



COMMEMORATING THE 111<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF

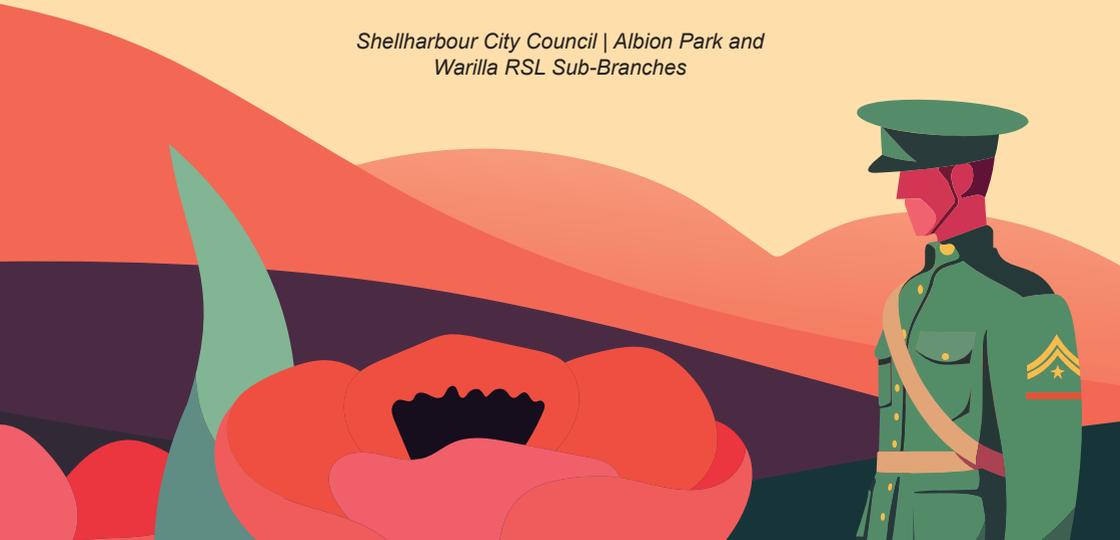
# ANZAC DAY

*Lest we Forget*

**SATURDAY**  
**25 APRIL 2026**

*Service Program*

*Shellharbour City Council | Albion Park and  
Warilla RSL Sub-Branches*



# 111<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATION OF ANZAC

## Order of Service

*Catafalque Party takes up its position*

### WELCOME

*Kim Kearney,  
Warilla RSL Sub-Branch*

### PROLOGUE

We are assembled here to commemorate that immortal day, when the young men of Australia by their deeds and sacrifice demonstrated to the world at Gallipoli that Australia was truly a nation. On this day we remember the sacrifice of such men and women for an ideal, for a way of life.

The sons and daughters of Anzacs came forward without question, accepted gladly, and discharged fully their responsibilities during WWII, Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, and who today are serving with peace-keeping forces throughout the world. We think of every man, woman and child who, in those crucial years, paid the supreme sacrifice so that the lights of freedom and humanity might continue to shine.

In our every day life let us endeavour to carry on those traditions established in past wars and conflicts at such tragic cost. Let us take strength in the knowledge and hope that our sons and daughters will never forget the example set by their forefathers.

We nurture too the obligation of showing gratitude for the peace we enjoy and the responsibility of ensuring that the freedom and liberty so costly won is not lost by our own indifference.

So let us mourn with pride, but let us also remember with equal pride, those who served and still live.

### HYMN

#### The Recessional

God of our Fathers, Known of Old  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold,  
Dominion over palm and pine -  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget - Lest we forget

The tumult and the shouting dies,  
The Captains and the Kings depart,  
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice  
A humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet  
Lest we forget - Lest we forget.

## **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

*Albion Park RSL Sub Branch*

On this Anzac Day we remember those who lay down their lives on the battlefields of war, to the perils of the deep or in the air. We offer thanks for the dauntless courage of those defenders of our nation – and especially we remember those who have died since the wars in our time. In thy hands O Father, we leave their departed spirits.

Grant us to follow their good example in faithfulness and endurance, even unto death. May we be found worthy of the sacrifice they made. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## **A PRAYER FOR ANZAC DAY**

*Member of the 338 (City of Shellharbour) Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets*

On this Anzac Day we give thanks for the effort being made by the nations of the world that are seeking peace and happier relations with each other.

For those inclined 'to go it alone' we ask today that they may realise their responsibilities to themselves and the rest of the world.

For those whose lot it is to make decisions that affect our nation, guide them, O God, that they may be wisely and divinely directed so that Australia may take its rightful place in the wide life of the world. Help us each, O Lord, in our personal endeavours to foster peace and goodwill so this may be a better place in which to live.

Amen.

## **WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**

### **A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SERVED**

*Member of the TS Albatross Australian Navy Cadets*

We ask, O Lord, your blessing and protection on those who serve in the armed forces.

For those who still suffer disability, sickness or injury sustained in war, watch over them.

Strengthen, encourage and comfort those who have been saddened by the loss of loved ones and the memories that a day like this brings.

Draw your strong arms of love around them, we pray, and grant them the same courage, resolution and comradeship shown by those who gave their lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ we ask it.

Amen.

### **ODE TO THE FALLEN**

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.

“LEST WE FORGET”

### **LAST POST**

### **ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

### **REVEILLE**

## HYMN

### **Abide with me**

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

I fear no foe; with thee at hand to bless,  
Ills have no weight; and tears no bitterness,  
Where is death's sting. Where grave thy victory.  
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

## COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN

*Member of the 26 ACU Wollongong Australian Army Cadets*

Lord God, we thank you for the brave and faithful dead, who willingly lay down their lives in the cause of truth and righteousness, that others might live in peace and harmony.

We bless you for the courage of those men and women of our Commonwealth, those who fell on the battlefields, on the seven seas, in the air, in the hospitals, in intelligence work, in mission control rooms and in all the many support roles.

Father, in your hands we leave their departed spirits.

May we follow their good example of faithfulness and endurance in promoting the causes of justice and peace in this world that we too may be found worthy of the crown of everlasting life.

## NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ANTHEM

### **God Defend New Zealand**

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.

*Catafalque Party stand down*

## CLOSING ADDRESS



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