



## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY BANK WELCOMES ACTION ON VETERAN SUICIDE IN AUSTRALIA

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Australian Military Bank welcomes the announcement from the Australian Government regarding the high rates of suicide within the Veteran community and looks forward to seeing tangible outcomes for impacted Australians who serve our country and their families.

“We can’t begin to understand the challenging experiences our members and their families face during their time serving our country. This extends to the unique circumstances they may face post service” says Australian Military Bank’s CEO Darlene Mattiske-Wood.

“Australian Military Bank would like to highlight the work that our community partners, including Soldier On, Mates4Mates, Legacy and RSL DefenceCare, do in assisting Veterans and their families, especially as they transition into life after service. We hope that the current conversation results in greater support for our Veterans and the critical organisations that focus on their and their families’ wellbeing.”

### **About:**

Australian Military Bank is a member-owned Mutual bank that has been helping Australian Defence personnel and their families make the most of their money since 1959. As Australia’s longest serving Defence financial institution, Australian Military Bank specialises in service and products that integrate into the unique aspects of life in the armed services.

As a mutual organisation, Australian Military Bank is run for the benefit of members who are also our shareholders.

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### **Timeline:**

1959: Founded as the Navy (Civil Staff) Co-op. Ltd.

1971: Membership extended to civilian employees of the Army and RAAF in NSW

1983: We merge with Army Defence (NSW) Credit Union and rebrand as Australian Defence Credit Union (ADCU)

2008: Selected by Department of Defence as one of three DHOAS home loan providers

2014: Achieve in excess of \$1 billion funds under management

2015: Military Reward Account launched and partner charities appointed

2015: Membership exceeds 50,000 and changed name to Australian Military Bank

2018: Launch of new Core and Digital Banking offerings

2020: Military Rewards Account hits \$200,000 in donations & announces Drive Safe 2020 sponsorship

2021: Became a Gold Pledge Partner with Soldier On

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