



ADELAIDE ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE MARCH - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Adelaide Anzac Day Commemorative March is a solemn commemoration of the sacrifice of the nearly 103,000 Australian service personnel who have lost their lives in the service of the nation and is akin to a procession of military personnel to the graveside following a funeral service. The Dawn Service represents the funeral, and the Service of Remembrance at the Cross of Sacrifice that follows the March represents the gathering at the graveside of those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. The Commemorative March is not a "parade" and does not prioritise recognition of the living.

The RSL SA State Board entrusts the Adelaide Anzac Day Committee to be a vigilant custodian of Anzac Day traditions in the City of Adelaide. The Committee maintains and, where appropriate, modifies, the long-established traditions of Anzac Day as it plans and conducts Anzac Day events each year. Anzac Day Marches throughout Australia are organised by different organisations and may be structured by different principles.

As the Anzac Day March is a uniquely Australian and New Zealand commemoration, all serving and former Australian and New Zealand service personnel who have seen warlike or non-warlike operational service are **entitled** to march. Other serving and former Australian and New Zealand service personnel are **authorised** to participate in the March.

In a spirit of comradeship, and as a matter of long-standing Anzac Day tradition, those members and former members of foreign armed forces who have **personally served alongside Australian forces in a conflict** as allies, as members of a coalition that included Australia, or on peacekeeping operations to which Australia has contributed, are **invited** to participate in the March. Serving or former members of foreign armed forces who have **not personally served** alongside Australian forces as allies, part of a coalition that included Australia, or on a peacekeeping operation that Australia has contributed to are **not authorised** to march, unless as a Descendant of a person who was eligible to participate, in the Descendants Groups. These principles are not necessarily applied in other Australian states.

Where a marcher is frail and needs assistance to participate, one or two carers may accompany the marcher according to need.

Traditionally the descendants of deceased veterans who were eligible to march have been permitted to participate in the March within dedicated groups at the rear of the March. Adults and children are not permitted to march with veterans (except as assistance carers) or within unit groups and if marching in Descendants Groups they should be 13 years of age or older.

The March is organised chronologically, by warlike or non-warlike operational service, conflict, service and where applicable, the seniority of various parts of each service. There are some minor exceptions at the head of the March, based on tradition.

Additional principles:

- All marchers should be dressed in an appropriate manner; jacket and tie for men, equivalent for women (some serving Australian personnel are required to march in uniform)
- Serving and former Australian service personnel who have seen warlike or non-warlike operational service march ahead of serving or former members of Australian forces who have not seen such service

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Adelaide Anzac Day Committee 2023