General outline

The aim of the Commemoration March was determined in 1925 by the ANZAC Day Commemoration Council (ADCC), under General Sir John Monash, as:

“To enable returned servicemen to re-form the ranks of their wartime units and march to the Cenotaph as a mark of respect for their fallen comrades.”

This sentiment is the same for today’s Melbourne ANZAC Day Commemoration activities, under the auspices of the current ADCC. Descendants of veterans are encouraged and welcomed to participate, but they will not march in front of veterans.

The March is also an opportunity for the general public to honour and recognise those who have served and who currently serve in the defence of Australia or its interests, especially remembering those who paid the supreme sacrifice or otherwise suffered as a result of their service.

The following banners will be grouped:

• banners of decommissioned ships
• World War II Army Divisions
• World War II RAAF by Theatre of War.

WWII veterans still able to participate in the march will in 2017 move behind their respective association banner, and are encouraged to ride in provided vehicles. A descendant/carer may accompany them. All WWII banners where there are no veterans remaining to march behind them will be massed.

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Gunfire Breakfast
A traditional Gunfire Breakfast will again be served on St Kilda Road, in front of Victoria Barracks, immediately at the conclusion of the Dawn Service. The breakfast, comprising baked beans, sausage and bread, plus brew, is provided by the Australian Defence Force School of Catering. There will be a gold coin donation to attend the breakfast that will go to the RSL’s Veteran’s Welfare.

Commemoration March
The purpose of these guidelines is to remind RSL Sub-Branch members, Unit Association members and members of the general public of the criteria, as agreed by the ADCC, for participating in the Melbourne ANZAC Day Commemoration March. It is important that this information is distributed as widely as possible.

There are three ways by which an individual can participate in the March:
1. As a former, or current, member of the Australian Defence Force.
2. As a veteran of a Commonwealth or Allied Force.
3. As a descendant of an Australian, Commonwealth or Allied veteran and who is wearing the campaign medals of their forebears on their right chest.

The Melbourne ANZAC Day Commemoration March is not a parade and therefore no vehicle, animal, weaponry or memorabilia (including historical uniforms) may be included without the prior approval of the March organisers. Escorts to Colours etc., and catafalque parties may carry arms.

As the head of each unit approaches the Eternal Flame, hats are to be removed (by following the unit leader’s movements or by order) and the right hand held over the heart and kept in that position until the unit is clear of the Eternal Flame, when the reverse is to be followed. Heads are to be turned right towards the Eternal Flame when passing it. Banners and flags are to be dipped. Defence Force formations are to salute the Eternal Flame as they pass it. Marshalls will be placed on the Shrine Forecourt to provide directions for the ‘Eyes Right’ at the Eternal Flame and the ‘Left Wheel’ to proceed to the dismissal area past the flags.

Australian veterans
Veteran eligibility to march is based on the criteria to become a Service Member of the RSL; i.e. any person who has served in the Australian Defence Force for a period in excess of six months. Veterans should assemble with one of the service units or association of which they were/are a member.

The choice of where to march is a personal one; however, it is recommended that those who served together should march together, as an act of remembrance and mateship.

As a duty of care, all World War II veterans are required to use a vehicle.

Descendants of Australian veterans
A descendant of a veteran may participate in the March as a carer (one per veteran participating in the March), banner party or flag carrier, regardless of whether they are entitled to be a member of the RSL or not.

Descendants, other than the above, will be directed to march in a place of prominence in front of the Commonwealth and Allied contingent. Only one descendant of a veteran may honour their relative’s service by wearing his/her medals on their right breast.

Dress of all descendants should reflect the occasion. The display of photos, other memorabilia, and the pushing of prams and pushers is not permitted.

Commonwealth and Allied veterans
Veterans should be clearly identifiable by their campaign medals and should be at the head of each national group. No medals or awards earned from a nation that was in conflict with Australia or the Commonwealth shall be worn in the Melbourne ANZAC Day March.

Dress should reflect the occasion, i.e. traditional/national costume or dress (including headdress) is not appropriate. Commonwealth and Allied contingents will form up in accordance with the Order of March and under the direction of the March Marshals.

Displays of foreign national flags are restricted to one per group. Flags of a nation that were used when that nation was in conflict with the Commonwealth or Australia are not permitted to be displayed. Display of historical flags or ensigns of countries that no longer exist is inappropriate. Banners are restricted to one per group and are not to contain any political slogans.

Descendants of Commonwealth and Allied veterans
Descendants of veterans are encouraged to participate to honour the fallen at the express invitation of the contingent leader/organiser. Descendants are to march behind the veterans within the national group. Once again, dress should reflect the occasion, i.e. traditional/national costume or dress (including headdress) is inappropriate.

