# ANZAC DAY







## ANZAC DAY 2020

#### **COMMUNITY STREET EVENT**

In these unique times we look to unique solutions to the problems we face.

This ANZAC Day (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April) we are encouraging all residents to gather at the end of their driveway as a family at 5.55am

Tune in on the Radio or online.

At 6am in some townships, the last post will be sounded across the town followed by a minute's silence and then reveille.

As a family we ask you to recite the ode to the fallen.

This simple ceremony will allow us to pay tribute alone yet very much united.

DIFFERENT RSLS ARE FILMING A SMALL CEREMONY IF YOU ARE ABLE TO TUNE IN ONLINE:

Macclesfield <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MacclesfieldRSL/">https://www.facebook.com/MacclesfieldRSL/</a>

**Littlehampton** radio station 87.6FM

https://www.facebook.com/LittlehamptonCommunityAssociation/

Mt Barker <a href="https://www.facebook.com/welcometomtbarker/">https://www.facebook.com/welcometomtbarker/</a>

Hills Radio 88.9fm

## LET US REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE UP THEIR TOMORROW SO WE MAY HAVE OUR TODAY.

## THE ODE

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.



#### PARLIAMENTARIANS REFLECT...

On ANZAC Day, each and every one of our local communities in the Hills gathers to commemorate, to honour, to mourn and to remember all of those who served in armed conflict. We commemorate too, those who served and suffered with them; the families, wives and children of our soldiers. This is truly a day of great singular significance, for our nation as a whole, but the more so and very particularly for every small town. Our Hills communities are no different. From Clarendon to Echunga, Wistow to Macclesfield, Stirling to Mylor, the losses during the First World War in particular were devastating to our small communities, as each memorial stands to record. This year we gather in a different way, but no less, to remember them. Lest we forget.



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During each ANZAC Day service there is a moment for quiet reflection. Often, it is a moment to remember that very few ANZACs were professional soldiers. Instead, they were farmers, clerks, teachers, grocers, builders and accountants who were each motivated by a deep sense of duty and service.

Their sense of duty and service has informed the collective ethic of Australian and New Zealand defence forces since 1915.

This year, we are not able to come together for ANZAC Day. I understand that ANZAC Day services were also disrupted in 1942 when government orders prohibited large public gatherings in case of Japanese air attack.

Today, it is also important to remember the deeply moving kindness of Kemal Ataturk, a Turkish Commander at Gallipoli and later President of Turkey. His words, reflecting on an invading force, are engraved at ANZAC Cove. In part, the inscription reads: "There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us... After having lost their lives on this land [the ANZACs] have become our sons as well."

When I stop to reflect on the meaning of ANZAC Day I think of young people.

The gender balance is changing in the defence forces and we know that women certainly did not remain untouched by war, but for the most part our history shows that it was our young men who were sent into battle to make the ultimate sacrifice.

As a mother of two young men I find that confronting. My heart goes out the mothers and the families in Australia in 1914 who waved farewell to their young men as they departed for the battlefields of World War 1. Too few returned. For a relatively young nation with a relatively small population this loss was felt deeply.

Between 1914 and 1918 Australia had a population of four million people. Just under 39 per cent of the able-bodied male adult population enlisted, that is 416,809 Australians aged 18 to 44 years. Over 60,000 were killed, 156,000 wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner and nearly 88,000 suffered from war-related diseases or conditions.

That is a staggering percentage. No community was left untouched and you can see the legacy of the impact of that grief in the war memorials, the war memorial halls and the war memorial hospitals that exists in just about every Australian locality.

The United Kingdom lost nearly five times as many men as Australia and New Zealand in the brutal Gallipoli campaign in Turkey. The French lost more men than the Australians. But our losses, both as a proportion of our forces committed and of our small populations, were terrible. More than Federation, this campaign drew Australia into nationhood, bloodied and scarred.

All losses on all sides were terrible.

I did a tour of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra for the first time last month. As parliamentarian you are either working in Parliament House, or sleeping in a hotel, when in Canberra but I was determined to make some time to visit some of the sites of our nation's capital. Many people told me that the War Memorial would be a highlight. For me it was emotionally overwhelming. There was so much needless loss, so much cruelty; I found it difficult to process.

It is also worth noting, in today's current pandemic, that a century ago Australia faced a similar health emergency at the tail end of World War 1 when the Spanish flu came to our shores. Shocking fatalities were still being reported from on the European western front when the first cases appeared in 1918.

