

Media Release

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RED TO REMEMBER ON 11 NOVEMBER

Some of Victoria's most iconic buildings will be lit up in red to mark Remembrance Day, with Victorians encouraged to commemorate the occasion and honour veterans safely as we continue our steady steps out of restrictions.

Victorians can observe the traditional minute of silence at 11.00am or watch the Shrine of Remembrance's virtual presentation – which will be closed to the public – but can be viewed on their Facebook page or YouTube channel from 10.45am.

They are also encouraged to buy and dedicate a virtual poppy as part of the RSL's Poppy Appeal, get kids to create a messenger dove or pay tribute on social media using #remembranceday20 #victoriaremembers or #redtoremember.

In line with current restrictions, a maximum of 10 people can gather outdoors and at venues such as memorials and local cenotaphs.

Victorians can also mark the occasion at their homes with two people and their dependents as long as they have not had any other visitors that day.

RSL venues that serve food and drinks, under the guidelines, can have 40 patrons per venue indoors, subject to a density of 1 per 4m² and 10 per space; and up to 70 outdoors, with a density of 1 person per 2m² and a group caps of 10.

Community venues such as libraries and halls may host up to 20 people with 10 per space. Everyone must wear masks unless they have a legal reason for not doing so.

The Shrine, Old Treasury Building, Melbourne Star Observation Wheel, Arts Centre Melbourne, National Gallery of Victoria, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne Town Hall, Bolte Bridge, Victoria Harbour Lighthouse and 101 Collins Street will all be lit up to mark Remembrance Day.

The Government is investing \$30,000 to support the Shrine's Remembrance Day service, along with a \$90,000 boost to install cameras at the Shrine that will support hundreds of services a year to be shared virtually with Victorians.

For more information about Remembrance Day and 75th Anniversary of WWII activities and exhibitions, visit: vic.gov.au/world-war-2-75th-anniversary.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans Shaun Leane

"This Remembrance Day we reflect on veterans' stories and the importance of homecoming, while remembering the thousands who never made the journey home."

"Like so many things this year, Remembrance Day will look different, but there are ways we can – and should – honour our veterans and the families who support them, while continuing to stay safe."

"This includes dedicating a virtual poppy in memory of those who have served as part of this year's Poppy Appeal."

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