



MILITARY VETERANS' GROUP

OCTOBER LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER

THE HON. TED BAILLIEU AO



As the Military Veterans' Group is apolitical it is only necessary to briefly mention that our guest speaker today was the Leader of the Opposition (Liberal) from 2006 to 2010 and is a former Premier of our State from 2010 to 2013.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to identify anyone who has given more freely of their time and abilities to support International, National or State based public endeavours. It is also probably fair to say that the single group of citizens that Ted has directed the majority of his time to, is Veterans and their Families.

In April 2013, Ted was appointed Chair of the Victorian Government's ANZAC Centenary Committee, coordinating Victoria's commemorations and was passionate about connecting as many Victorians as possible with Original ANZACs, whether by family, institution, geography, occupation or place of residence. Ted was also the recipient of the 2013 Ashoka Medal from the Australia India Business Council Victoria in recognition of his contribution to Australia-India relations; and the Asian Leadership Network of Australia's 2014 Special Public Service Award. He also acted as an Honorary Ambassador for the Victorian Government's 80 Days of Melbourne initiative during which Victoria hosted an unprecedented number of internationally recognised sporting, arts, cultural and trade events between 9 January and 29 March 2015.

Academically, Ted is an architect by training and in 2016 became Melbourne University's Honorary Enterprise Professor associated with the Faculty of Architecture, Building & Planning. In 2017, he joined The Australian Institute of Architects Foundation Board and was also appointed adjunct professor at Swinburne University and co-chair of the Victorian Government's Cladding Task Force. Most importantly, in 2017 he joined the Committee of the Melbourne Cricket Club. In June 2021, he was appointed by the Australian Government as Chair of the Australian Heritage Council until 2024.

For the trivia buffs, Ted is a Geelong supporter and is a joint convener of We Are Geelong Supporters which is apparently some kind of country Ford owners' group. He is a swimmer of not inconsiderable note being a Sunday morning swimmer with the Brighton Icebergs and regularly enters the Pier to Pub swim organised by the Lorne Surf Lifesaving Club. In 1989, he co-founded and has swum in all the Portsea Surf Life Saving Club's Pier to Perignon events, over the 4.5 km course from Sorrento Pier to Portsea Pier. We are excited to hear from him at the October Luncheon.