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YOUR VIP HEROES  
DRAW IS HERE

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**\$2.4 MILLION  
GOLD**

EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
VIP CLUB MEMBERS

**ADAM MITCHELL**  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE VETERAN

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VIP 13 HEROES DRAW

# \$2.4 MILLION GOLD

VIP 13 Heroes Draw drawn 10am AEST Wednesday 19 May 2021

## SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, ALWAYS.

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Welcome to the VIP 13 Heroes Draw, offering you the chance to win **\$2.4 million** in gold!

Each Heroes Draw, we introduce a veteran currently using the vital services offered by RSL Queensland, which is funded by the RSL Art Union - and your VIP membership.

This Heroes Draw is dedicated to Adam Mitchell, a Royal Australian Air Force dog handler who served for 12 years. His transition to civilian life was made easier with

the help of his retired working dog, Fod who helped him rediscover his purpose.

Adam also tapped into the services offered by RSL Queensland and the support of his Sub Branch community to explore new opportunities. Receiving an RSL Scholarship set him on a new path studying psychology at a Sunshine Coast University.

Read about Adam's experiences and follow his road to recovery through the pages of this Insider magazine, and go online to [rslartunion.com.au/VIP13](https://rslartunion.com.au/VIP13) to watch his heartfelt video.

Your continued support enables us to provide physical and psychological rehabilitation to both veterans and their families, just like Adam. We simply couldn't do it without you.

We hope you enjoy reading Adam's story and wish you the best of luck in this exclusive VIP-only draw.

Yours sincerely,

The team at RSL Art Union

A man with a beard and short brown hair, wearing a black button-down shirt, is smiling and holding a small black and white dog. The dog is wearing a colorful striped harness. They are standing outdoors in front of a building with large windows and greenery in the background.

# Adam's Story

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Adam Mitchell served in the Royal Australian Air Force for almost 12 years as a dog handler. Adam struggled to find a sense of purpose after retiring. Through his RSL Queensland membership and an RSL scholarship he's been able to discover new interests including studying psychology.



Adam Mitchell at his local Glasshouse Mountains RSL Sub Branch.

## RSL Queensland's support gives a new leash on life

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Adam Mitchell served almost 12 years as a dog handler with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) before transitioning to civilian life.

He joined the RAAF in his late 20s after working as a butcher, in part because it was the only service that would allow him to specialise from enlistment.

"I'd worked in a trade as a butcher since I was 16 and found myself with no real goals as time went on," he said.

"My family has a long involvement with RAAF. My father was a dental technician, my uncle was a mechanic and my grandfather was a firefighter.

So, I decided to follow the family tradition of service by also joining the RAAF."

Adam was deployed to Malaysia and the Middle East during his time in the Air Force including being in Paris for the French National Day Parade in 2016.

"Being chosen to represent the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in Paris during the French National Day Parade is one of my career highlights," he said.

"It meant a lot to me as I was chosen based on the connection my family had to serving in France during World War One and I was there representing the ADF, my RAAF unit, and my family."

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## Finding Purpose Through Higher Education

**Adam, who lives on the Sunshine Coast, said one of the hardest things about retiring from the Air Force was rediscovering his purpose.**

“In the Defence force, you have a very clear sense of purpose and when you are transitioning into civilian life that can go away very quickly,” he said.

“You often lose contact with your friends or you just don’t have the same peer support network.”

Adam’s re-entry to the civilian world was made easier with the support of an Ex-Defence Scholarship from RSL Queensland to set him up for starting university studies.

He’s studying a Bachelor of Psychology Honours at USC on the



*Adam meeting with his DVA advocate.*

Sunshine Coast – a career he chose because it would enable him to help people and wasn’t physically demanding.

“One of the things that resonates with me about psychology is that real one-on-one connection with people. So that’s one of the biggest reasons I want to transition down that pathway,” Adam said.

# A Helping Hand

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In addition to study, Adam's working dog, Fod, helped him through the early days after his retirement. They started working together in 2008 when she was 14 years old and sadly, she passed away at the end of 2020.



“When she passed away, I wanted to find a way to make sure she was remembered,” Adam said.

“I contacted the Glasshouse Mountains RSL Sub Branch and asked if they would be willing to accept a memorial for her.

“They accepted and it meant the world to me that she would have a permanent place of remembrance.”

Adam has also drawn upon the support of his RSL community to offer a helping hand and support when he's needed it.

“For me, what I get out of my RSL membership is knowing that I've always got someone there. As you walk through the door and you immediately feel like people care,” he said.

“After leaving the Air Force I saw a DVA advocate through the RSL and

she basically steered me through the process and applications.

“The financial support is incredible but more than that it is knowing there is someone on the other end of the line to listen and help, and to link in with other services that could help.”



# A heartfelt thank you

Adam has received support from RSL Queensland, which is funded by the RSL Art Union – and your VIP membership, to transition to civilian life and find a meaningful career.



*Fod's memorial  
at the Glasshouse  
Mountains RSL  
Sub Branch.*



*Adam with his beloved working dog Fod.*



*Adam Mitchell at his local Glasshouse  
Mountains RSL Sub Branch.*

*“To those who support the RSL Art Union and purchase tickets I’d like to say, thank you. It is your support that allows the RSL to take care of veterans like me.”*



Watch  
Adam’s  
interview at  
[rslartunion.com.  
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Bonus weekly cash draws worth \$5,000 each

**\$100K**

Bonus quarterly cash draws worth \$100,000 each

## 2021 CALENDAR

**Important dates:** 25 April - ANZAC Day;  
11 November - Remembrance Day

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- OPEN** Your tickets will be allocated and payment taken
- DRAWN** Keep your phone close - you could be the lucky winner!
- \$5K PAY DAY** Bonus VIP-only \$5,000 cash draws
- QUARTERLY CASH** Bonus VIP-only \$100,000 cash draws
- VIP HEROES DRAW** Exclusive draws just for our VIP members!

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