

Anzac Day is the day Australians remember the original landing on Gallipoli in 1915. This Anzac Day is the 97th anniversary of that key event in our history. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. On this day, the service of our veterans is acknowledged in ceremonies held in towns and cities across the nation. In Canberra, the Australian War Memorial, in close co-operation with the RSL ACT, hosts the Dawn Service and the National Anzac Day Ceremony. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commemorative Ceremony will be held after the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Aboriginal Memorial plaque on Mount Ainslie.



SOLEMN: Thousands of people attend last year's Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

DAWN SERVICE

The Australian War Memorial Anzac Day Dawn Service will be held from 5.30am until 6am on the memorial's parade ground. Suggested arrival time is from 4.30am.

The Memorial's Commemorative Area will open 15 minutes after the service concludes, and remain open until 8am. Here the public can view the Tri-Service Guard mounted at the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier.

The Hall of Memory will be open during this time, giving visitors the opportunity to lay a poppy on the Tomb.

Visitors are asked to note the following general information for the dawn service:

- Large numbers are expected; members of the general public should arrive from 4.30am.
- It is suggested you wear warm clothing and bring a torch.
- On-site lighting is provided until 5.25am.
- Programs are available free of charge upon arrival.
- This is an informal ceremony, with visitors standing on the parade ground.
- The Commemorative Area will be open to the public 15 minutes after the ceremony and poppies will be available by donation.
- First aid services will be available.
- Please bring bottled water and eat something before your arrival.
- The Dawn Service and National Ceremony will proceed even in inclement weather; visitors are asked to come prepared.

THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY

This commemorative ceremony is conducted to remember those Indigenous Australians who have served in the Australian forces since 1901. It is hosted by members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association Australia (ATSIVSAA), an indigenous veterans advocacy group, and is open to all members of the public.

The ceremony will be held after the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Aboriginal Memorial plaque on the side of Mount Ainslie. The ceremony will commence at 6.30am.

NATIONAL ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

The National Anzac Day ceremony will run from 10.15am until about noon. Suggested arrival time is 9.45am. Guests with entrée cards are required to be seated by 10am.

Standing room for the public will be provided on the day. Members of the public are welcome to bring chairs or rugs. The memorial will open 15 minutes after the completion of the national ceremony, and will remain open until 5pm. Here the public may view the Tri-Service Guard mounted at the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier.

Visitors are asked to note the following general information for the National Anzac Day Ceremony:

- Visitors are invited to lay a poppy on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier after the ceremony.

- Poppies will be on sale at the conclusion of the ceremony.
- Members of the general public are welcome to bring their own seats or rugs.
- The memorial will open after the ceremony about 12.30pm.
- The memorial will provide free park and ride shuttles which will run between Russell Offices and the Australian War Memorial, starting from 8.30am until 10am with return services starting at noon.
- The Dawn Service and National Ceremony will proceed even in inclement weather; visitors are asked to come prepared.

GETTING TO THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Buses

Any person displaying war service medals on Anzac Day is exempt from paying the fare on any ACTION bus route.

ACTION Buses will provide a free bus service to the Anzac Day Dawn Service, departing from all major bus stations. For more information visit www.action.act.gov.au/anzac_day.html

The memorial will provide free park and ride shuttles for both the Dawn Service and National Ceremony. These will run between Russell Offices and the Australian War Memorial.

- Dawn Service buses will operate from 4am until 5.10am with return services starting at 6am.
- National Ceremony buses will operate from 8.30am until 10am with return services starting at noon.

Road closures

Motorists are advised to note the following road closures are effective from 4am-1pm on Anzac Day.

- Limestone and Fairbairn avenues between junctions of Treloar Crescent, east and west.
- ANZAC Parade (both carriageways) from Limestone and Fairbairn avenues to Constitution Avenue.
- Currong Street and Blamey Crescent at ANZAC Parade.

Parking

There is limited parking available at the memorial. Mobility impaired parking is available on site, located in the underground carpark via Fairbairn Avenue. Only cars displaying government issued mobility impaired parking permits may park in the designated parking area.

MORE INFORMATION

Australian War Memorial: 6243 4211 or awm.gov.au

ACT RSL (general inquiries): 6260 6344

ACT RSL (march inquiries): 6258 7281

ATSIVSAA: 6243 4513 or garth.o'connell@awm.gov.au

AROUND THE REGION

Queanbeyan

- **5.15am:** Meet at the Queanbeyan RSL Building for the Dawn Service.
- **10.20am:** March begins from Queanbeyan RSL to First World War Memorial.

- **10.30am:** Commemoration Service and wreath laying ceremony at the First World War memorial.

Braidwood

- **5.30am:** Dawn Service at the memorial, corner Kings Highway and Wilson Street.
- **10.15am:** March in the main street followed by a commemorative ceremony at the memorial in Ryrrie Park.

Bungendore

- **6am:** Dawn Service at the war memorial on Gibraltar Street. Followed by breakfast at St Phillip's Hall.
- **10.30am:** March from the western end of Gibraltar Street.
- **11am:** Main service at the war memorial.

Yass

- **5.45am:** Dawn Service at the Cenotaph Yass Soldiers Memorial Hall.
- **10.45am:** March down Comur Street from Lead Street to Yass Soldiers Memorial Hall.
- **10.50am:** Commemorative Service and wreath laying at the cenotaph in front of the Yass Soldiers Memorial Hall.
- **12.30pm:** Lunch at Yass Soldiers Club. Tickets are \$25, available at the door.
- **2pm:** Two-Up at the Yass Soldiers Club.

Gundaroo

- **5.30am:** Dawn service at the war memorial at the corner Cork and Harp streets.
- **6am:** Breakfast at the Gundaroo Soldiers Memorial Hall.

Goulburn

- **5.30am:** Dawn Service at Belmore Park. Assemble at the honour roll at 5am.
- **About 6.15am:** Memorial Service at the war graves section, Goulburn General Cemetery at the conclusion of Dawn Service. Breakfast at the soldiers club for dawn service and war graves attendees.
- **11am:** March commences along Auburn Street. Mid-morning commemorative service will commence at the honour roll in Belmore Park at the conclusion of the March.
- **2.30pm:** Two-up begins.

Cooma

- **5.45am:** Dawn service at the cenotaph followed by breakfast at the Cooma Ex-Services Club.
- **10.45am:** Memorial march from Mack's Corner to the cenotaph.
- **2pm:** Two-up at the Ex-Services Club.

Jindabyne

- **6am:** Dawn service at Banjo Patterson Park followed by breakfast provided by the Lions Club.
- **10am:** Morning service march commences at the Jindabyne Memorial Hall, followed by morning tea at the Jindabyne Memorial Hall.

Gundagai

- **5.30am:** assembly for 6am dawn service at Anzac Grove.
- **11am:** March up Sheridan Street to the main cenotaph.