



MEDIA RELEASE

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**BRISBANE COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRALIAN SERVICE IN TIMOR-LESTE**

A commemorative service will be held in Brisbane on **Friday, September 20, 2024**, to mark the 25th anniversary of Australian service in Timor-Leste.

Australia's deployment of troops to East Timor in 1999 was the largest since the Vietnam War. Australian Defence Force members, Australian Federal Police personnel, Australian Electoral Commission officers, and civilians were involved in the ongoing service in East Timor after 1999.

The anniversary provides the opportunity to honour and remember these Australians and also remember the six Australians who lost their lives while deployed or as a result of their service in Timor-Leste.

RSL Queensland State President, Major General Stephen Day DSC, AM (Retired), has been invited to provide the formal address.

LOCATION: Cameron Rocks War Memorial, Kingsford Smith Drive, Cameron Rocks Park, Hamilton, 4007

DATE: Friday, September 20, 2024

TIME: Veterans and guests are asked to arrive at 5:30 pm. The commemorative service will commence at 5:40 pm.

After the service, Veterans and guests are invited to attend the adjacent Breakfast Creek Hotel for an informal gathering. An area at the front of the hotel has been reserved for service attendees.

Media Enquiries: The ceremony host, the Clayfield Toombul RSL Sub Branch, will have East Timor Campaign veterans available for interview in the lead-up to the event.

Media outlets must contact the Sub Branch to arrange interview times/locations.

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