

# Anzac Day

25 APRIL



Australian Government  
Department of Veterans' Affairs

ON 25 APRIL 1915, MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS LANDED AT GALLIPOLI ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS DAY EACH YEAR WE PAUSE TO HONOUR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF ALL OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE FOUGHT IN WARS, CONFLICTS AND PEACE OPERATIONS.

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## ANZAC DAY Ceremony

Commonwealth War Cemetery, Belgrade

### PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 25 April 2023



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- 09:00 Those attending the Ceremony are requested to be in position facing the Memorial.  
Official participants should be positioned behind their marked spots
- 09:03 The Australian Ambassador delivers ANZAC address
- 09:05 The Turkish Ambassador reads the words of Atatürk
- 09:07 Mr Bojan Pajic, Historian, delivers address
- 09:10 Wreaths and flowers are laid in the following sequence:
1. The Australian Ambassador, HE Daniel Emery
  2. Ms Bojana Sepa, representative of New Zealand
  3. The Turkish Ambassador, HE Hami Aksoy
  4. The Ministry of Defence
  5. The Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veterans & Social Affairs,
  6. City of Belgrade
  7. HRH Crown Prince Alexander Karadorđević
  8. Embassies
  9. Others wishing to lay flowers
- 09:25 Ms Kathy Hancock, descendant of Australian doctor supporting Serbian forces in WWI  
reads *For the Fallen*
- 09:27 Bugler plays “The Last Post”
- 09:29 **One-minute silence**
- 09:30 Bugler plays “Reveille”
- 09:32 Mr Richard Cooke, descendant of Australian nurse supporting Serbian forces in WWI  
reads *Prayer of Remembrance*



## Prayer of Remembrance

Lord God,  
Help us to remember the sacrifice of the first ANZACs,  
and the generations of men, women and children who have  
died in the cause of liberty and peace.

Help us to remember those who bear the scars of their service,  
physical, mental and spiritual.

Help us to remember those who had to say goodbye:  
widows and widowers, girlfriends and boyfriends,  
parents and orphans, sisters and brothers,  
and all who anxiously waited with no reply.

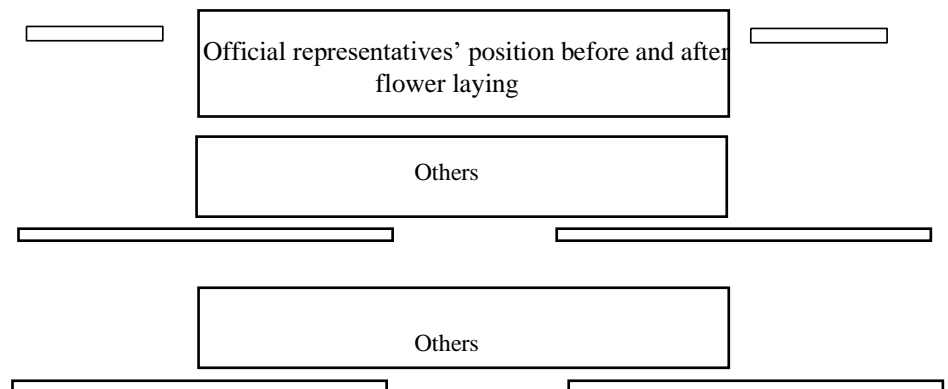
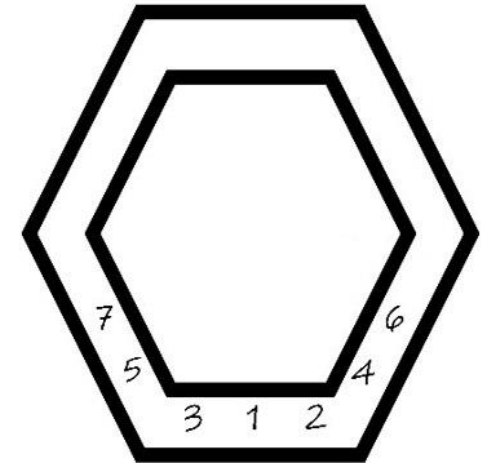
Save us from ever glorifying war and its horrors and tragedies.  
As the sun rises on this day, Lord, help us to remember.



## Official positions for ceremony

Wreaths & flowers  
are laid in the  
following order:

1. Australia
2. New Zealand
3. Türkiye
4. MOD
5. MLEVSA
6. Belgrade
7. Royal Family
8. Embassies
9. Others



## **ANZAC Day**

**ANZAC** stands for **Australian and New Zealand Army Corps**

*ANZAC Day - 25 April - is an important national occasion for all Australians and New Zealanders. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACs, and the pride they soon took in that name endures to this day.*

*ANZAC Day is a day when people throughout Australia and New Zealand commemorate and remember the landing at Gallipoli, Turkey on the 25th of April, 1915.*

*It is a day when Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.*

### **THE WORDS OF ATATURK**

*" Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives; You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.*

*Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours.*

*You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries; wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace.*

*After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well."*

*Ataturk, 1934*

### **The ANZAC dedication**

#### **For the Fallen**

**By Laurence Binyon**

*They shall not grow 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.***

