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WALCHA VETERANS TO BE HONOURED

Member for New England, Tony Windsor, is delighted to announce that a special ceremony is being held in Walcha at the Ex-Services Memorial Club at **10am on Tuesday 1 April 2003** to present Walcha veterans with Certificates of Appreciation.

Mr Windsor will be presenting approximately 72 veterans, or members of their family, with their Certificates of Appreciation for their service in contributing to Australia's efforts in conflicts including:

World War II
British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) Japan
Korean War
Malayan Emergency
Indonesian Confrontation
Vietnam War

Mr Windsor said "Certificates of Appreciation are a way of expressing the nation's gratitude to those who served in the defence forces or on the home front in wars and conflicts."

Mr Windsor also paid tribute to the tireless efforts of local veteran Blue Hogan for his assistance and support to the Walcha community, particularly in relation to his assistance in coordinating this presentation ceremony.

"Mr Hogan has done a tremendous job ensuring the majority of veterans in the Walcha community are made aware of this event and the numbers attending are a testament to his efforts" Mr Windsor said.

The presentation ceremony will also be attended by Walcha Mayor, Bill Heazlett and General Manager Rob Callaghan, along Walcha RSL Sub Branch President Roy Westfold, Patron Lindsay Elliott and fellow committee members Bob Pinchen, Cleve Scott, Arthur Drage and Edgar Dunn.

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