



REMEMBRANCE DAY

2020 NATIONAL CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 10.45 AM



AUSTRALIAN
WAR MEMORIAL

Welcome to the Australian War Memorial on Remembrance Day 2020, commemorating the 102nd anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended the First World War.

Order of Service

Arrival

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and
Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley

Playing of the Didgeridoo

Worimi man Leading Aircraftman Tarryn Roach,
RAAF Base Williamtown

The Ode

Major General Greg Melick AO RFD FANZCN SC (Retd)
National President, Returned and Services League of Australia

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*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.*

The Last Post

One Minute's Silence

The Rouse

Response

Lest we forget

Commemorative Address

Corporal Daniel Keighran VC



Laying of Wreaths

Wreaths will be laid by the following or their representative:

- The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
- The Prime Minister of Australia
- The Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives
- The President of the Senate
- The Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia
- The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps
- The Leader of the Federal Opposition
- The Chief of the Defence Force
- The Chief of Navy
- The Chief of Army
- The Chief of Air Force
- The National President of the Returned and Services League of Australia
- The National President of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association
- The National President of the Naval Association of Australia
- The National President of the Air Force Association
- The National President of the War Widows' Guild of Australia
- The National President of the Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women
- The Chairman of Legacy Australia, and Legacy Youth representatives
- The Chairman of the Council of the Australian War Memorial

Epitaphs

Ms Queen Dunbar
War Widows' Guild of Australia

Musical Performance

Band of the Royal Military College, Duntroon

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

John McCrae

National Anthem



*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.*

*Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair.*

Acknowledgements

Worimi man Leading Aircraftman Tarryn Roach

The didgeridoo (or, as it is known by the Traditional Custodians of the Yolngu clans of North East Arnhem Land, the *yidaki*), is not traditionally played in Ngunnawal or Wiradjuri country. It is played here today with the permission of the Ngunnawal people to acknowledge and pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have contributed to the defence of Australia in times of peace and war.

Master of Ceremonies: Mr Scott Bevan
Australia's Federation Guard
Band of the Royal Military College, Duntroon

Last Post Ceremony

The eulogy for the Unknown Australian Soldier, first delivered by the Honourable Paul Keating in 1993, will be read at today's Last Post Ceremony at 4.55 pm in the Commemorative Area.

The Last Post Ceremony is also streamed live on the Memorial's YouTube channel and Facebook page. These can be accessed via the Memorial website at www.awm.gov.au.



Evening opening of the Commemorative Area

The Commemorative Area will open this evening from 5.30 pm to 7 pm.

Place a personal tribute on the Roll of Honour or at the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier in the Hall of Memory.

Wreaths from the National Ceremony will be available to view by the Pool of Reflection alongside those placed on the morning of Remembrance Day by members of the Diplomatic Community on behalf of the citizens of their countries. This gesture symbolises a unified desire for peace, and the respect shared by all nations for the memory of those who were lost during the war and other operations.

Ticket bookings are not required for the evening opening of the Commemorative Area, however contact details will be requested prior to entry in line with ACT Government health advice.



