



BULLETIN

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

FROM: State President

DATE: 2nd February 2021

SUBJECT: ANZAC DAY 2021

Many phone calls have been received from Sub-Branches at the State Branch seeking information in regard to the conduct of ANZAC Day 2021 Commemorative Services.

The following are some guidelines to the circumstances we are aware of to date however, confirmation will come out after a meeting with the Premier on 25th February 2021.

The ANZAC Day Committee have been meeting for some time on a regular basis and have come up with some alternative concepts for the city ANZAC Day Dawn Service and March. These concepts have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police SA and when advice has been received Sub-Branches will be contacted accordingly.

Last year formal ANZAC Day commemorations could not proceed due to the early COVID-19 restrictions. This year we expect that commemorations will be permitted, with limitations on gathering sizes and spacing.

If your Sub-Branch decides to conduct formal ANZAC events we recommend down-playing public attendance, conforming to COVID requirements and appointing qualified COVID Marshals. In South Australia, organised events will require a COVID Safe Plan or COVID Management Plan, depending on crowd size and risk.

Considerations:

- Limit guest invitations
- Conduct a closed/invitation only or ticketed event.
- No encouragement of public attendance at dawn.
- Promote the Light Up The Dawn concept of commemorating at home.
- Pre-service announcements of requirements by attendees.
- QR code and sanitisation facilities.
- Recommending limited public attendance throughout the day at memorials.
- Prepare alternate arrangements in case regulations change.

State governments have thorough explanations of requirements on their websites:

South Australia: <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/activities-and-gatherings>

Northern Territory: <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/>

New South Wales: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>

It is important to the public to acknowledge service and sacrifice on ANZAC Day. Help them in a positive way by offering the alternatives to traditional gatherings with Light Up The Dawn and visiting memorials during the day to pay their respects.

The ANZAC Appeal will be held again, and we ask that you consider taking it on. Last year was a poor situation however, Sub-Branched did a great job with the Poppy Appeal in November, and for that we are very grateful thank you.

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