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South Australia

MEDIA STATEMENT

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CANCELLATION OF ANZAC DAY SERVICES 2020

In light of the current COVID19 virus and after discussion with the South Australian Government and Northern Territory Government last night and in consultation with State Board Members, it has been agreed that ANZAC Day Services throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory will be cancelled for 2020.

This decision has not been taken lightly as this is a significant event on the nations calendar. It is in the best interest and wellbeing of our ageing veterans and the community at large. ANZAC Day and all that it means to Australia is not less important this year.

There will be a Dawn Service at the State Memorial however, the public will be asked not to attend. It will consist of official guests only and modified to COVID19 risk. The Youth Vigil on ANZAC Eve, the City ANZAC Day March, the Service at the Cross of Sacrifice and ANZAC on Torrens are also cancelled.

We are working with the Chair of the ANZAC Day Committee on how we best communicate the Dawn Service from the State Memorial. Further details will be given when known.

However, in making this decision, it has been agreed that our Sub-Branches throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory are permitted to conduct Dawn Services only. These Dawn Services are to only be with their members and the public are to be asked not to attend.

We lose a chance to pay our due respect and acknowledge the great contribution servicemen and women have made. We will always remember the dedication, commitment and sacrifice of our Defence Forces, past and present.

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