



RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE

(Nowra Sub-Branch)

ANZAC COMMEMORATION AT DAWN

**ANZAC DAY
25th April
GREENWELL POINT**

PROLOGUE

We are assembled here to commemorate that immortal day when the young men of Australia, by their deeds and sacrifice, demonstrated to the World at Gallipoli that Australia was truly a Nation.

The Sons and Daughters of ANZACS came forward without question, accepted gladly, and discharged fully their responsibilities during World War II, Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam, the Gulf conflicts, Afghanistan – and all our peace keeping forces throughout the World.

On this day we remember the sacrifice of such men and women for an ideal, for a way of life. Let us take strength in the knowledge, and hope that our sons and daughters will never forget the example set by their forefathers.

In our everyday life let us endeavour to carry on those traditions established in past wars and conflicts at such tragic cost.

So let us mourn with pride, but let us also remember with equal pride, those who served and still live.

HYMN

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

Time, like an ever-rolling stream
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

Under the shadow of Thy Throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is Thine arm alone
And our defence is sure.

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal Home.

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Prayed by all)

OUR FATHER which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever – AMEN.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN

We who are gathered here think of the comrades who went out with us to the battlefields, but did not return.

Response: We will remember them

IN MEMORY

Of all the brave sailors, gallant soldiers, undaunted airmen and noble women who have been faithful even unto death.

Response: We will remember them

IN MEMORY

Of poets who left their unsung songs, and did the deeds that shall make other's songs.

Of those who dropped the instruments of music and tool, or art;

Of students who forsook the cloistered paths of learning, and in a sterner road, laid down their lives.

Response: We will remember them

IN MEMORY

Of men of science who through sacrifice, have found the truths of life and death and immortality;

Of statesmen who passed from the Senate House to serve upon the field and came not back.

Response: We will remember them

IN MEMORY

Of those who came from shop and office at the urgent call,

Of men who left their fields and their daily craft

And of the poor to whom their country gave no heritage who yet have died for it.

Response: We will remember them

IN MEMORY

Of those who died fulfilling ministries of help and healing.

Of chaplains, doctors, nurses and workers under the Red Cross, who saved others, but themselves they did not save.

Response: We will remember them

IN MEMORY

Of seamen of the transport and merchant service who went down with their ships;

Of fishermen who left their nets to sweep destruction from the seas;

Of workers who in dangerous tasks met accidents and death;

And of all innocent and helpless lives that have been sacrificed.

Response: We will remember them

IN MEMORY

Of our own, our dearest and best,

Beloved sons and brothers, fathers, husbands, friends.

Beloved daughters and sisters, mothers and wives.

Dear names forever written in our hearts.

Response: We will remember them

Commemoration of the Fallen (final prayer)

The work we do is harder for their absence; the road we tread is lonelier for their passing. Help us to live as faithfully and bravely as they died, to cherish their memories and resolve to build the City of God in the land for which they gave themselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

COMMEMORATION ADDRESS

DEDICATION

At dawn in 1915, our kinsmen, the ANZACs, with great courage in war, made ANZAC immortal. Gathered here at dawn, we think of them and of those who fought in many places on land, on the sea and in the air, and gave their lives in service. We believe that in spirit they are with us. To be worthy of their sacrifice for us let us dedicate ourselves anew to uphold the ideals for which they died. As the dawn brings new light, let our memory of the brave and faithful bring a new light of hope for peace and goodwill that from their valour and their sacrifice a better, nobler world shall arise.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

We remember before You O Lord, and entrust to Your keeping, those who in all wars have died in defence of Justice and Freedom.

LAYING OF WREATHS

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*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.*

All repeat: *We will remember them.*

ONE MINUTE SILENCE

LEST WE FORGET

HYMN: “ABIDE WITH ME” (Tune: Eventide)

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, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness;
Where is death’s sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

BENEDICTION

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ANTHEM

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.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

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.