# **ANZAC DAY ALBANY**

Frequently Asked Questions





### INTRODUCTION

Anzac Day has special significance in Albany as it is purportedly the site of Australia's first Dawn Service conducted by Padre White.

Run by the RSL Albany Sub-branch, Albany's Anzac Day services bring the community and visitors together in remembrance of our fallen soldiers.

Lest we forget.

# **DAWN SERVICE**

5.30am | 25 April Desert Mounted Corps Memorial, Albany Heritage Park

#### **GENERAL QUESTIONS**

How do I get to the Dawn Service at Mt Clarence?

The only access to Mt Clarence is via free shuttle buses from the Albany Entertainment Centre and Middleton Beach Bus Port between 3.30-5.00am. Please do not use the walking trails.

What time should I arrive?

Please arrive at the Desert Mounted Corps no later than 5.15am for a 5.30am start. Please note that the service will require full silence as it commences at 5.30am.

Do I need a ticket to attend the service? No, unless otherwise directed by State Health Guidelines.

Will there be road closures?

Apex Drive leading up to the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial will be closed to vehicles and foot traffic to allow the free shuttlebus service to run with minimal disruption.

What should I expect?

It can get quite cold due to the early time of the event and the high likelihood of standing for long periods of time. There is limited first aid and amenities available on site and there is no seating available.

What happens if there is bad weather? Unless the weather conditions are considered too dangerous to proceed such as thunder and lightning; the Dawn Service will proceed. Is there an undercover area? No.

What can I bring?

It will be dark when you arrive, so we recommend you bring a torch, suitable attire for the cool weather, including a raincoat or poncho in case of inclement weather

Can I take photos?

Yes, but we ask for respect and no flashes are to be used during the Dawn Service.

What amenities will be available at Mt Clarence?

Amenities at the Dawn Service are extremely limited. There will be no refreshments available at this site and limited toilets.

Can I lay a wreath during the Dawn Service? Once the official wreath laying has occurred, the public will be given an opportunity to come to the front to lay a wreath.

Will there be space at the front so children and shorter people can be in an area where they can see?

There are no assigned areas, and it is first in best dressed to secure your position for the service.

Can I bring my dog?

No dogs or other pets are permitted at the Albany Dawn Service. The only dogs allowed at the site are Guide Dogs or Certified Companion Dogs.

#### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

Please do not bring the following items to the Dawn Service:

- Picnic blankets or baskets
- Umbrellas
- · Eskys
- · Chairs
- · Tents

#### **ACCESSIBILITY**

I have mobility restrictions. Can I attend Mt Clarence?

There will be no seating at Mt Clarence. It is strongly recommended that patrons with mobility restrictions, parents with children and strollers or patrons that may find standing and walking for long periods of time difficult consider attending one of the service livestreams. These are hosted at the Albany Entertainment Centre, Anzac Peace Park or it can be watched online from the comfort of your own home on the National Anzac Centre Facebook page or website.

Is there wheelchair and accessible facilities? There is no accessible parking at Mt Clarence and no seating available. It is advised that you attend the livestream at the Albany Entertainment Centre or Anzac Peace Park or via the National Anzac Centre website or Facebook page.

#### SHUTTLEBUS SERVICE

Where does the bus depart from?

There will be shuttlebuses running from two locations: Albany Entertainment Centre and the Middleton Beach Bus Port.

Does it cost anything to use the shuttlebus service?

The shuttlebus service is free, but donations are welcomed to assist the RSL Albany Sub-Branch in providing this service. \$5 is recommended.

Can I pre-book, reserve or buy a ticket for the shuttlebus service or Dawn Service?

No, you will not require a ticket for the shuttlebus to the Dawn Service unless otherwise directed by State Health quidelines.

How often will the buses run?

Shuttlebuses will run at approximately 15-minute intervals or as required from 3.30am to 5.00am.

Can I use the shuttlebus if I am in a wheelchair, use a walker or crutches?

The Albany Dawn Service shuttlebus service is not wheelchair accessible. Walkers and crutches can be accommodated for as long as patrons are able to mount three bus steps to board. Where do I park?

Parking is available to the east of the Albany Entertainment Centre and Hilton Garden Inn Albany on the Princess Royal Harbour foreshore area.

Patrons will be able to park in the normal parking bays in front of the Albany Surf Life Saving Club for the Middleton Beach shuttlebus service.

What time will the bus drop us off again? Shuttlebuses will begin to transport visitors back to their pickup location at the conclusion of the Dawn Service at approximately 6.00am. All attendees can expect to be back at their pickup locations by 6.45am to 7.00am.



## **ALBANY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE - DAWN SERVICE LIVESTREAM**

Doors open from 5.00am | 25 April Albany Entertainment Centre, 2 Toll Place

Is the livestream ticketed?

No, unless otherwise directed by State Health Guidelines.

If required by State Health Guidelines, can we show up and get tickets on the day?

If as directed by State Health Guidelines the Albany Entertainment Centre Dawn Service Livestream needs to be ticketed, these tickets can be reserved prior to Anzac Day via the Albany Entertainment Centre website or Box Office at (08) 9844 5005.

How much does it cost?

The livestream is free, but tickets must be reserved to account for seating requirements.

Can we bring a pram for the kids?

