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RSL Victoria asks Victorians to 'Remember to Remember' this Remembrance Day

They gave all their tomorrows so that you could have your todays.

In a year marked by struggle and sacrifice, the likes of which Victoria has not known since the Second World War, RSL Victoria is asking all Victorians to take a moment this Remembrance Day to remember the service and sacrifice of all our service men and women who gave, and continue to give so much.

RSL Victoria State President, Dr Robert Webster OAM, said "Our message to Victorians this Remembrance Day is 'Remember to Remember'. It might sound simple, but for veterans and their families, there is so much emotion tied up in the public act of remembrance and in those three words 'Lest we forget'. It is an acknowledgement of what they saw, what they gave up, who they lost, and for some, how they suffered."

Dr Webster added that this Remembrance Day, in particular, it is important that we remember the service and sacrifice of our WWII veterans.

"2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Many veterans of that conflict are no longer with us, and so it is important that we celebrate those who are and commemorate those who are not," Dr Webster said.

RSL Victoria CEO, Mr Jamie Twidale CSM, said that although the Victorian lockdown and subsequent roadmap for reopening has disrupted the RSL's traditional Remembrance Day plans of services at RSL Sub-Branches and war memorials across the state, Victorians will still be able to participate in Remembrance Day from home.

"Participating in Remembrance Day from home might mean [watching the online](#) commemorative broadcast from the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance, taking a quiet moment of reflection, engaging children or grandchildren in a conversation about the importance of Remembrance day and sharing with them your family history and connection to those who served and still serve today, or if you have the means, making a small donation to the Poppy Appeal, via [poppyappeal.com.au](#).

"There is no right or wrong way to remember this Remembrance Day. The important thing is that we all remember our commitment of Lest We Forget," Mr Twidale said.

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