The national group may have no more than 30 descendants of veterans participate, including banner party and flag bearers. The display of photos, other memorabilia, and the pushing of prams and pushers is not permitted.

Veterans who are unable to march
There are two services available for veterans who are unable to march:
1) RACV sponsored vehicles: This vehicle service is provided by RACV volunteers at the beginning of the March (if your association has not contacted you, contact ANZAC House for bookings). The service provides pick-up from the home of the veteran and carer; transportation to the Melbourne Assembly Area and then to the Shrine of Remembrance; seating under cover; and transportation home.

2) Vehicles participating in the March: As a duty-of-care, all World War II veterans are required to be in a vehicle. For other veterans, if you think you will have difficulty completing the March, you are encouraged to request transport support through your association (if your association has not contacted you, contact ANZAC House for bookings). Veterans travelling in vehicles must remain in the vehicle until the March is completed. The vehicles, which are generously provided by RACV and Car Club volunteers, will be positioned at strategic points in the Assembly Area to provide transport for all World War II veterans.

Vehicles transporting the veterans will travel immediately behind the respective grouped Service and Division Banners for Word War II and Unit/Association banner, as applicable.
Legacy is keeping the promise to care for the families of Australian veterans who have given their lives or health.

The delivery of Legacy benefits and services is carried out by committed volunteer members called Legatees. The Legacy Club of Melbourne is always looking for new Legatees who have the time and enthusiasm to care for the families left in need of vital support.

If you want to learn more about how you can help, please contact info@legacymelb.com.au or Tel (03) 8626 0500.
7th Division
**Depart 0948**: Flinders St east (St Paul’s side)

**BANNERS WILL BE MASSED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER IF THERE ARE NO VETERANS REMAINING**

- 2nd/4th Field Regt RAA
- 2nd/5th Field Regt RAA
- 2nd/6th Field Regt RAA
- 7th Division RAE
- 2nd/4th Field Sqn RAE
- 7th Division Signals
- 18th BDE
  - 2nd/9th Inf Bn
  - 2nd/10th Inf Bn
  - 2nd/12th Inf Bn
- 21st BDE
  - 2nd/14th Inf Bn
  - 2nd/16th Inf Bn
  - 2nd/27th Inf Bn
- 2nd/1st Machine Gun Bn
- 25th BDE
  - 2nd/25th Inf Bn
  - 2nd/31st Inf Bn
  - 2nd/33rd Inf Bn
- 2nd/2nd Pioneer Bn
- 7th Division AASC
- 2nd/6th Field Ambulance

8th Division
**Depart 0951**: Flinders St east (St Paul’s side)

**BANNERS WILL BE MASSED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER IF THERE ARE NO VETERANS REMAINING**

- 2nd/7th Field Regt RAA
- 2nd/8th Field Regt RAA
- 2nd/12th Field Regt RAA
- 2nd/4th Light AA Regt
- 9th Division Sappers Assoc
- 9th Division Signals
- 20th BDE
  - 2nd/13th Inf Bn
  - 2nd/15th Inf Bn
  - 2nd/17th Inf Bn
- 24th BDE
  - 2nd/28th Inf Bn
  - 2nd/32nd Inf Bn
  - 2nd/43rd Inf Bn
- 26th BDE
  - 2nd/23rd Inf Bn
  - 2nd/24th Inf Bn
  - 2nd/48th Inf Bn
- 2nd/3rd Pioneer Bn
- 9th Division AASC

3rd Division
**Depart 1000**: Swanston St west (between Flinders Ln & Collins St)

**BANNERS WILL BE MASSED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER IF THERE ARE NO VETERANS REMAINING**

- 2nd Field Regt
- 4th Field Regt
- 101st Heavy Mortar Company
- 106th Tank Attack Regt
- 4th Field Coy RAE
- 10th Field Coy RAE
- 15th Field Coy RAE
- 53rd Field Park Coy RAE
- 3rd Division Signals
- 26th Inf Bn
- 15 BDE
  - 24th Inf Bn
  - 57th/60th Inf Bn
  - 58th/59th Inf Bn
- 23 BDE
  - 7th Inf Bn
  - 8th Inf Bn
  - 27th Inf Bn
- 42nd Inf Bn
- 3rd Division AASC
- 4th Field Ambulance
- 15th Field Ambulance

5th and 11th Divisions
**Depart 1003**: Swanston St west (between Flinders St & Flinders Ln)

