



# **2025 Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service**



**Registration link:**

<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-victorian-aboriginal-remembrance-service?c=sp>



**Date and time:**

Saturday 31 May 2025  
10:45 am arrival  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm AEST



**Location:**

Shrine of Remembrance.  
World War II Forecourt,  
Birdwood Ave, Melbourne 3004



**Photos and tiles for download**



**Registration QR code:**



# About the Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service

For the last 100 years, First Peoples have served in Australian conflicts and peace keeping missions. For many years, their service and sacrifice was not recognised or commemorated.

In 2006, Aunty Dot Peters AM, whose father was a prisoner of war and died on the Thai Burma Railway in 1943, approached her local Returned Services League to recognise the service given by First Nations people to Australia. That same year, the Aboriginal flag was raised for the first time at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. In 2007, every Australian state held an event to honour First Nations service men and women, based on the Victorian model.

Victoria was the first state to honour First Nations people who serve and have served with an annual service. Today, most Australian states hold a service. The yearly service gives all Victorians the opportunity to pay their respects during Reconciliation Week. The Victorian Government works with the Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Committee to deliver the service.



# Artwork

The gum leaf wreath artwork by Nina Kelabora is inspired by the late Aunty Dot Peters AM, who laid a gum leaf wreath at the Shrine each year.

The colours of the leaves are the same as those found in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. Individual leaves, sitting side by side, proudly represent First Nations and non-First Nations service personnel who have served and continue to serve as equals in the Australian Defence Force.



# Spread the word...



## Ways you can help:

- Share First Peoples – State Relations' posts about the Remembrance Service on Facebook @FirstPeoplesStateRelations
- Use the example social media posts in this pack to share on your own channels and tag @FirstPeoplesStateRelations
- Include event details in your work and community newsletters
- Display posters in key locations in your building
- Let people know about the website/direct traffic to:
  - <https://www.firstpeoplesrelations.vic.gov.au/victorian-aboriginal-remembrance-service> and
  - <https://www.shrine.org.au/victorian-aboriginal-remembrance-service>

# Poster A4

## 2025 Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service

Honouring First Nations service men and  
women, past and present



**Saturday 31st May, 11:00 am**  
**Shrine of Remembrance**

Second World War Memorial Forecourt  
Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne, VIC



Artwork credit: Nina Kelabora

# Newsletter copy

**Short (53 words)**



**Images:** The following slides are photos you may like to use for socials. Please be sure to credit the photographer. The appropriate credit for the photo used is listed on the following pages under the images.

**Title:** 2025 Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service

**Call to action:** Register to attend <<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-victorian-aboriginal-remembrance-service?c=sp>>

**Body:** This important event will be held on 31 May at 11:00 am at the Shrine of Remembrance. This service honours and recognises the sacrifices and invaluable contributions of First Nations service men and women, past and present to the Australia's Defence Force.

# Newsletter copy

## Long (114 words)



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**Caption:** This important event will be held on 31 May at 11:00am at the Shrine of Remembrance

**Call to action:** Read more

**Body:** The Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service is being held on 31 May 2025 at 11:00 am the Shrine of Remembrance. This service honours and recognises the sacrifices and invaluable contributions of First Nations service people, past and present to the Australian Defence Force. First Peoples have served in conflicts and peacekeeping missions involving Australia for more than a century. In the spirit of self-determination, the Victorian Government is working alongside the Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Committee to deliver the service.

### Event details

Date: Saturday 31 May

Time: 11:00am-1:00pm

Venue: Shrine of Remembrance, WWII Forecourt

**How to book your spot - [Register to attend](#)**



# Social media

## Short caption (280 characters)

Join us to honour and recognise the sacrifices of First Nations service men and women in the Australian Defence Force at the Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service on Saturday 31 May at 11:00 am at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Attend in person or stream online at <https://www.shrine.org.au>.

## Long caption (419 characters)

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**Instagram tile**  
1080 px x 1350 px



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Photo credit: James Henry (2024)

# Facebook post

1200px x 630px







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# Contact the Event Team

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