Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Minister for Veterans' Affairs
The Hon Matt Keogh MP

Special Envoy
Luke Gosling
OAM MP

Organisation Structure | effective 11 November 2025

Secretary
Alison Frame

Chief Operating Officer
Deputy Secretary
Brenton Philp

- **Chief People Officer** — First Assistant Secretary — **Katrina Jocumsen**
  - **Integrity, Security & Property** — Assistant Secretary — **Rodger McNally**
  - **People Services** — Assistant Secretary — **Abby Whiting**
  - **Portfolio Management** — Assistant Secretary — **Sally Dennington**
    - **Housing Programs & Approved Accounts** — Assistant Secretary — **Wayne Perry**
- **Technology, Digital & Data** — First Assistant Secretary — **Alexander Caroly**
  - **Digital Strategy and Planning** — Assistant Secretary — **Terri Dreyer**
  - **Technology Operations** — Assistant Secretary — **Kellie Sheriff**
  - **Data & Insights** — Chief Data Officer — **Alicja Mosbauer**
- **Legal & Audit** — Chief Counsel & CAE — **Petra Gartmann**
  - **Information Law** — General Counsel — **Christina Raymond** / *Marc Roberts**
  - **Corporate Legal & Audit** — General Counsel — **Milli Wong**
  - **Dispute Resolution** — General Counsel — **Allyson Martin**
    - **Legal Advice & Legislation** — General Counsel — **Laura Winkler** / *Frank White**
- **Service Design Finance & Program Integrity Taskforce** — First Assistant Secretary — **David Pullen**
  - **Finance & Procurement** — Chief Financial Officer — **Nick Stanton**

Veteran, Family & Stakeholder Experience
Deputy Secretary
Alison McLaren

- **Women Veterans' Strategy** — First Assistant Secretary — **Chantelle Stratford PSM**
- **Coordinated Client Support** — Assistant Secretary — **Donna Thomas**
- **Ministerial Engagement & Communications** — First Assistant Secretary — **Vacant** / *Debbie Arnold**
  - **Ministerial, International & Stakeholder Relations** — Assistant Secretary — **Amanda Conroy**
  - **Communications** — Assistant Secretary — **Ingrid Nagy**
  - **Client and Information Access** — Assistant Secretary — **Joumana El Hassan**
- Director, Office of Australian War Graves — **Wade Stothart AO DSC CSC**
- **Open Arms - Veterans & Families Counselling** — First Assistant Secretary — **Leonie Nowland**
  - **Clinical Operations** — Assistant Secretary — **Michael Burvill**
  - **Business Operations** — Assistant Secretary — **Amanda Harmer**
  - **Clinical Governance & Programs** — Senior Director — **Brook Shearer**
- **Veteran Experience & Transition** — First Assistant Secretary — **Paula Goodwin**
  - **Commemorations** — Assistant Secretary — **Sarah Kennedy**
  - **Grants & Hubs** — Assistant Secretary — **Jane Stuart**
  - **Transition** — Assistant Secretary — **Susan Pullar**

Policy & Programs
Deputy Secretary
Andrew Kefford PSM

- **Policy & Research** — First Assistant Secretary — **Luke Brown**
  - **Benefits Policy** — Assistant Secretary — **Adam Weiderman** / *Sophie Gribbin**
  - **Health & Wellbeing Policy** — Assistant Secretary — **Cath Haffner**
  - **Research, Evaluation & Privacy Assurance** — Assistant Secretary — **Ally Foat** / *Elaine Tse**
- **Client Benefits** — First Assistant Secretary — **Tara Cavanagh** / *Michael Harper**
  - **Income Support** — Assistant Secretary — **Ben Dalton**
  - **VEA Compensation & Support** — Assistant Secretary — **Michael Harper** / *Simon Adler**
  - **Compensation Process & Payments** — Assistant Secretary — **Samantha Patuto**
    - **Processing** — Assistant Secretary — **Tara Hatzismalis**
- **Program Delivery** — First Assistant Secretary — **Peta Langeveld** / Tara Cavanagh*
  - **Home & Community Care** — Assistant Secretary — **Dylan Kurtz** / *Jennifer Buckler**
  - **Rehabilitation & Families** — Assistant Secretary — **Kerrie Martain**
  - **Health Programs & Services** — Assistant Secretary — **Simon Hill**
    - **Mental Health Programs** — Senior Director — **Stephanie Foster**

Taskforce on Wellbeing Agency and Peak Body
Deputy Secretary
Teena Blewitt PSM

- Deputy President — **Mark Brewer AM CSC / Bar**
  - Assistant Secretary — **Kerry Neall**
  - Assistant Secretary — **Ally Foat**

- **Chief Psychiatrist** — Medical Officer — **Dr Jonathan Lane**
- **Chief Health Officer** — Medical Officer — **Dr Steph Davis**
  - **Deputy Chief Health Officer** — Medical Officer — **Dr Anna Colwell**
  - **Principal Medical Adviser - Compensation** — Medical Officer — **Dr Fletcher Davies**
- **Royal Commission Implementation Lead** — First Assistant Secretary — *Debbie Arnold**

Deputy Commissioners

- **Deputy Commissioner QLD** — **Tara Hatzismalis**
- **Deputy Commissioner VIC** — **Michael Harper**
- **Deputy Commissioner SA** — **Vacant** / *Jennifer Buckler**
- **Deputy Commissioner TAS** — **Sally Dennington**
- **Deputy Commissioner WA** — **Samantha Patuto**
- **Deputy Commissioner NSW/ACT** — **Vacant** / *Mahmoud El-Hussein**
- **Deputy Commissioner NT** — **Louise Ruhl** / *Kacie Austin**

Repatriation Commisssion

- **President** — **Alison Frame**
- **Deputy President** — **Mark Brewer AM CSC / Bar**
- **Veteran Family Advocate Commisioner** — **Annabelle Wilson**
- **Repatriation Commissioner** — **Kahlil Fegan DSC AM**

Veterans' Review Board

- **Principal Member** — **Jane Anderson**
- **Senior Member** — **Major Robert Douglass**

Key
- Deputy Secretary
- First Assistant Secretary Level
- Assistant Secretary Level
- Statutory Appointment
- Non-SES
- Medical Officer

* *denotes acting* (in italics)
* denotes acting at level (no italics)
^ denotes job share arrangement
Temporary business unit