



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE PROGRAM

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS MEMORIAL

MOUNT CLARENCE, ALBANY, WA

25 APRIL 2025

Order of Service

Catafalque Party

Catafalque Party & Flag Orderlies Mount Guard
11/28 RWAR and 505 Army Cadets

Australian and New Zealand National Anthems

Angela Gorman and Reverend Jacqui Chesley - Ingle

Prayer of Remembrance

The Reverend Canon Karen Cave

Hymn

Abide With Me

Anzac Day Dawn Service Address

CAPT James Topham, NZ Defence Force

Letter Reading

Allegra Palmer, Bethel School Albany

Wreath Laying

Wreath layers to assemble on left of the memorial

Ode

Rex Hendriks, President Albany RSL

Last Post

Bugler, City of Albany Band

Silence

One minute sacred silence

Reveille

Bugler, City of Albany Band

Benediction

The Reverend Canon Karen Cave

Catafalque Party and Flag Orderlies

Dismount Guard

Firing of Flares

Albany Sea Rescue

ANZAC Requiem

*We invite all guests to join us for a Gunfire Breakfast at the
Albany Entertainment Centre*

“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 Jonnies and the Mehemets 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.”

Text from the Ari Burnu Memorial, Gallipoli

History of the Dawn Service

In 1912 Father Arthur Ernest White came to Western Australia to become a Priest member of the Bush Brotherhood of Saint Boniface based at Williams and first visited Albany in October that year. In 1916 he sailed in a troopship from Fremantle bound for the Great War in Europe after joining the first Australian Imperial Force (AIF). He had been appointed Army Chaplain (Padre) to the 44th Infantry Battalion.

Padre White returned to Western Australia from the war in Europe in early 1918., due to treatment for a worsening ear condition.

After a brief stint serving both the Army and the Church in the Eastern States of Australia in September 1929 he returned to Western Australia to become the Rector of Albany.

It was on the first Anzac Day of his incumbency, 25 April 1930 that he celebrated a Requiem Mass for the Battle Dead at St John's at Dawn. Directly after the Requiem, Father White, the choir and congregation moved in procession to the nearby War memorial for a simple wreath laying ceremony, which concluded with the words "As the sun rises and goeth down, we will remember them".

It is reported that after this service the following and subsequent years, he and fellow members of the congregation climbed to the summit of Mount Clarence, where from the same viewpoint the people of Albany had gathered to watch the convoy of ships leave for the Great War in 1914.

In memory of those troops, Padre White had arranged for a boatman to cast a wreath in King George Sound at the harbour entrance. The Dawn Service at Albany differed to others by the laying of a wreath on the Sound, where the majority of the troops bound for the Great War had their last view of Australia.

Opposite Image: Private William Albert Betts, of the 10th Light Horse Regiment, enlisted in 1915. Wounded at Gallipoli, he lost his right eye and endured lifelong pain. After the war, he led a quiet life, finding comfort in literature and returning to his family's farm. He passed away in 1955, remembered for his gentle nature and sense of humour.

706, Pte William Albert BETTS, 706, 10 LHR

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free,
With 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

God Defend New Zealand

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



Prayer of Remembrance

The Reverend Canon Karen Cave

Lord God, help us this day to remember the sacrifice of the first ANZACs, Australian and New Zealander, and the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace.

Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and disabilities of their service. Help us to remember the widows, girlfriends, parents and orphans of all those who waited in vain for the return of a loved one.

Help us to remember the mateship, agony, courage, and compassion of war service, but save us from ever glorifying the horror and tragedy of war. Lord God, help us to remember.

Amen



ABIDE WITH ME

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.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, 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.

