



75th Anniversary

# End of the Second World War

Tasmania Remembers 2020



On 15 August 2020, we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific and the end of World War Two.

On that day, the Imperial Japanese Army unconditionally surrendered to the Allies and the Second World War ended.

By 1945, Australian forces were more heavily committed overseas than at any other time during the conflict. World War Two was of particular significance for Tasmania; from a population of just 250,000 we provided more than 30,000 service personnel.

It is also estimated that nearly 16,000 people, including 5,000 women, worked in factories and on the land to support the war effort and supply the armed forces with vegetables, dairy and meat products.

We invite all Tasmanians to recognise this important day and remember the 1,100 Tasmanians who lost their lives in World War Two by:

- Tuning in to the national commemorative service being held at the Australian War Memorial commencing at 9.30am and broadcast on ABC after 9.30am.
- A small private Tasmanian service will be held at 11.00am at Government House. This service is not open to the public. Bells will ring across Australia on the day. In Tasmania the bells at St. David's Cathedral will ring at 12.00pm.
- The Australian Government's Department of Veterans' Affairs will make available a medallion and certificate to every living veteran of the Second World War. This is a small but meaningful way we can thank living veterans of the largest global conflict of the 20th century.
- Applications to receive the medallion and certificate can be made by visiting the DVA website [here](#) or for those without access to the internet, by phoning 1800 838 372.

*We are committed to ensuring the progress we have all made in reducing the spread of COVID-19 continues and again ask that for your safety and that of our veterans, you follow Australian and Tasmanian Government directions about gathering in groups.*

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