



## The Hon Julie Bishop MP

Minister for Ageing

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Dear Secretary

### SENIORS PORTAL LIVING HISTORY EXPLORES ‘THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II’

The Seniors Portal – [www.seniors.gov.au](http://www.seniors.gov.au) - is the Australian Government's flagship internet site for seniors which provides concise, relevant and easy to understand information, together with interactive features – all designed to help older Australians use information technology to enhance their quality of life.

The Seniors Portal is a dynamic website that is constantly changing and growing and I am writing to inform you of the latest topic of *Living History* that may be of interest to your organisation.

*Living History* offers seniors the opportunity to reflect on their personal experience of Australia's recent history. People can share their stories of events that have shaped our nation, like the Beatles 1964 Tour of Australia and the introduction of television to Australia in 1956.

For the months of August and September, *Living History* will be exploring *The 60th Anniversary of the End of World War II*. I invite your members to send their recollections and photos of this time to share with other Australians and contribute to the recording of Australian history to the Seniors Portal: [www.seniors.gov.au/livinghistory](http://www.seniors.gov.au/livinghistory).

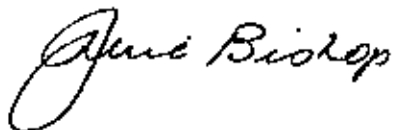
Other interactive features include:

- *Events Calendar* - provides information on local community events of interest to seniors;
- *Meeting Place* - a discussion board for hobbies and other leisure interests such as aviation history; and
- *Q&A Forum* - enables older Australians to discuss online a wide variety of topics with key professionals from a wide range of areas.
- *Trivia Game* – ten categories that you can play online, challenge a friend, including a category on World War II

The Seniors Portal will also keep Australian seniors informed by providing access to comprehensive information on programs and services for seniors provided by over 40 Australian Government agencies and over 250 non-Government organisations.

Enclosed are two copies of our *Living History* World War II feature poster and bookmarks for distribution. I hope that you and your members enjoy recording and sharing the many interesting personal stories on *Living History*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Bishop". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J'.

JULIE BISHOP