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FORGOTTEN FRONTLINE SOLDIERS

70th Anniversary - UN Peacekeepers March and Service

United Nations Association of Queensland is putting out the call for Australians to recognise the critical contribution of peacekeepers.

UN personnel put their lives at risk providing vital security and stability in missions around the world, helping host countries make the difficult transition from conditions of conflict to lasting peace.

Australia has a proud peacekeeping record with multinational operations spanning over a 70-year period. Australia was part of the very first United Nations military group in 1947, when four Australians were first on the field in Indonesia.

Since then, Australia has been involved in nearly 100 separate missions in countries including Haiti, Mozambique, Cambodia and Timor.

Over 60,000 Australians have been involved in peacekeeping and security operations, providing leadership training, demining, weapon destruction, assisting in disaster relief while promoting human rights and restoring the rule of law.

United Nations Association of Australia Queensland Past President, Clem Campbell says the work of peacekeepers deserves to receive further recognition.

"In partnership with the Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Veterans Association, we are recognising our peacekeepers with a March and Service in Brisbane on Saturday 27th May to celebrate the United Nations international Day for UN peacekeepers"

"Last year students and Brisbane community representatives of 15 countries in which Australian Peacekeepers have served participated in the March and service" he said.

All are welcome to attend and participate in the Peacekeepers March and Service on Saturday, 27th May. The March assembles in King George Square at 9.15am, with the Service at ANZAC Square at 10 a.m.

Bravery and sacrifice of all frontline soldiers deserves to be acknowledged with pride by their country.

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