



## BULLETIN

**TO:** RSL SA/NT Sub-Branch Secretaries/Regional Coordinators/RSL SA/NT Board Members/Staff

**FROM:** Keith Harrison, Commemorations Manager

**DATE:** 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**SUBJECT:** ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Media articles and Sub-Branch queries have highlighted that there are concerns with conforming to Covid regulations for outdoor dawn services in public spaces and memorials. The SA Government has offered assistance to three major Adelaide metropolitan RSLs to conduct their dawn services publicly rather than within the clubrooms. The finer details of this assistance are not known and does not yet benefit the other RSLs that have changed their dawn service arrangements.

Until we learn further of government intentions, and the possibility of changes to regulations that might assist metropolitan and regional RSLs, we offer this concept for consideration to SA Sub-Branches.

- Formally invite only a small number of VIPs and members. Once numbers are decided use the quantity to set the square metre area needed for this group and determine if a section can be bounded with bollards or barriers and with a monitoring entry point. This becomes your section to complete for a Covid Safe Plan approval.
- Keep entry monitoring and tracing records for those in the managed section. By not issuing an open public invitation with time and venue you have a better chance of controlling the Covid Safe Plan area. Any public attendees would stand outside of the section and you make announcements requesting that they maintain grouping, spacing and hygiene.
- In view of possible changes to services RSL SA will not make lists of venues and times available to the media or public. The RSL SA website carries the following message:

*A list of ANZAC Day services will NOT be made available this year due to cancellation of planned events, venue changes, public attendance limitations and the uncertainty of meeting Covid requirements and crowd management by volunteer groups with finite resources and budgets. Check with local organisers of those services which are proceeding to determine if public attendance is permitted. Awareness of a traditionally public event does not imply public attendance this year.*

Bulletins emailed to Sub-Branches in February and March have carried guidance to assist with conducting safe, successful commemorations, emphasising that they be managed within Covid regulations. As relevant ANZAC information becomes available it will be updated on <https://rslsa.org.au/anzac-day-2/> and via social media.

Yours sincerely

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