



January 5, 2026

**Commemorative Service at the Shrine of Remembrance Forecourt Melbourne
Thursday 19th February 2026 at 10:00am**

The 84th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin

The service will honour those who served and those who died during the attacks on Darwin during 1942 - 1945. It is an opportunity for veterans, their families, dignitaries, and school students from across Melbourne to participate in a respectful service that aims to remind us of the cost of preserving peace and democracy in Australia.

On behalf our President - Mrs. Robyn Bell and our Committee, an invitation is extended to you or your representative/s to attend the service on the Forecourt of the Shrine of Remembrance at 10:00am on **Thursday 19th February 2026** in remembrance of the Australian and Allied Forces and civilians who suffered as the consequence of those intense attacks.

As the service will commence at 10:00am, we do ask that all guests be seated by 09:45am.

As part of the Commemoration Service, you are cordially invited to lay your own wreath. Please advise us if you would like to lay a wreath.

We will be able to offer our invited guests light refreshments following the service in the Western Gallery on the ground floor of the Shrine Visitors Centre.

The 84th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin acknowledges the support of the Weary Dunlop Foundation; the ADF; the Shrine of Remembrance; the RSL and the ex-service community.

We are extremely grateful for all the support given to this event.

Please RSVP by February 9th, 2026, to the email below.

For all inquiries relating to the service on the 19th of February 2025, please see below contact details:

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Yours Faithfully,

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