From 1919 onwards about 40 per cent of the Australian population (mostly aged between 25 and 40 – a similar demographic to the WW1 fighting force) would contract the flu. This pandemic (which actually started in the United States, not Spain) ended up killing 13,000 Australians and more than 20 million people worldwide. We were a country that had become accustomed to high death rates during the war years but this pandemic affected us significantly.

But it could have hit us even harder if the governments of the day had not acted, introducing public education campaigns, maritime and state border quarantine measures and bans on large public gatherings. Social isolation and quarantine measures worked. It spread the impact over a longer time frame and bought the healthcare system of the day more time.

Historians believe another 10,000 to 15,000 people would have died without these measures. Australia is much larger, our healthcare system is significantly better today and COVID-19 is less deadly, for our young people at least.

However, now is time for Australians to show the same selfless duty to nationhood that our war-weary population

demonstrated a century ago and follow the social distancing protocols.

We are living in extraordinary circumstances and at a time of tremendous concern for many in our communities.

We must remember that we are a community and we are all in this together.

Rebekha Sharkie MP





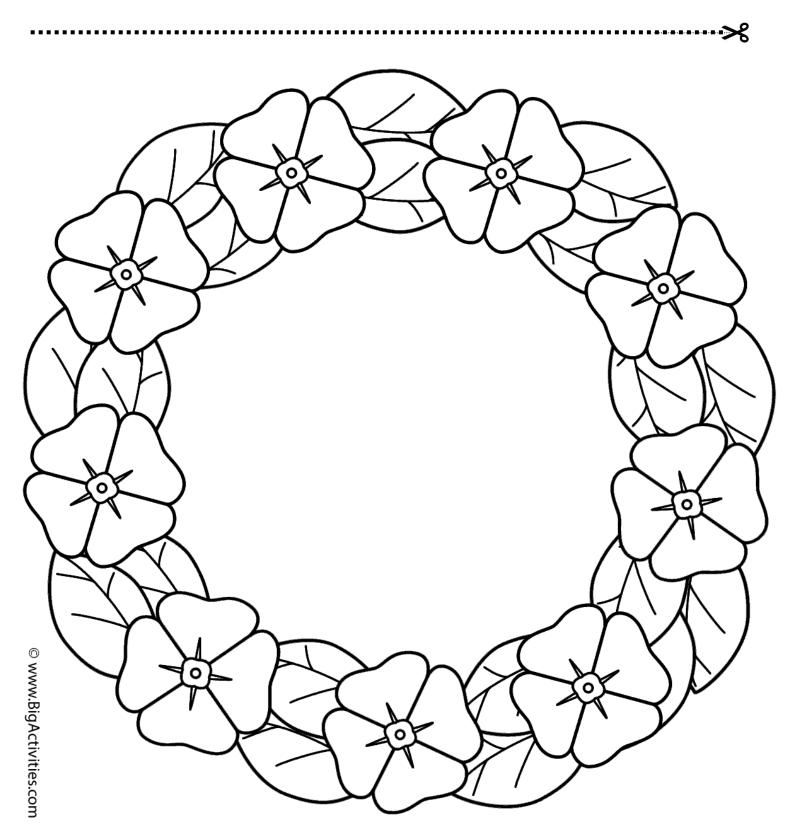
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### FLORAL WREATH

GLUE TO CARDBOARD AND COLOUR IN, THEN CUT OUT AND PLACE IT AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY ON ANZAC DAY. LATER YOU COULD ALSO PLACE IT THE LOCAL WAR MEMORIAL.



#### **RESEARCH**

Ask a family member if any one in their family served in the Military?

What can you find out about them?

