



Christchurch event connects veterans and whānau

After a break of 16 months, our first face-to-face forum for veterans and whānau was held at the Air Force Museum in Christchurch in late October.

More than 300 veterans and whānau came to the event to meet with Veterans' Affairs and other support organisations.

Veterans came from all over the South Island, some came from the North Island and a couple were there from Australia.

The forum was a 'one-stop shop' for those attending. As well as catching up with staff from Veterans' Affairs, veterans were able to meet with representatives of some of the 28 other support organisations that had stalls or made presentations there.



A feature of this forum was the number of serving personnel and younger veterans who attended. Burnham Camp was just 20 minutes away, so it was easy for serving personnel to come along and see what Veterans' Affairs might be able to do for them.

Some of the organisations at the forum were offering careers in their sector. This provided an important source of information for those still serving. Successful transition into civilian life is key for future wellbeing.

More forums are planned for 2023. Keep checking our website and Facebook page for announcements about them.

Online event for New Zealand veterans in Australia in February 2023(<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/news-events/events/veterans-in-australia-2023/>)



You can read more stories and updates in the Summer 2022 edition of the Veterans' Affairs Magazine.



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