
ANZAC DAY



DAWN SERVICE

109TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GALLIPOLI LANDINGS
THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

Playing of the didgeridoo

The didgeridoo – known by the Yolngu of north-east Arnhem Land as the yidaki – is not traditionally played in Ngunnawal country. It will be played here today with the permission of the Traditional Custodians to pay respect to those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have taken part in the defence of Australia, part of a long and ongoing tradition of defending Country.

Welcome

Hymn

O valiant hearts

*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.*

Anzac dedication

Principal Chaplain Kerry Larwill CSC
Director General Chaplaincy Army

At this hour, on this day, 109 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.

Laying of wreaths

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

His Excellency Mr Andrew Needs
High Commissioner for New Zealand to Australia

These wreaths are laid together on behalf of the people of Australia and New Zealand, symbolising the unity of Anzac and the strong bond of comradeship within which our two nations still live.

Prayers of commemoration

Principal Chaplain Kerry Larwill CSC

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.*

Commemorative Address

Vice Admiral David Johnston AC RAN
Vice Chief of the Defence Force

The Ode

Mr John King
ACT Branch President
Returned and Services League of Australia

*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

Benediction

Principal Chaplain Kerry Larwill CSC

New Zealand National Anthem

God defend New Zealand

*E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa*

*God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.*

*Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.*

Australian National Anthem

Advance Australia fair

*Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one 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.*

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

This national ceremony is held in the nation's capital on the traditional lands of the Ngunnawal peoples.

We acknowledge and pay respects to the past, present, and future Elders and Traditional Custodians of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual, and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We value their contribution to the life of our city and to the Canberra region.

Acknowledgements

Master of Ceremonies

Mr Scott Bevan

Yidaki (Didgeridoo) player

Warrant Officer Class 2 Cody Bradshaw
Dunghutti, Bundjalung
Australian Army

Piper

Detective Inspector Stephen Ladd APM
Australian Federal Police

Australia's Federation Guard

Band of the Royal Military College, Duntroon

The Memorial will open at 1 pm for registered visitors.
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