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- 2nd/7th Field Regt RAA
- 2nd/8th Field Regt RAA
- 2nd/12th Field Regt RAA
- 2nd/4th Light AA Regt
- 9th Division Sappers Assoc
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- 20th BDE
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Air Command South East Asia
86 Attack Wing (1 & 93 Sqns, 1 RSU, 30 ASP, 84 OBU)
RAAF Singapore (1, 8, 453, Headquarters Sqns) (Sembawang)
RAAF Malaya

RAAF Europe & Middle East
Depart 1015: Flinders St east (Fed Sq side)

BANNERS WILL BE MASED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER IF THERE ARE NO VETERANS REMAINING

10 & 461 Sqn
RAAF Rhodesia
463 & 467 Sqns
3 Sqn (Desert Air Force) Desert Air Force Assoc (3, 450, 451, 454, 458, 459, 462, Air Ambulance Sqn)
455 Sqn
458 Sqn
460 Sqn
Odd Bods (UK) Assoc
RAF Assoc
Pathfinder Force

RAAF SW Pacific
Depart 1020: Flinders St east (Fed Sq side)

BANNERS WILL BE MASED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER IF THERE ARE NO VETERANS REMAINING

11, 20, 42 & 43 Sqns (Catalina Club)
2 Sqn (Hudsons)
4 Repair & Salvage Unit
18 Sqn (Netherlands East Indies RAAF)
4 Tactical Reconnaissance Sqn
36 Sqn (Dakotas)
RAAF Beaufort Sqns Assoc
22 Sqn
23 & 24 Sqn (Liberators)
30 Sqn (Beaufighters)
31 Sqn (Beaufighters)
Repair & Salvage Units
22 Repair & Salvage Unit
78A Fighter Wing (75, 78, 80 Sqns)
9 Repair & Salvage Unit
2 Mobile Works Unit
2 Airfield Construction Sqn
3 Airfield Construction Sqn
4 Works Maintenance Unit & Airfield Construction Sqn
5 Airfield Construction Sqn
6 Mobile Works Unit
7 Mobile Works Unit
1.8 & 14 Airfield Construction Sqns
RAAF Wireless Units
RAAF Radar Units
112 Mobile Fighter Control Unit
Training & Support Units & 14 Stores Unit

British Commonwealth Occupation Force
Depart 1030: Swanston St west (opp City Sq)

BANNERS FOLLOWED BY VETERANS IN VEHICLES

Korean, Malaya & Borneo Veterans
Depart 1030: Swanston St west (opp City Sq)

Vietnam
Depart 1040: Collins St east (south side)

Australian Army Training Team Vietnam
Headquarters AFV & ATF & ALSG
1st Armoured Regt Assoc
Royal Australian Armoured Corps Assoc
1 APC Tp, 4/19th FWLH and 3 Cavalry Regt
RAAF Vietnam Veterans Assoc
1, 4, 12 Field Regts Royal Australian Artillery
104 Field Battery Assoc
“A” Field Battery Assoc
131 Divisional Location Battery
Royal Australian Engineers
Vietnam Assoc
Vietnam Tunnel Rats Assoc
Signals Vietnam Assoc

Royal Australian Regiment
Depart 1050: Collins St east (south side)

Leader RAR
6th Bn RAR
7th Bn RAR
8th Bn RAR
9th Bn RAR
5th/7th Bn RAR
1st Bn RAR
2nd Bn RAR
3rd Bn RAR
4th Bn RAR
5th Bn RAR

Vietnam
Depart 1100: Collins St east (south side)

Special Air Service Regt
161 Reconnaissance Sqn
RAASC Vietnam and RACT Assoc
85 Transport Platoon
86 Transport Platoon
87 Transport Platoon
7 Petrol Platoon
Royal Australian Army Medical Corps Assoc
1 Field Hospital
Field Ambulances
RAAOC Assoc
Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
Vietnam Assoc
1 Arm Sgn LAD
101 Field Workshops
1 Field Sqn Workshop
102 Field Workshops
106 Field Workshops
1 Australian Civil Affairs Unit
Civilian Medical Teams
Vietnam Assoc
RAAF Vietnam Veterans
RAAF Police

Post 1975 Veterans
Depart 1110: Collins St west (south side)

Peacekeepers & Peace maker Operational Service since Vietnam
Iraq
Afghanistan

Auxiliary Services
Depart 1155: Collins St west (north side)

Royal Victoria Regt Assoc
Royal Australian Engineers Assoc
Australian Intelligence Assoc
Victoria
Royal Australian Corps of Military Police Assoc
Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers Assoc
Royal Australian Army Pay Corps Assoc

Defence and National Services
Depart 1120: Flinders St west (south side)

