

Ward 17

Ward 17 provides inpatient care in a 20 bed ward and a supportive therapeutic environment for outpatients recovering from PTSD and a range of other mental health issues. Last year, Ward 17 delivered more than 7600 outpatient consultations.

Located on the grounds of the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital since its inception during WWII, the Veterans Psychiatry Unit (VPU) has a long and proud history in providing support and assistance to individuals experiencing mental health conditions that have arisen as a result of exposure to traumatic events.

Over more than sixty years, the VPU has developed a breadth of experience in providing effective treatment to veterans and their families from WWII, the Korean and Vietnam wars, as well as operations in peacekeeping and peacemaking missions around the world.

More recently, the rebuilt Ward 17 has been helping younger veterans recover from PTSD and a range of other mental health issues. It's a centre of excellence built around a team of health professionals that is second to none.

For many of Ward 17's clients, the gym, gardens and outdoor areas at the Repat are important for their recovery and wellbeing.

Ward 17 also provides extensive teaching and training places and is highly sought after as an academic placement - from senior psychiatric registrars to social work trainees.

