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To: All friends of the Vietnamese Community

Dear friends

Re: Black April Commemoration
Sunday 28 April 2019

You are cordially invited to this ceremony to mark the 44th year of the Fall of Saigon, which led to the settlement of the Vietnamese community in Australia.

Venue: **Koondoola Park, 90 Koondoola Ave, Koondoola**
Time : **2:30 pm arrival for 3:00 start,**
Day : **Sunday 28 April 2019**

The Commemoration will be followed by light refreshments inside the Koondoola Community Centre, and a forum with politicians in view of the coming election. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Anh Nguyen, MD, MBBS

Order of Proceedings:

2pm Arrival of VIP's and guests at Koondoola Park

3pm Black April Commemoration

*Acknowledgment of distinguished guests
National anthems*

Opening speech by the President of VCA-WA

Speech by the Mayor of the City of Wanneroo

Speech by The Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA,

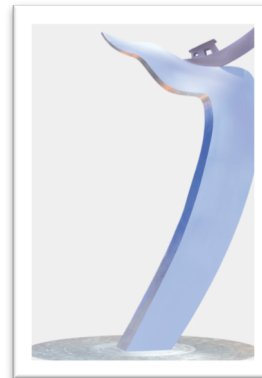
Speech by Dr Anne Aly MP member for Cowan

Speech by Senator Dean Smith MLC

Wreath laying (please arrange your own wreath)

4pm Refreshments and Forum with Politicians inside Koondoola Hall

7pm Conclusion



Background: following the fall of Saigon on 30/4/1975, about 2 millions of Vietnamese have escaped to settle in the Western world. Almost 500,000 have perished at sea or jungles on their way to freedom.

The Vietnamese Community in WA was established in 1978 supporting mainly refugees or new arrivals of its own heritage.

The Boat People Monument of Gratitude was built on William St Perth in 2013 as our gratitude to all who embraced us into this multicultural Australia.

The Koondoola Peace Park was completed in April 2018 to commemorate the Vietnam war where Australian soldiers fought alongside with Vietnamese to defend the Republic of South Vietnam against communists' invasion. Communists continued to invade our democratic South dishonouring their own signature in the Cease Fire Paris Accord 1973.

We call the 30th of April "The Black April" day.