

\$5400 to support RAAF veteran community

A \$5400 grant through the Australian Government's Veteran and Community Grants program will make life more rewarding for all RAAF ex-apprentices Australia wide

The ex-apprentice organisation, the Blue Triangle Association, has developed a national website, www.allappys.com, to keep its members in contact with each other as well as providing a wealth of information.

At a ceremony on Friday, Senator for Queensland Mark Furner, on behalf of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs Alan Griffin, presented the Blue Triangle Association with \$5400 from the Australian Government to support the local veteran community.

"Veteran and Community Grants provide funding support to local organisations dedicated to the health and well-being of Australia's veterans," Senator Furner said.

"This grant will help the Blue Triangle Association maintain its national website for all RAAF ex-apprentices, their spouses, widows and carers."

The website will be designed to allow for the dissemination of information regarding health, welfare and pensions, and DVA contacts.

"This will increase members' access to social and welfare services, promote and enhance healthy lifestyles and improve the quality of life, reduce social isolation by providing news of ex-apprentice events and functions and maintain a master roll of RAAF ex-apprentices," he said.

"Veteran and Community Grants provide an important source of funding for projects that support a healthy and quality lifestyle for members of the veteran community."

Senator Furner said the program also funds projects that help veterans, war widows and widowers continue to live independently in their own homes, as well as initiatives to encourage social activities and improve access to community care services.

"Veteran and Community Grants are available to ex-service and community organisations, veteran representative groups and private organisations that contribute to the health and welfare of the veteran community.

"Australia's veteran community deserves to have the best support services available and I congratulate the Blue Triangle Association for its initiative."

Further information regarding the Veteran and Community Grants program is available at www.dva.gov.au/health/grants or by phoning the nearest DVA office on 133 254.



RAAF ex-apprentices go online. (Rear from left) Peter Henson, Kev Beer, Peter Hodge, Senator Furner and Nev Williams. (Front from left) RAAF ex-apprentices' wives Rita Williams, Erin Beer, Bev Henson and Beth Hodge. Apologies from Rob Wilson and Jim Nicholls.

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