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### Places of Pride to honour our military service personnel

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck and Liberal Candidate for Braddon Gavin Pearce are encouraging Tasmanians to contribute to the new Australian War Memorial initiative *Places of Pride*— an online national register of war memorials that will record the locations and images of every publicly accessible memorial in Australia.

Senator Colbeck said *Places of Pride* reminds regional Tasmanians that their stories are an integral part of the national commemoration led by the Australian War Memorial.

*“Places of Pride* is open to every club, community group, school, RSL, and individual to share their heritage and make it more accessible for locals and visitors alike,” Senator Colbeck said.

*“Our memorials will be beautifully documented online and in a new display in the proposed expanded galleries of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.*

*“Whether you live in Devonport, Burnie, Currie, Smithton or Queenstown you will be able see your local memorial shared with the world.”*

Braddon Liberal Candidate Gavin Pearce said as a retired serviceman and veteran himself he welcomed the Government’s commitment to commemorating the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women.

*“All our war memorials are special places because they allow current and future generations to reflect on the sacrifices made for the peace and freedoms we all enjoy,”* Mr Pearce said.

*“Being able to access information online about *Places of Pride* such as the Sheean Walk in Latrobe – named in honour of the heroic actions of Seaman Teddy Sheean – will allow our young people to better connect with their history.*

*“I encourage every school teacher to do an assignment with their class and upload a local Place of Pride to the database to teach our next generation about the important sacrifices that were made for them.”*

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs Darren Chester said it was incredibly important to instil an ongoing sense of remembrance and respect in future generations of Australians.

*“The way in which Australia commemorates our servicemen and women is just one of the many ways in which we publicly say to our ex-service community, thank you for your service,”* he said.

*Places of Pride* can be found at: <https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au>.

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