANT DVA INITIATIVES

IMMEDIATE
FINANCIAL
SUPPORT

FULLY FUNDED
MENTAL HEALTH
CARE for LIFE

OPEN
ARMS

HEALTHCARE for
SERVICE-RELATED
CONDITIONS

LACK of
FINANCIAL
EDUCATION

ACCESS to a
**SOCIAL
WORKER**

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DR KERRI-ANN WOODBURY

I WANT to DO RESEARCH that
MAKES a DIFFERENCE



How CAN I GET WHAT I AM WORKING ON to YOU
IN a RELATABLE WAY?

VIDEO RESOURCES for POLICE & AMBULANCE to
HELP WITH SUICIDAL VETERANS

KYLIE JAMES

VETERAN'S RETREAT

3-5 VETERANS or
FAMILY MEMBERS
STAYING at ANY TIME

5 BEDROOM
SPACE



EQUINE
THERAPY

DONATED by
VETERANS

To HOUSE HOMELESS
VETERANS

ART THERAPY

WELLNESS
RETREATS



**DR KERRY
SUMMERSCALES**

WHY AREN'T WE
TEACHING VETERAN
MEDICAL HEALTH
at MEDICAL SCHOOL

FEMALE SPECIFIC
SOP's

GP ACCESS
GPs WON'T SEE
DVA CLIENTS

DEL HEUKE

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY



THE DAMAGE IS
CUMULATIVE

SYMPTOMS of TBI & PTSD
OVERLAP
COULD IT BE THOSE WITH PTSD
also HAVE TBI?

WOULD EDUCATING
& REPORTING of
SYMPTOMS HELP?

WILL
OVERBLAST
BE RECOGNISED
as a HAZARD?

MARILYN YOUNG

VETERANS VISITATION
PROGRAM

a PROGRAM
for VETERANS,
FAMILIES & CARERS
WHO AREN'T SEEN

PRIVACY
was an
ISSUE



PAMPHLET
DROP to LET
PEOPLE KNOW

COMMUNITIES
PROTECTING
the COMMUNITY

WE NEED to REVIVE the RSL
How CAN WE MAKE THEM RELEVANT?

LORRAINE HATTON

QLD INDIGENOUS MEMORIAL

THIS WAS JUST ANOTHER
MILITARY STORY THAT
HADN'T BEEN TOLD

4 SHORTLISTED
DESIGN

WINNING
DESIGN IN
2017

27th MAY 2022

WAS THE GRAND
UNVEILING
in ANZAC SQUARE

MAREE GRINDROD

MY TRANSITION

MY YEAR IN
INFANTRY
BROKE ME

LOGISTICS
was
Too MUCH

WORKING NOW
at CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL

WE'RE **HELPERS**

WE FORGET WHAT
WE ARE **CAPABLE of**

**NICKY
ROTHWELL**
CURRENT VETERANS

JTA
JOINT
TRANSITION
AUTHORITY

VOLUNTARY
IN VOLUNTARY
MEDICAL

EVERYONE WHO
TRANSITIONS
COMES UNDER the
**SAME
GOVERNANCE**

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