Hold thou Thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and Earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

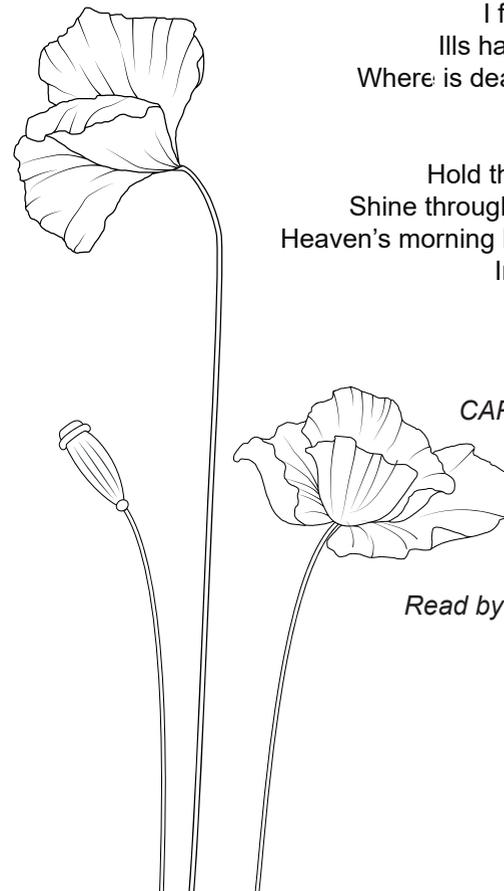
Formal Address

CAPT James Topham, NZ Defence Force

Letter Reading

Private William Albert Betts

Read by Allegra Palmer, Bethel School Albany



Wreath Laying

Captain Michael Tugwell, CSM (Retd)

Ode

Rex Hendriks, President Albany RSL

They went with songs to the battle,
They were young, straight of limb
True of eye, steady and aglow
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted
They fell with their faces to the foe.

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

Lest we forget

Last Post and Reveille

Bugler, City of Albany Band

Benediction

The Reverend Canon Karen Cave

Go out into the world in peace. Be brave; Keep hold of what is good.
Never pay back wrong for wrong; Encourage the faint hearted;
Support the weak and distressed; Give due honour to everyone.
Be always joyful and give thanks for whatever happens for this is
what God wills for you.

Amen

Catafalque Party and Flag Orderlies Dismount Guard



ANZAC Requiem

On this day, above all days, we recall those who did not return with us to receive the welcome of their nation;

Those who still sleep where we left them, amid the holly scrub in the valleys and on the ridges of Gallipoli; on the rocky terrace hills of Palestine; in the lovely cemeteries of France; in the shimmering haze of the Libyan Desert, of Bardia, Derna, Tobruk, amid the mountain passes and olive groves of Greece and Crete; the rugged snow capped hills of Syria; the rich jungles of Malaya, New Guinea, and the Pacific Islands, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and in our own far north; and in many unknown resting places.

We are thinking of those of our Women's Services who gave their lives in our own and foreign lands, and particularly of those who proved, in so much more than name, the sisters of our fighting men.

We recall those staunch friends who fought beside us on the first ANZAC Day - our brothers from New Zealand, who helped create that name; the men from the Royal Navy, and of the 29th and other British Divisions, the Indian mountain gunners and our brave French allies.

