



## Overseas memorials and interpretive centre upgrades – Sandakan, Malaysia

This initiative provides \$5.1 million over three years to upgrade the visitors' pavilion at Sandakan Memorial Park so it continues to convey the story of the thousands who gave their lives in the defence of freedom and democracy in the Second World War.

### Why is this important?

The Australian Government is committed to recognising the service and sacrifice of the more than two million Australians who have served the nation through the construction and maintenance of official overseas memorials and interpretive centres at key international sites of historical significance to Australia.

Sandakan Memorial Park was built on the grounds of the former Sandakan Prisoner of War camp and commemorates all Australian and British Prisoners of War who suffered or died at the camp and on the Sandakan Death Marches during the Second World War.

### Who will benefit?

Australians and international guests who visit the site.

The family members and descendants of Second World War veterans. 1787 Australian Prisoners of War died in Sandakan and on the Death Marches, alongside 641 British Prisoners of War. Only six, all Australians, survived.

### Date of effect?

1 July 2022.

### How much will this cost?

\$5.1 million over three years.

