

City of Newcastle

ANZAC DAY

APRIL 25TH

2025 PROGRAM



Lest we forget





ANZAC Day Services

Event Schedule and Details

Date and Time Map Location	Service and Address	
Friday 25 April 5:00am - 6:00am	ANZAC Day Dawn Service Camp Shortland, Pasha Way, Newcastle	
9:15am - 10:00am	ANZAC Day March Hunter Street (Newcomen to Brown) to Civic Park, King Street, Newcastle	START END
10:00am - 11:00am	United Commemoration Service Civic Park, King Steet, Newcastle	
12:00pm - 4:00pm	Firing of the Guns	





ANZAC History

25 April 1915

The traditional ANZAC ideals of courage, endurance and mateship, which are still relevant today, were established on 25 April 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

It was the start of a campaign that lasted eight months and resulted in some 25,000 Australian casualties, including 8,700 killed or subsequently died of wounds or disease.

The men who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula created a legend, adding the word 'ANZAC' to our vocabulary and creating the notion of the ANZAC spirit. In 1916, the first anniversary of the landing was observed in Australia, New Zealand and England and by troops in Egypt. That year, 25 April was officially named 'ANZAC Day' by the Acting Prime Minister, George Pearce.

By the 1920s, ANZAC Day ceremonies were held throughout Australia. All States had designated ANZAC Day as a public holiday.

In the 1940s, Second World War veterans joined parades around the country. In the ensuing decades, returned servicemen and women from the conflicts in Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq, plus veterans from allied countries and peacekeepers, joined the parades.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the number of people attending the ceremonies fell as Australians questioned the relevance of ANZAC Day. However, in the 1990s there was a resurgence of interest in ANZAC Day, with attendances, particularly by young people, increasing across Australia and with many making the pilgrimage to Gallipoli.

Information provided by the
Australian War Memorial.





ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Camp Shortland

When: 5:00am - 6:00am,
Friday 25 April 2025

Where: Camp Shortland
Pasha Way, Newcastle

Toilets: Onsite

Parking: Event site parking
(see map below)
and On street parking

Public Transport:
<https://newcastletransport.info/>

Stockton ferry from 3:30am,
Newcastle Transport Buses direct to
Newcastle East and Newcastle Taxis.
Light Rail from Interchange.

The Dawn Service will begin at 5:00am and includes a band, bugler, bagpipers and choir. The service will conclude at approximately 6:00am with a four-gun Salute to the Fallen by the guns at Fort Scratchley.

In keeping with tradition there will be a controlled blackout of the site prior to the Dawn Service. Attendees are advised to bring a torch, warm clothing and wet weather protection.

Large LCD Outdoor Screens will provide coverage of the Dawn Service.



Order of Service

Lighting of the Flame

Mounting of the Catafalque party

Lighting of ANZAC Flame: Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Dr.R Ross Kerridge

Blessing of the Flame: Chaplain Mitchell Herps
RAAF Base Williamtown

Time to reflect: Sounds of War

Master of Ceremonies: Mr Mike Rabbitt, OAM, Introduction

Band: Australian Army Band Newcastle
Choir: Australian Military Wives Choir and The Vocal Company

Hymn: God Save the King

Welcome: Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Dr Ross Kerridge

Blessing and Prayer: Dean of Newcastle the Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Hymn: 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, Lord, 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.*

*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, and death, O Lord, Abide with me.*

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

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Flanders Field Poem:

Geoff Neill, Newcastle Legacy

"We Shall Keep the Faith"

Shanuck Wickremaratchy, Co-Captain Newcastle Grammar School

Ataturk Poem:

Ismael Haskara

Representing Turkish Community Newcastle

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

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.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



ANZAC Day Dawn Service

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Hymn: The Recessional (performed by Band and Choir)

- 1 God of our fathers, known of old
Lord of our far-flying battle line –
Beneath whose awful hand we hold –
Dominion over palm and pine –
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.
- 2 The tumult and the shouting dies –
The Captains and the Kings depart:
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart
Lord God of Hosts be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.
- 3 Far called our navies melt away,
On dune and headland sinks the fire:
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

- RUDYARD KIPLING.



