



New South Wales

STATE MEMORIAL

# DAVID POLSON AM

1954–2025

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Wednesday 12 March 2025  
City Recital Hall  
10:30 am

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TO THE END  
DAVID WAS TRUE  
TO HIS MANTRA  
OF **H.O.P.E.**

– HUMOUR,  
OPTIMISM,  
PERSEVERANCE  
AND ENERGY.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## MUSIC ON ARRIVAL

Chopin, Nocturne no 9, (Op 9 No 2)  
Chopin, Polonaise no 6, *Heroic*, (Op 53)  
Verdi, 'Act 1, Prelude' from *La Traviata*

## WELCOME

Louise Duff  
Master of Ceremonies

## POEM

'He is Gone' by David Harkins  
Cecily Polson

## TRIBUTE

Peter Campbell

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Tom Woods

## PERFORMANCE

Verdi, 'Sempre libera' from *La Traviata*  
Clarissa Spata

## TRIBUTE

Greg Fisher

## READING

Excerpts from the song 'For Good',  
from the musical *Wicked*,  
written and composed by Stephen Schwartz

The Honourable Chris Minns MP  
Premier of New South Wales

## PHOTO REFLECTION

Mascagni, 'Prelude to Cavalleria Rusticana'

## CLOSING REMARKS

Louise Duff  
Master of Ceremonies

## MUSIC ON DEPARTURE

'The Best of Times' from *La Cage aux Folles*





‘I FEEL AN OBLIGATION  
TO TELL MY STORY, TO  
EDUCATE PEOPLE, AND  
TO PERSUADE AS MANY  
PEOPLE AS I POSSIBLY  
CAN TO TEST FOR  
THE VIRUS. THAT  
WAY WE CAN WORK  
TOWARDS ENDING  
HIV TRANSMISSION.’

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