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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **VICTORIA WILL CONTINUE TO HONOUR INDIGENOUS VETERANS**

RSL Victoria will continue to honour indigenous veterans, as it does for all who have served this country, at its many commemorative services.

RSL Victoria President Dr Robert Webster OAM said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service people had served in every war and conflict since the Boer War, and their contribution must not be forgotten.

“Australia’s acknowledgement of indigenous service personnel hasn’t always been appropriate,” Dr Webster said.

“This is why RSL Victoria acknowledges the invaluable contribution our indigenous service people have made – and continue to make – to the defence of our nation.”

“The Commonwealth prescribes guidelines for commemorative services and we continue to follow these.”

ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day honour all who have served.

RSL Victoria supports the inclusion of the acknowledgement of country in the dawn service and services across the state. The aboriginal flag is often flown at various services around the state.

Members of the public are encouraged to prepare to attend various ANZAC Day commemorative events in 2020 to pay their respects to all service people, both past and present, who have served and sacrificed for their country.

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