



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Monday, 11 September 2017

70th anniversary of Australian peacekeeping: Thursday, 14 September 2017

A national commemorative service to mark the 70th Anniversary of Australian peacekeeping will be held at 10:00am on Thursday, 14 September 2017 at the new Australian Peacekeeping memorial on Anzac Parade in Canberra. A dedication ceremony for the new memorial will be included in the commemorative service.

The public event will be attended by Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan, former and current peacekeepers, and their families.

Live stream coverage of the service will be available on the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Australian War Memorial websites.

Interview and photo opportunities can be arranged with peacekeepers who are attending the national service, if requests are submitted to the Department of Veterans' Affairs by 5pm Tuesday, 12 September 2017.

Program:

The Australian peacekeeping week program includes:

- 11 – 16 September – Australian War Memorial Peacekeeping Photographic display
- 11 September – Australian Peacemaker and Peacekeeper Veterans Association National Conference
- 12 September – Australian Peacemaker and Peacekeeper Veterans Association National AGM
- 13 September – Australian War Memorial Peacekeeping Remembrance Service (7.30am)
- 14 September – Dedication of the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial and Commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Australian Peacekeeping (10.00am)
- 14 September – Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project - National Peacekeeping Reception (noon)
- 14 September – Australian War Memorial Last Post Ceremony dedicated to a Peacekeeper (5.00pm)
- 16 September – Police 'Wall to Wall - Ride for Remembrance'
- 15 – 16 September – United Nations Association of Australia National Conference

Media registration:

All media interested in covering the national service should email DVA media at communications@dva.gov.au by 5pm, Wednesday, 13 September 2017.

For further information please call 02 6289 6203.

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) can be reached 24 hours a day across Australia for crisis support and free and confidential counselling. Phone 1800 011 046 (international: +61 8 8241 45 46). VVCS is a service founded by Vietnam veterans.