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## Council supports feasibility study into Veterans Integrated Support Service

Council is supporting Euroa Health and Veterans Off The Streets Australia (VOTSA) to explore the possibility of establishing a Veterans Integrated Support Service at Euroa Health.

Council voted at last night's Ordinary Meeting to support the seeking of funding for a feasibility study to identify and quantify the economic outcomes of such a program.

The support service would provide veterans suffering post-traumatic stress disorder with short term accommodation, wellbeing services and training and employment opportunities.

It aims to provide a "springboard" back into the community by assisting transition from military to civilian life and minimising the risk of homelessness.

Euroa Health has been recognised as a potential location for the program due to the vacant Amaroo and Euroaville facilities following the opening of Granite Hill Aged Care last year.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren has been involved in the conversations with Euroa Health and VOTSA about the Veterans program.

"Supporting projects that enhance healthcare services and promote economic growth within the shire is a crucial part of our role as advocates on behalf of our communities," Mayor McClaren explained.

"This program not only has the potential to have significant economic benefits for Euroa and the shire, but it provides a service to support vulnerable people and make use of facilities that aren't currently being utilised."

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