Virtual War Memorial Australia: www.vwma.org.au

Australian War Memorial: www.awm.gov.au

National Archives of Australia: www.naa.gov.au

### TAKE A VIRTUAL BATTLEFIELD TOUR

Download the free ANZAC 360 app from the App Store or Google Play

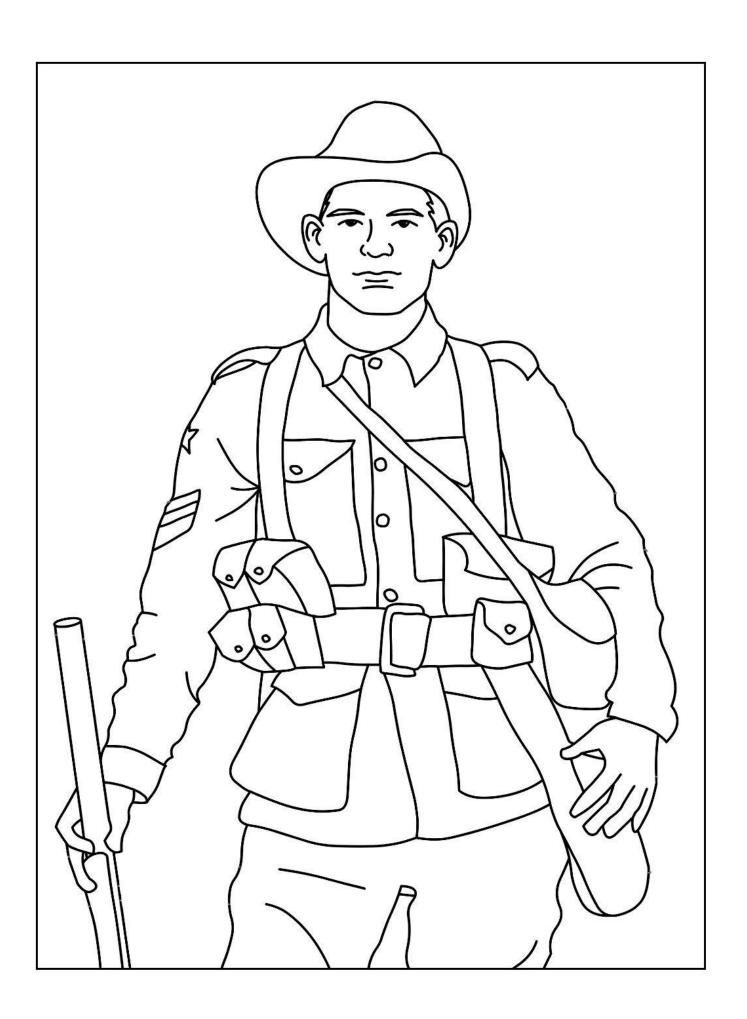


#### LISTEN TO A VETERANS STORY

ANZAC Portal: www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE?

1. What does ANZAC stand for:					
A	N	Z A C			
2. What	t is a Catafalque Party	?			
3. What	t date did the ANZACS	Sland at Gallipoli?			
4. Whic	ch flower is the ANZAC	Day Symbol?			
5. Why	is the flower significa	nt?			
6. Wha	t is 'Hard tack', and w	hat is it made out of?			
7. Wha	t does ANZAC Wreath	mean?			
8. Wha	t herb is the emblem	of remembrance?			
9. Wha	t instrument plays the	e Last Post?			
10. Wh	v were Australian Solo	diers called 'Diggers'?			