National Servicemen’s Assoc
OTU Scheyville Assoc

Boer War Descendants
Depart 1125: Collins St east

WW1 Descendants (Australia)
Depart 1125: Collins St east

WW2 Descendants (Australia)
Depart 1130: Collins St east

Commonwealth Forces
Depart 1140: Princes Walk

British Veterans Combined Assocs
British Household Division
Royal Marines and Airborne Divisions
Royal Artillery Assoc
Dunkirk veterans
Scottish veterans
Maltese veterans
Ceylonese veterans
Indian veterans
Canadian veterans
South African veterans
Rhodesian veterans
Assyrian Levies
Karen Assoc
WW1 & WW2 Descendants (Commonwealth Forces)

Allied Forces
Depart 1150: Princes Walk

United States of America veterans
French veterans
Dutch veterans
Polish veterans
Russian veterans
Greek veterans
Turkish veterans
Italian veterans
Serbian ESL Sub-Branch
WW1 & WW2 Descendants (Allied Forces)

ANF Group
Depart 1155: Princes Bridge

Scouts, Guides and Cadets
Depart 1200: Princes Bridge

Marshal Group
Depart 1200: Princes Bridge
Grouped banners
Banners that are grouped will be placed into the March by Marshals in the traditional Order of March. The banners will be carried by scouts, school groups or ADF cadets. However, descendants may also carry the banners, under the direction of Marshals.

Dress
As the ANZAC Day March is an act of remembrance and commemoration, dress should reflect the dignity of the occasion. Children accompanying adults should be of an age to be able to complete the March, and be dressed appropriately.

Security
The Victorian Police will be delivering a police response similar to 2016. Obviously, further reviews and assessments will be made to ensure another safe and successful ANZAC Day in Melbourne.

First aid
St John Ambulance first aid points and Ambulance Victoria MICA personnel will be located in the Assembly Area, along St Kilda Road, the Shrine Forecourt and the dispersal point.

Dismissal of marchers
Formations/Units are to be dismissed after they have marched passed the flag poles on the eastern side of the Shrine Forecourt. They are requested to move well clear of the dismissal area after they have completed the March. Refreshments will be provided by the Salvation Army prior to proceeding to the Commemoration Service at the conclusion of the March.

Commemoration Service
There will be a short Commemoration Service and Reflection led by the State President of the RSL and addressed by the Governor of Victoria the Honourable Linda Dessau AM.
ANZAC DAY 2017

100 years ago
• 9 January 1917: A mixed force of Australian and New Zealand Light Horsemen attack Turkish positions at Rafa, removing the last Turkish presence in Sinai.
• 23 February–5 April 1917: Germans withdraw to the Hindenburg Line, a massive defensive position along the Western Front.
• 6 April 1917: USA declares war on Germany.
• 10 April 1917: First Battle of Bullecourt. The plan for the attack exposes the AIF to severe German fire without support from its own artillery. More than 1000 Australians are taken prisoner, the largest number in a single action in the war.
• 3–17 May 1917: Second Battle of Bullecourt. Better coordination of the battle leads to the eventual capture of the village of Bullecourt for little significant strategic advantage. In the two battles, the Australians lose 10,000 men.
• 7 June 1917: Battle of Messines, involving two Australian Divisions. Troops capture Messines Ridge, but the 3rd Australian Division loses 4100 men and the 4th loses 2700 men.
• 31 July 1917: Third Battle of Ypres commences. In a series of water-logged battles in Belgium, around Ypres and Passchendaele, Australian casualties soar. Four Australian Divisions lose more than 11,000 men in less than two weeks of fighting. For the Australians, 1917 was the worst year of the war.
• 31 October 1917: Charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade at Beersheba, described as the "last great cavalry charge in history".
• 6 November 1917: Following the victory at Beersheba, Turkish forces withdraw from Gaza.
• 11 December 1917: General Allenby makes a ceremonial entrance into Jerusalem, which the Australian Light Horse had helped to capture; this was described as "a Christmas present to the British nation".
• 23 December 1917: Russia signs an Armistice with Germany.

Summary
The vast majority of Australians know the significance of ANZAC Day, but it is very important that we explain its significance to those people whose forebears did not serve, or who are relatively new residents of Australia. We must interpret the significance of ANZAC Day during the Centenary period, so they can also understand and join in. As we know, it is a day of respect for our war dead, and for people who served and died to preserve our way of life. It is also about reflecting on those Australian values and attributes which we hold dear.

2017 marks a significant year in our Commemoration of the Centenary of World War I, and also the 75th anniversary of the Tobruk and New Guinea campaigns of World War II. We owe it to those who have gone before, those who are yet to come, and those who currently carry the flame, to ensure the day is as dignified and respectable as possible, by abiding by the guidelines and directions of volunteer Marshals at each of these important services and events.

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