

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 soldiers to the graveside following a funeral service. The Dawn Service represents the funeral, and the Cross of Sacrifice Service that follows the March represents the gathering at the graveside of those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. It is not a "parade", and does not prioritise recognition of the living.

The RSL (SA) State Board entrusts the ANZAC Day Committee to be a vigilant custodian of the ANZAC Day tradition in 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 not all are guided by similar 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. All serving and former Australian and New Zealand service personnel who have not seen such service 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.

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

The descendants of deceased former members of Australian, New Zealand and allied/coalition forces who saw warlike or non-warlike operational service who wish to remember their kin by participating in the March are *welcome* to participate in the March *within an appropriate descendants' section*. Only one descendant should march for each deceased former member, and marchers must be at least thirteen years of age.

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. There are several additional principles:

- All marchers should be dressed appropriately manner; jacket and tie for men, equivalent for women and children (some serving Australian personnel are required to march in uniform)
- no civilian, including descendants, should march ahead of any serving or former member of Australian or allied/coalition forces who have seen warlike or non-warlike operational service;
- serving and former Australian service personnel who have seen warlike or non-warlike operational service should march ahead of serving or former members of Australian forces who have not seen such service; and
- 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 (except as descendants, or as representatives of allies, if applicable, in the appropriate section).