Prams must be left outside the auditorium.

Is it wheelchair accessible?

The Albany Entertainment Centre Dawn Service Livestream is wheelchair accessible. It is recommended that patrons notify the Albany Entertainment Centre in advance of your mobility requirements.

Will there be a screening of the Troop March and Commemorative Service?

No, there is only a livestream of the Dawn Service.

Will there be a re-screening later in the day? No, the livestream is only broadcast once at the Albany Entertainment Centre, however it can be viewed online via the City of Albany's YouTube page.

# **ANZAC PEACE PARK - DAWN SERVICE LIVESTREAM**

5.30am | 25 April Princess Royal Drive

Is there an undercover area?

No, there is no undercover area available.

What if the weather is bad?

Unless the weather conditions are considered too dangerous to proceed such as thunder and lightning; the Dawn Service Livestream at Anzac Peace Park will proceed.

Can I bring an umbrella? Yes.

Can I lay a wreath?

Visitors are welcome to lay a wreath at the Anzac Peace Park Dawn Service Livestream at the base of the flagpoles in the area. No formal requests or procedures are required.

What can I bring?

Visitors are welcome to bring chairs, rugs, and drink coolers to the Anzac Peace Park Dawn Service Livestream. Dogs are also welcome, but must adhere to all standard expectations of bringing a dog into a public place, e.g. being on leash and picking up after them.

Where are the toilets?

Portable toilets (including disabled toilets) will be provided at Anzac Peace Park for the livestream.

# **GUNFIRE BREAKFAST**

6.00am to 8.30am | 25 April Albany Entertainment Centre, 2 Toll Place

Are there options for food intolerances/allergies/vegan?

The Gunfire Breakfast cannot cater for intolerances, allergies or dietary preferences. The Gunfire Breakfast usually consists of a hamburger in a bun with onion and condiments, or sausages in bread with tea and coffee.

Is it free to attend the Gunfire Breakfast? The Albany RSL Sub-branch asks that attendees of the Gunfire Breakfast contribute a donation to help fund their Anzac Day Services. \$5 is the recommended amount.

Can I bring my dog?

The only dogs permitted at the Gunfire Breakfast are Guide Dogs or Certified Companion Dogs.

Is there a coffee van available?

Tea and coffee are supplied at the Gunfire Breakfast. HazBeans Coffee Shop on the foreshore is also open.

Is seating provided?

Limited seating is provided at the Gunfire Breakfast

Where do I park?

Parking is available to the east of the Albany Entertainment Centre and Hilton Garden Inn Albany on the Princess Royal Harbour foreshore area.

Who do I speak to for more information? Get in touch with the RSL Albany Sub-Branch's Service Director Michael Tugwell via **metco03**@ **outlook.com** or by calling 0421 647 301.

## TROOP MARCH & COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Form up at 9.30am, march commences at 10.00am | 25 April York Street & Anzac Peace Park

Where is it?

The Troop March starts at the top of York Street in Albany's CBD and the processions march down York Street to complete the march in Anzac Peace Park. From here, the Commemorative Service begins.

Where do I park?

York Street and Serpentine Road South will be closed to all traffic from 9.00am to 11.45am. Grey Street and Peels Place will also be closed out to the first street/road junctions. Parking will be available on York St before 9.00am.

Parking on side roads is recommended.

How long does it go for?

The Troop March commences its procession down York Street at 10.00am, with the Commemorative Service starting at 10.30am. This service is normally completed by 11.30am. Can I bring my dog?

Dogs are welcome at the Commemorative Service, but must adhere to all standard expectations of bringing a dog into a public place, e.g. being on leash and picking up after them.

How do I participate in the march?

Get in touch with the RSL Albany Sub-Branch's Service Director Michael Tugwell for more information on how to be involved via metco03@outlook.com or by calling 0421 647 301.

Can I still get in to the businesses on York Street during the march?

Access to York Street will still be available on foot however due to Anzac Day being a public holiday opening hours may differ to normal.

## **NATIONAL ANZAC CENTRE**

25 April 67 Forts Road, Mount Clarence

What special things do you do at the National Anzac Centre for Anzac Day?

For information on special events, head to www.nationalanzaccentre.com.au/events

How much does it cost to enter the National Anzac Centre on Anzac Day?

The National Anzac Centre retains its standard ticket pricing on Anzac Day, which are listed online at

www.nationalanzaccentre.com/tickets

What hours is the National Anzac Centre open on Anzac Day?

The National Anzac centre is open for its standard opening hours on Anzac Day, from 9.00am to 5.00pm (last entry at 4.00pm).



- 2 Dawn Service 5.30am | Desert Mounted Corps Memorial, Albany Heritage Park, Mt Clarence Access via shuttlebus ONLY
- 3 Dawn Service Shuttlebus Pick up and Drop off From 3.30am - 5.00am Albany Entertainment Centre
- Dawn Service Livestream 5.00am Albany Entertainment Centre
- 5 Gunfire Breakfast 6.00am - 7.00am Albany Entertainment Centre
- 6 Dawn Service Livestream 5.00am Anzac Peace Park
- 7 Commemorative Service 10.30am Anzac Peace Park
- 8 Troop March 10.00am York Street

#### HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS ABOUT THE EVENTS?