

*At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning, we will remember them*



ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

RSA



Dawn Parade

Friday 25 April 2025 at 06:00am

At the Cenotaph

Cambridge, New Zealand

Anzac Day Service Protocol

The Anzac Day Service is made up of many traditional military acts. An explanation of these acts may help the civilian audience to better understand the significance of the Service.

The Ode is the fourth verse of a poem written by the English poet Lawrence Binyon in 1914 entitled "For the Fallen". Written in response to the horrendous loss of life in the opening months of the war as a tribute to the dead and wounded of all nations.

Cenotaph Guard of Honour is stationed at each corner of the Cenotaph with arms reversed as a vigil and sign of respect for the Fallen Comrades.

The Last Post is played as a final farewell, symbolising the duties of the dead are over and their bodies can rest in peace.

The Volley consists of a three-volley salute originating from a very old custom where fighting ceased so the wounded and dead could be removed from the field. Three shots were then fired to signal the battle could resume.

Reveille or Rouse was played originally to wake soldiers at dawn. Now it calls the soldiers to rise and prepare for another day. The sounding of 'Reveille' at this Service proclaims our belief that the landing at Anzac was the dawn of a brilliant era in the march to nationhood of New Zealand and Australia. Reveille is only played at Dawn.

The Poppy, known as "The Poppy of Flanders" represents remembrance. These poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I. Their brilliant red colour is an appropriate symbol for the blood spilled in the War.

Flags at half mast, signify mourning. The flag is half-masted by raising it to the top of the mast or flagpole, then slowly lowering it to the half-mast position, which will depend on the size of the flag and the length of the flagpole. When the New Zealand Flag is flown at half-mast, other flags should not be flown above it. The Flag should be raised again to the peak before lowering it for the day.

National Anthems, the precedent for when the New Zealand National Anthem and the Anthem from another country is being played at a function is that as the host country, New Zealand's anthem is played last.

Wearing of Medals is acceptable on Anzac Day (25 April) and Remembrance Day (11 Nov) or on an occasion where either their or a deceased relative's service or the unit in which they served is being commemorated. If they are your own medals, you wear them as you did when serving on the left-hand side of your chest.

If the medals are of a deceased direct relative, they are worn on the right-hand side of your chest. Royal Honours insignia such as neck badges, sashes, sash badges, or breast stars cannot be worn by anyone other than the original recipient. The same rule applies to any Unit and Personal Commendations that the deceased relative wore on their right chest.

Full size medals are worn during the day and miniature medals after sunset for Mess or other official evening events. A medal recipient is entitled to wear their medals at any official function for their lifetime.

6.00 am

Fall in at Cenotaph, in front of Cambridge Town Hall

Service Leader

Gp Capt Ants Hawes, (Principal Defence Chaplain Ret)
Ceremony Outline and Opening Prayer

Vocalist

Chris Gale

Drum Roll

Hymn

Abide with Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earths joys grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee In
life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



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National Anthems

Advance Australia Fair

*Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.*

God Defend New Zealand

*E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa.*

*God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.*

ANZAC Dedication

At the hour upon this day, the ANZAC received its baptism of fire and became one of the immortal names in history. We who are gathered here think of comrades who went out with us to the battlefields of the Great War but did not return. We feel them still near us in the spirit. We wish to be worthy of their great sacrifice. Let us therefore once more dedicate ourselves to the service of the ideals for which they died. As the dawn is even now about to pierce the night so let their memory inspire us to work for the coming of the new light into the dark places of the world.

The President of the Cambridge RSA will place a wreath upon the Cenotaph on behalf of all who served and their families

Present Arms for Catafalque Guard (if present)

The President of the Cambridge RSA will recite the Ode:

*E kore rātou e kaumātuatia
Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei
E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore
Ahakoa pehea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā
I te hekenga atu o te rā
Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.*

*They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.
We will remember them.*

Last Post

One Minutes Silence

Reveille

Short Reflection



O God Our Help in Ages Past

*O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

*Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne,
Thy Saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone,
And our defence is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight,
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.*

Drum Roll

God Save The King

*God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.*

*Send him victorious, happy and glorious.
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.*

Closing Prayer

Benediction





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