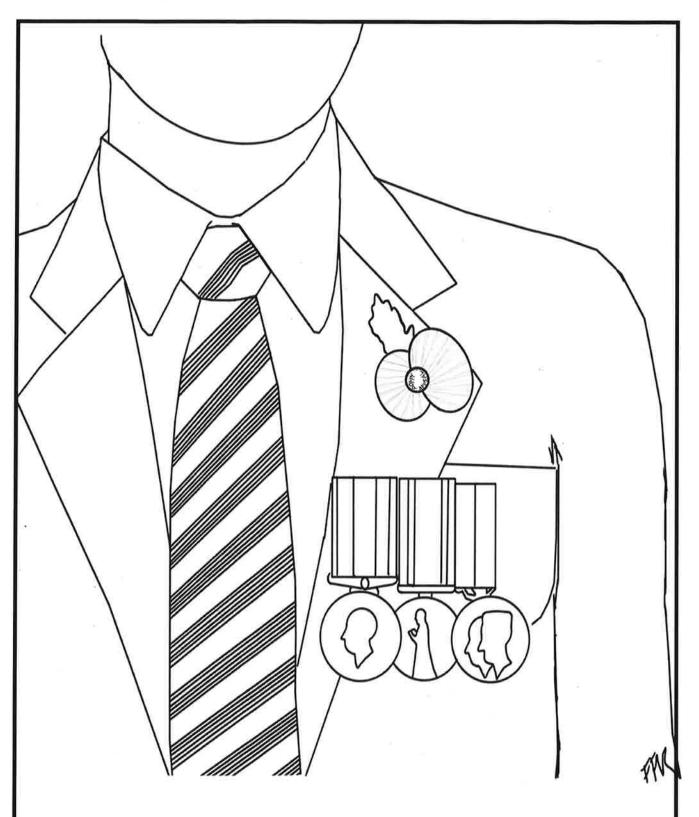




In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

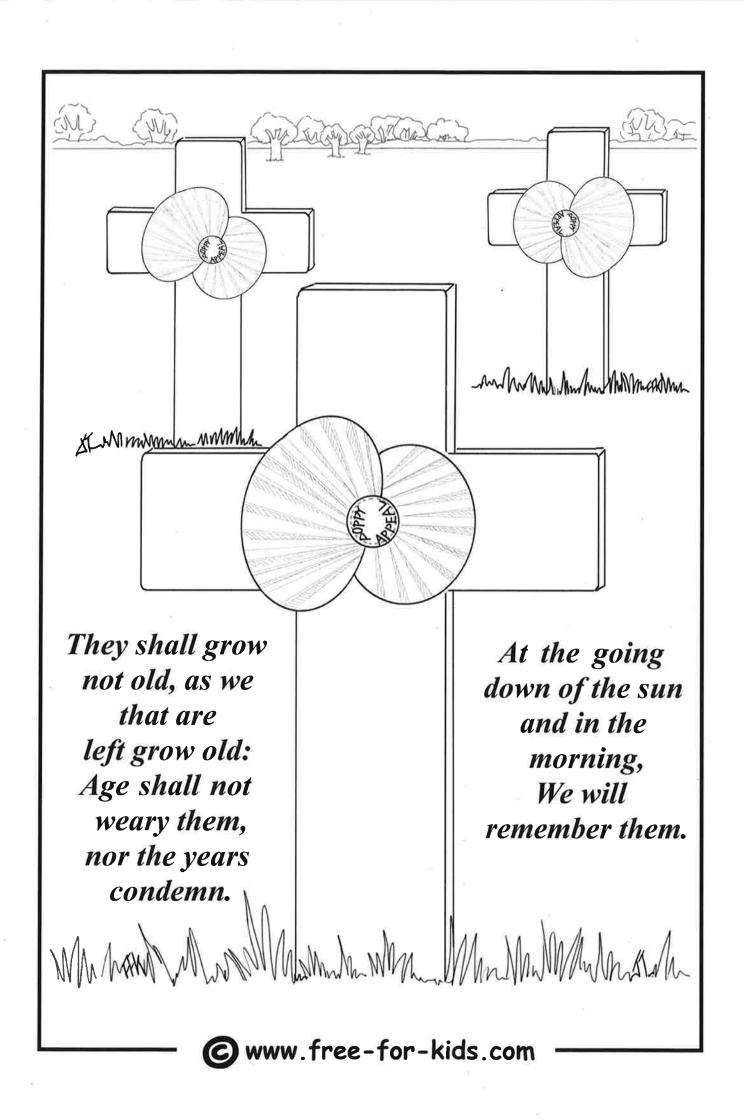


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#### THE MAYOR'S ANZAC BISCUITS

#### **Ingredients**

175g	Rolled Oats	175g	Butter
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150gm Plain Flour 1 Tsp Bi-carb Soda 275g Sugar ¼ Cup Golden Syrup ½ Tsp Salt 100ml Boiling Water

65g Coconut

#### Method

Pre-heat oven 170 degrees.

Combine all dry ingredients, and mix well.

In a large saucepan, melt Butter & Golden Syrup. In another bowl mix boiling water and bi-carb soda together, then add to saucepan, continually stirring

Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients and mix well.

Using an ice cream scoop, place on tray allowing space for biscuits to spread.

Bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown.



Anzac Day this year will be different than any other year on record.

The men women and animals that went to war and gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy the amazing freedom we have.

To the family's who waved their loved ones farewell.

The tears and pain that is felt by all is indescribable . Not only is it on this very special day but every day of the year .

I salute all the forces that are serving and those that have returned home broken .we thank them for being the dedicated Australians that they are . To those who have numerous trips we thank you.

We thank your family's for their support. Lest We Forget

Mayor Ann Ferguson

### MEMORIALS IN OUR DISTRICT

Lay your wreath at a Memorial in our District.

