

REMEMBRANCE DAY

11 November 2023

Servicemen, women to honour sacrifices made

OVER half a million Australians have served or are currently serving in the Defence Forces and for many, Remembrance Day serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by countless individuals in times of conflict.

A solemn occasion observed on November 11 each year, this day carries a profound personal connection, as it does for Your Side client Rosemary Antcliff, whose father's service in the Australian Imperial Forces (A.I.F) during World War I, has left an indelible mark on her family's history.

While Rosemary herself was not personally in the armed forces, she recognises the significance of her family's military legacy.

"My father, Robert Walter Booker, A.I.F NX30747, was a Gunner and Transport Officer who served in the Middle East during the war," she said.

"He was later brought

Your Side inviting all veterans to reach out for home care support

back to Australia to serve on mine sweepers. Before the war, he had been an able seaman.

"I have few memories of my father discussing the war with me, as he passed away when I was just nine-years-old but the legacy of his service and the sacrifices he made have always been present in our family's conversations."

For Rosemary, Remembrance Day carries great importance.

"It's a day to honour the sacrifices that many brave individuals, like my father, made with their lives so that we can live in freedom today," she said.

Her memories of conflicts and war are shaped by listening to the harrowing stories of relatives who survived challenging situations such as Changi Prison, the Kokoda Trail, and even

Hiroshima.

To pay her respects and remember the fallen, Rosemary regularly attends Remembrance Day commemorations at her local RSL.

"This year, I hope to attend the memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney, with a friend. It's a way for us to show our appreciation for the servicemen and women who've given so much for our country," she said.

With the biggest group aged 65-74, many veterans have transitioned into an age where aged care supports are crucial to maintaining their independence and wellbeing.

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides specialist low-level support services, including domestic assistance and gardening, to eligible veterans.

However, all veterans are



□ WW1 Gunner and Transport Officer Robert Walter Booker and his daughter, Your Side client Rosemary Antcliff.

eligible for mainstream aged care services.

If you know a veteran who could benefit from home care support, do make sure they are aware of the available services.

You can contact the Department of Veterans Affairs or register them with

the My Aged Care website for a home-based assessment, leading to ongoing support from a Home Care Package delivered by community-based aged care services.

Veterans who struggle to find support can access assistance from specialist

Care Finders.

Your Side, a local organisation, offers both Home Care Packages and care finder support, making it a valuable resource for veterans and their families.

For details: 1300 134 332 or email hcpreferrals@yourside.org.au.

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Lest We Forget

We are excited to welcome **Paul Parsons** to the **Abacus Wealth Solutions** Liverpool Team.


Paul brings a wealth of industry experience spanning over 20 years. A Shire local and an active member of the community, Paul worked as a key Advisor with a prominent financial institution in the Bankstown Municipality and Sutherland Shire.

As an Advisor support administrator, Paul joins our fully qualified financial planners to offer advice that will reward our clients with a strong and secure future, ensuring that they continue to achieve their financial goals throughout life's events.

We look forward to working together with Paul and warmly welcome him to the Abacus Wealth Solutions Family.



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