



Victorian Forgotten Australians Memorial

2pm Monday 25 October 2010
Southbank Promenade, Melbourne



The Minister for Community Services the Hon Lisa Neville MP will unveil a permanent memorial to Victorian Forgotten Australians at Southbank Promenade in Melbourne at
2pm on Monday 25 October, 2010.

The memorial recognises all Victorian Forgotten Australians who, as children, spent time in Victorian orphanages, children's homes or foster care during the last century. It is a lasting recognition of the experience of care leavers and provides an opportunity for the wider community to reflect on the experiences of Victorians who grew up or spent time in institutional and other out-of-home care.

The Department of Human Services has worked with Forgotten Australians, Community Agencies and Melbourne City Council to develop this significant memorial, with the support of the Australian and Victorian Governments.

The unveiling will be followed by afternoon tea for Forgotten Australians and their guests at a venue near the memorial.

REGISTER TO ATTEND

The Department of Human Services has asked Open Place to help with registering people to attend.

Why do I need to register?

- Registering will help us organise catering for the event
- Registering means we will send you a detailed pack of information in the mail so you know where to come on the day
- Registering means you can also request financial assistance to help you attend
- We will also use your registration details to send you a Commemorative Pack a few weeks after the event, after which time personal details of all attendees will be deleted to protect your privacy.

Registering online

- To complete your registration online, go to www.famemorial.org.au and complete the registration form
- You will need to give us an email address.
- Once you have completed your registration, you will get an email response letting you know it has worked.

Registering by phone

- If you don't have an email address or access to the internet, you can register over the phone by calling Open Place on 1800 779 379.

Registering my friends, family or guests

- We do NOT need names of your friends, family or guests who may join you for the Memorial Unveiling. On the registration form, you will just be asked to tell us how many will be coming with you so we can cater for afternoon tea.

What if I need extra support to get there?

- If you have additional mobility or access concerns, please contact Open Place **BEFORE** you register on 1800 779 379.

What happens after I register?

- Your financial assistance will be deposited into your nominated bank account
- Every Forgotten Australian who registers will receive a pack of information in the mail which will include:
 - Official invitation from Minister Neville
 - A map of the location
 - Any other relevant information

What happens after the event?

- We will be sending Forgotten Australians a Commemorative Pack after the Memorial Unveiling event which will include:
 - DVD of the event
 - Photo from the day
 - Key-ring marking the event
- We will use your registration details to send you the Commemorative Pack a few weeks after the event, after which time details of all attendees will be deleted to protect your privacy.
- If you are not able to attend the Memorial Unveiling, these packs will be available for Forgotten Australians from Open Place.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ATTEND

Who is eligible for financial support?

- Forgotten Australians only (not friends, family or guests)

What assistance is available?

- The Department of Human Services is providing a financial contribution to all Victorian Forgotten Australians who wish to attend the Memorial Unveiling.
- Open Place is distributing the financial assistance on behalf of the Department of Human Services.
- Financial assistance is in the form of a one-off payment for you to be able to make your own transport and accommodation arrangements to be in Melbourne for the Unveiling.
- You will not need to provide receipts or proof of purchase

I live in MELBOURNE

If you live in Melbourne, you will be able to receive **\$20.00** to assist with your travel expenses to attend the Memorial Unveiling.

I live in COUNTRY VICTORIA (outside metropolitan Melbourne)

If you live in country Victoria, you will be able to receive **\$50.00** to assist with your travel expenses to attend the Memorial Unveiling.

I live OUTSIDE VICTORIA (within Australia)

If you live in a State or Territory outside Victoria, you will be able to receive **\$200.00** to assist with your travel and accommodation expenses to attend the Memorial Unveiling.

How can I claim financial assistance?

- In order to access financial assistance, you need to complete the registration process
- You will need to give us your postal address and your bank account details so we can quickly and easily transfer the money to you
- If you are not able or are not comfortable with providing your bank account details, please contact us to discuss further at Open Place on 1800 779 379

For more information:

Call Open Place on 1800 779 379, go to our website: www.openplace.org.au or go to the Memorial Registration Website: www.famemorial.org.au