

Reflections on Remembrance Day

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TODAY's Remembrance Day will be a time of reflection for Capalaba photographer Melissa Anderson.

The fourth generation photographer worked tirelessly over the past year helping the Australian Institute of Professional Photography create a gallery of portraits of every World War II veteran in Australia.

Known as *Reflections*, the gallery has more than 5000 portraits taken since April, including Ms Anderson's 100 of veterans, ranging in age from 88 to 100, from Redlands, Straddie and Brisbane.

They will be permanently housed in the Australian War Memorial Archives in Canberra.

"This is an amazing project I am proud to be part of. I really enjoyed meeting these inspiring people and hearing their stories," she said.

The photographic institute, along with the Returned Soldiers League, will register the last group of photographed veterans today, as part of the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

North Stradbroke Island RAAF veteran wireless operator Rex Kimlin was one of Ms Anderson's subjects.

The 93-year-old, who flew Lancaster bombers over Germany in World War II, put down his experiences on paper in a book called *How Lucky I Was* in 2013.

The book documents the time he met King George VI and his wife Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother on Christmas Day at the Victoria League Club in London in 1944 when he was 21.

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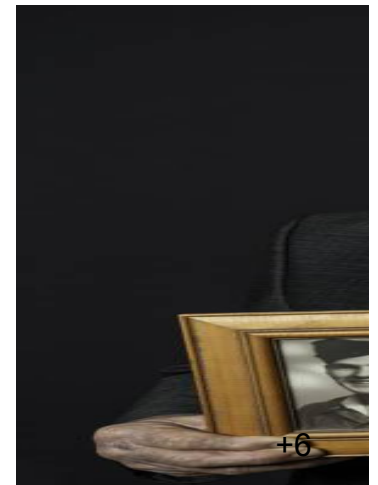
Ms Anderson, from the well-known Capalaba studio Dreamimages, said she was delighted to photograph Mr Loble, also a photographer, who worked with her grandfather in the photographic industry.

He was a driver and gunner and served in the Army in New Britain, New Guinea and Bougainville. He was a photographer before he left for the war, however due to Malaria and blackwater fever he changed careers on return.

"William was very handsome in his suit and medals in the pop-up studio he was photographed in his home," Ms Anderson said.

The Reflections project registrations finish on Sunday. Veterans interested in participating can call 03 9888 4111 or register online at aippveterans.com.

Pictured below is William holding book "Whitehead Legacy" where he is pictured as a photographer, William holding his Demobilization Procedure Book from his service, and Williams portrait for the AWM.



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Another Redland WW2 veteran to be immortalised in the photographic exhibition was William Lobley from Ormiston.
