

AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION KIT

BATTLE'S O V E R



A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE



At 6am on 11 November 1918, the Armistice of Compiegne was signed between the Allies and Germany. It marked the end of fighting on the Western Front and ultimately the end of World War One, that terrible, gruelling four-year conflict that saw millions killed or wounded, including more than 2000 pipers from countries all around the world

On 11 November 2018 - the time of the centenary of the Armistice being signed - Australian pipe bands and pipers will honour those who served with the playing of The Battle's O'er, the tune composed a century ago to remember those who served and paid the supreme sacrifice

You are invited to reflect on their service by attending the commemoration



Thank you

On behalf of Pipe Bands Australia, thank you for registering your participation in this international commemoration to mark the end of WWI.

For a century, our bands have been integral to the respectful honouring of those who served in The Great War and subsequent conflicts by providing music for commemorative marches and ceremonies.

Over the last 100 years we have been part of a grateful nation and at the same time, remembering those pipers and drummers who enlisted and served. When WWI was declared, many members of our then-fledgling bands were among the first to enlist.

Those who returned were to have a profound influence on the progress of pipe bands in Australia in the years between two World Wars and be joined by veterans from Britain who found a new life in Australia.

The Battle's Over commemoration allows us as a pipe band movement to share the stories of the ANZACs and later generations. We, like every part of Australian society, have an intrinsic connection to the ANZAC legacy and its spirit. And just as we have been there for veterans every ANZAC Day over the past 100 years, participation in The Battle's Over ensures that we continue to be part of the national journey into a second century of that ANZAC spirit.

Pipe Bands Australia is pleased to be partnering with the National Piping Centre that now incorporates the College of Piping in The Battle's Over.

Included in this special Australian kit is a shell media release and other information to assist in your performance along with a promotional poster.

Again, we express appreciation for your involvement in this important international commemoration.

Kind regards



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BEFORE THE DAY

- Included with this pack is a poster with a panel to include time and location of your performance. Feel free to distribute electronically to your networks and print off copies for placement in appropriate locations (shops, community notice boards etc).
- Pipe Bands Australia has regular weekly posts on its Facebook page promoting The Battle's Over commemoration – like and share, adding details of your performance location.
- Please liaise where appropriate with your local council.
- Please confirm with performance location with Pipe Bands Australia no later than 1 November to allow Pipe Bands Australia to promote a complete list of locations.

POSSIBLE FORMAT FOR PERFORMANCE

- Performance time is at 5pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (Summer Time) or state equivalent.
- If part of a commemorative service, such service to either commence or conclude with the Battle's O'er.
- Following playing of the Battle's O'er, you may choose to "disperse" playing Scotland the Brave or Cock o' th' North after a suitable period of reflection.

RECORDING THE OCCASION

- Please forward any media reports (clippings or online links) to president@pipebands.asn.au
- Have your participation photographed and perhaps even a video.
- Send a copy of photograph/s and video to president@pipebands.asn.au for inclusion on Pipe Bands Australia online gallery recording Australia's participation in the international commemoration.
- Participant certificates of appreciation will be emailed following 11 November.