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National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sex Abuse

On 22 October 2018, 55 Forgotten Australians and supporters from the Alliance for Forgotten Australians will join hundreds of others to hear Prime Minister Scott Morrison give the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sex Abuse at Parliament House in Canberra.

‘This is an important part of the healing process for many of us who suffered terribly in institutional ‘care’ last century’, said Caroline Carroll, Chair of AFA.

‘I know many have mixed feelings about the Apology. It has stirred up profoundly disturbing memories, but it has also stirred up extraordinary stories of courage and survival’, she added.

AFA recognises that for some an Apology won’t make up for the loss of a childhood. ‘We see the Apology as being just one step in the unfinished business governments and past providers have with us’, said AFA’s Vice President Pamella Vernon.

Ms Carroll thanked the former Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, as well as Mr Morrison and Attorney-General Christian Porter, for their leadership on the Apology.

‘I want to remember those who aren’t alive to see this important day. I also want to recognise the Forgotten Australians, survivors and their supporters for their courage in looking history in the eye and saying, “Well I made it, I’m here today”’.

For information about viewing the National Apology or participating in local events, see <https://www.nationalapologyconsultation.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

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