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## Adelaide ANZAC Activities Cancelled

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ANZAC Day is held annually on April 25th and traditionally includes commemorations across the country at dedicated war memorials, community precincts and RSL Sub-Branches. ANZAC Day is a national public holiday. Saturday 25th April 2020 is the public holiday in South Australia, no other day is granted as a holiday in this case.

Public health is the prime consideration in this extraordinary time of world-wide COVID-19 health restrictions. RSL SA/NT regrettably announces the cancellation of the Adelaide ANZAC Day activities:

- State RSL ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil
- Dawn Service
- ANZAC Day March
- Cross of Sacrifice Service
- ANZAC on Torrens Parade Ground

Most RSL Sub-Branches are incorporated bodies and may conduct their own commemorations. They are encouraged by RSL SA/NT to conform to all government directives regarding indoor and outdoor gathering limits. Please check with local organisers regarding their cancelled or planned activities.

Remembrance of service and sacrifice are important to our society. You may choose to pay respects in your own personal way.

**Consider:**

- Remembering from within your home
- Viewing or listening to media broadcasts and online coverage
- Visiting a local war memorial at any time of the day
- Attending a commemoration that conforms to government regulations

**MEDIA STATEMENT (<http://rslsa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/MEDIA-STATEMENT-Cancellation-of-ANZAC-Day-2020.pdf>)**



### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

#### **CANCELLATION OF ANZAC DAY SERVICES 2020**

In light of the current COVID19 virus and after discussion with the South Australian Government and Northern Territory Government last night and in consultation with State Board Members, it has been agreed that ANZAC Day Services throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory will be cancelled for 2020.

This decision has not been taken lightly as this is a significant event on the nations calendar. It is in the best interest and wellbeing of our ageing veterans and the community at large ANZAC Day and all that it means to Australia is not less important this year.

There will be a Dawn Service at the State Memorial however, the public will be asked not to attend. It will consist of official guests only and modified to COVID19 risk. The Youth Vigil on ANZAC Eve, the City ANZAC Day March, the Service at the Cross of Sacrifice and ANZAC on Torrens are also cancelled.

We are working with the Chair of the ANZAC Day Committee on how we best communicate the Dawn Service from the State Memorial. Further details will be given when known.

However, in making this decision, it has been agreed that our Sub-Branches throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory are permitted to conduct Dawn Services only. These Dawn Services are to only be with their members and the public are to be asked not to attend.

We lose a chance to pay our due respect and acknowledge the great contribution servicemen and women have made. We will always remember the dedication, commitment and sacrifice of our Defence Forces, past and present.

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