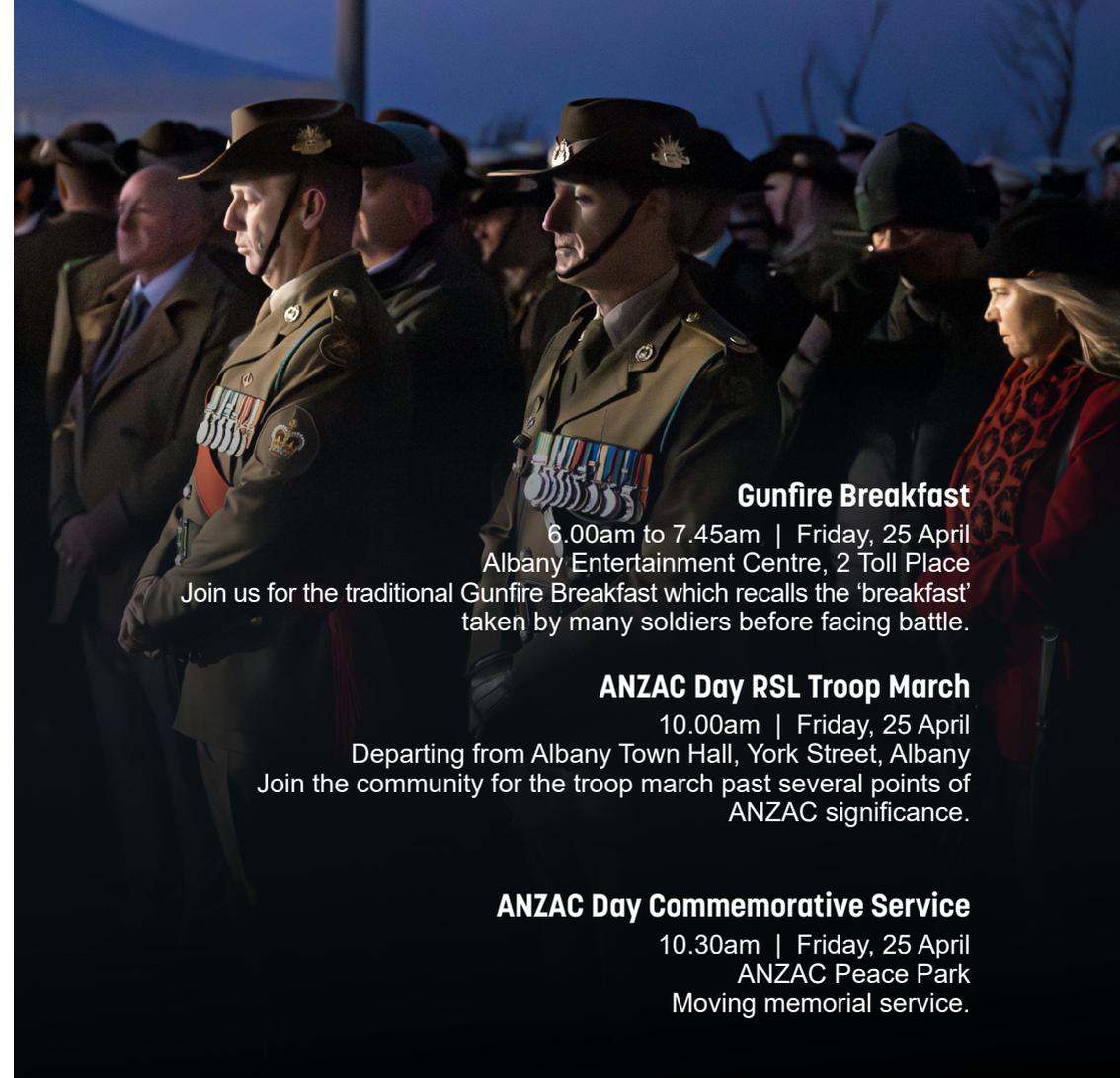
We recall all those who have fallen fighting shoulder to shoulder with us in both world wars - who gave their lives in the Eighth Army, the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force and all the British and Dominion forces and Merchant Navy, and the ranks of American allies who came to our call for deliverance.

We think of those British men, women and children who fell when, for the second time in history, their nation and its kindred stood alone against the overwhelming might of an oppressor until the world rallied to hurl him back.

We think of the peaceful millions in prostrated Europe, in defiant Greece, Russia and China, whose graves have cried for their longed-for deliverance.

We think of our loyal friends among the people of New Guinea and elsewhere.

We think of every man, woman and child who in those crucial hours died so that the light of freedom and humanity might continue to shine.



Gunfire Breakfast

6.00am to 7.45am | Friday, 25 April

Albany Entertainment Centre, 2 Toll Place

Join us for the traditional Gunfire Breakfast which recalls the 'breakfast' taken by many soldiers before facing battle.

ANZAC Day RSL Troop March

10.00am | Friday, 25 April

Departing from Albany Town Hall, York Street, Albany

Join the community for the troop march past several points of ANZAC significance.

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service

10.30am | Friday, 25 April

ANZAC Peace Park

Moving memorial service.

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