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VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY 2026

As we mark Vietnam Veterans' Day, we pause to remember the 60,000 Australians who went to that war and served in our name.

Sixty years after the Battle of Long Tan – our costliest battle of the entire conflict – we honour all who fell and all who came home, including the many who could never entirely put the war behind them.

Our respect for their valour, camaraderie, integrity and character is coupled with our recognition of the burden that our veterans have carried.

To all who are still with us and in honour of the memories of those who are not, we say what we should have begun saying as a nation long ago:

We honour you. We respect you. We thank you.

Lest we forget.

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