

ANZAC DAY



2008 Dawn Service



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The text "ANZAC DAY" is rendered in a bold, dark red, serif font. The words are stacked vertically, with "ANZAC" on top and "DAY" below it. The text is framed by two horizontal dark red lines, one above and one below. A sprig of rosemary with green needles and small purple flowers is positioned to the right of the text, overlapping the bottom line and extending upwards.

The Returned and Services League of Australia,
Australian Capital Territory Branch Inc.,
and the
Australian War Memorial

have the pleasure of welcoming you

to the

93rd anniversary

of the

ANZAC landing

Friday 25 April 2008



PLEASE NOTE

The Dawn Service will be broadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.
After the service you may wish to place a poppy on the Tomb of the Unknown
Australian Soldier or at the Roll of Honour.
The Memorial Shop will be open until 8 am.

WELCOME

Mr Ross Symonds, Master of Ceremonies

HYMN

O valiant hearts

Led by the Band of the Royal Military College of Australia
and the Canberra Men's Choir

*O valiant hearts who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.*

*Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
To save mankind – yourselves you scorned to save.*

*Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.*

WREATHLAYING

Mr Alan Sellwood DFC, ACT Branch RSL, and Air Commodore Peter Port ONZM will place wreaths on the Stone of Remembrance, symbolising the unity of ANZAC. The Lament will be played by Constable Stephen Ladd, Australian Federal Police.

THE ANZAC DEDICATION

Mr Gary Brodie OAM
President, ACT Branch RSL

At this hour, on this day, 93 years ago, the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, at Gallipoli, made immortal the name of ANZAC and established an imperishable tradition of selfless service, of devotion to duty, and of fighting for all that is best in human relationships.

We who are gathered here today in this dawn vigil remember with gratitude the men and women who have given, and are still giving, in our Armed and Supporting Services, all that is theirs to give, in order that the world may be a nobler place in which to live.

And with them, we remember those left behind to bear the sorrow of their loss.

Let us therefore dedicate ourselves to taking up the burdens of the fallen and, with the same high courage and steadfastness with which they went into battle, set our hands to the tasks they left unfinished. Let us dedicate ourselves to the service of the ideals for which they died. Let us, with God's help, give our utmost to make the world what they would have wished it to be, a better and happier place for all of its people, through whatever means are open to us.

PRAYERS

Led by Major Rodney Ainsworth, Salvation Army

THE LORDS PRAYER

HYMN

Abide with me

Led by the Band of the Royal Military College of Australia
and the Canberra Men's Choir

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

THE ODE

Mr John King

Vice President, ACT Branch RSL

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

All repeat:

We will remember them.

THE LAST POST

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

Lest we forget.

All repeat:

Lest we forget.

REVEILLE

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

Mr James Buchanan, Junior Legatee

ADDRESS

Major Rodney Ainsworth

HYMN

O God, our help in ages past

Led by the Band of the Royal Military College of Australia
and the Canberra Men's Choir

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.*

BENEDICTION

Major Rodney Ainsworth

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by the Band of the Royal Military College of Australia
and the Canberra Men's Choir

*Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.*

Following the Dawn Service, an ANZAC Service will be held at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander memorial, on the lower slopes of Mt Ainslie, in recognition of the contribution and loss of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Band of the Royal Military College of Australia
Conducted by Major Geoff Grey CSM, Officer
Commanding/Music Director

Canberra Men's Choir
Dr Gunter Brandstetter, Musical Director

Mr Ross Symonds

Constable Stephen Ladd,
Australian Federal Police

HISTORY OF THE DAWN SERVICE

The origin of the Dawn Service is unclear. The first ANZAC Day ceremonies took place in 1916, and were daytime events. In 1918 Padre Arthur Ernest White held a private Requiem Mass, in Albany, Western Australia, possibly at dawn. Albany would have been a special place for such a service: it was the last sight of land most soldiers saw as their troopships left Australian shores. In Queensland, in 1919, Captain George Harrington laid flowers on soldiers' graves at Toowoomba in the early hours of ANZAC Day.

Dawn Services became an integral part of ANZAC Day rituals by the late 1920s. In Sydney, five returned soldiers held a spontaneous dawn service in 1927. The following year, 150 people gathered for an official ceremony at the Sydney Cenotaph at dawn, setting a pattern for future ceremonies.

Early Dawn Services were short and simple rituals, consisting of a "stand-to," two minutes' silence, the Last Post and Reveille. At first, they were reserved for returned servicemen, who gathered to recall the special bonds of the dawn stand-to, in which soldiers traditionally prepared for attack. Today, thousands of Australians attend Dawn Services across the country.

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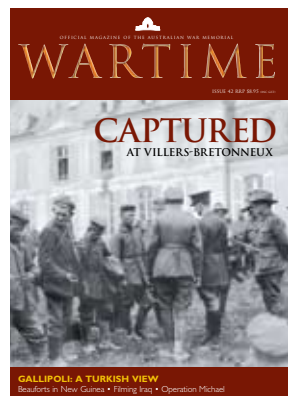
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*Australia was born
on the shores of Gallipoli.*

William Morris Hughes
Prime Minister of Australia, 1915–23