ANZAC dedication: Molly Boyle, Co-Caption Newcastle Grammar School

At this hour, upon this day, ANZAC received its baptism of fire and became one of the world immortal names in history. We, who are gathered here, think of the comrades who went out with us to the battlefields of the Great War but did not return.

We feel them still near us in spirit. We wish to be worthy of their great sacrifice. Let us, therefore, once more dedicate ourselves to the service of the ideals for which they died. As the dawn is even now about to pierce the night, so let their memory inspire us to work for the coming of New Light in the dark places of the world. We will remember them.

Tribute laying:

Tributes will be placed during the playing of The Lament by Pipe Sergeant Brian Couch from the City of Newcastle RSL Pipe Band

Ode of Remembrance:

WO1 Scott Krum with Mrs Wharepouri McCully Warrant Officer Paul Garante RAAF Base Williamtown with Mr Alan McCully representing New Zealand Veterans

Last post:

Bugler - Lance Corporal Imogen Barker



Silence For The Sacred Minute Of Remembrance

Reveille: Bugler - Lance Corporal Imogen Barker

Epilogue ANZAC Day: Terry Tynan

Prayer and Dedication: Bishop Michael Kennedy
Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

National Anthems: The Band and Choir will perform
The National Anthem of New Zealand followed
by the Australian National Anthem

Firing of Fort Scratchley Guns









United Commemoration Service

Civic Park

When: 10:00am - 11:00am,
Friday 25 April 2025

Where: Civic Park

Toilets: Civic Park and Cultural Centre

Parking: On-street

Public Transport:
<https://newcastletransport.info/>

Ferry and Newcastle Transport Bus Services.

The Newcastle ANZAC Day United Commemoration Service will be held at the cenotaph in Civic Park commencing at 10:00am.

The RAAF Williamtown will conduct a Flyover at 10:00am sharp.



United Commemoration Service

Order of Service

Master of Ceremony:	Mr Graeme Reynolds
Band:	Australian Army Band Newcastle
Choir:	Australian Military Wives Choir and The Vocal Company
Hymn:	God Save the King

Prologue

On this day above all days we recall those who, in the great tragedy of war, gave their lives so that people in Australia and beyond may live in freedom; who still sleep amid the ridges of Gallipoli and the terraced hills of Palestine; in the well maintained cemeteries of France or the shimmering haze of the Libyan desert; amid the mountains and olive groves of Greece and The Middle East, and the jungle of Malaya, New Guinea, rugged Korea, Vietnam and the Pacific Islands, amid loving friends in Great Britain and in our own land; and in unknown resting places in every continent and in every sea.

With sacred remembrances we commemorate every man, woman and child who, in those crucial years, died so that the lights of freedom and humanity might continue to shine.

May we and our successors prove worthy of their sacrifice.

ANZAC DAY – Prayer of the day

Dean of Newcastle the Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

*O God, our ruler and guide,
in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,
we give you thanks for the freedom we enjoy in this land
and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,
gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,
may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

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Prayers

Prayer for the King and Nation

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Lord God of our fathers, whose faithfulness knows no end, we pray for our King and for all those under him who guide and govern the affairs of our nation. Fill them with the fear of your holy name that they may be set free from the fear of any human being.

Help them in every situation to know and do the thing that is right. And overrule all their deliberations for the good of our people, and for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Prayer for all Affected by War

Chaplain Mitchell Herps – RAAF Base Williamstown

O God our Father, we bring to you in our prayers those who suffer in body or mind as a result of war, or because of the fear and suspicions that separate nation from nation, race from race, and one human being from another.

We pray also for all refugees, and for those who have lost wife or husband, children or parents, livelihood, security or home.

Have mercy upon them, O God, and prosper all who seek to help them in their need, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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A Prayer for World Nations

Chaplain Mitchell Herps – RAAF Base Williamtown

God of the nations, whose kingdom rules over all, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war; that all races and people may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (recite by all)

Standing on the Shoulders. Words and music by Laura Edwards - Australian Military Wives Choir. Performed by the Australian Army Band Newcastle and combined choirs

Scripture Lesson – Psalm No. 27 - Very Rev Gregory Barker VG, Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Parish Priest, St Benedict's Inner Newcastle

A Prayer of Praise

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; I will fear no one. The Lord protects me from all danger; I will never be afraid.
- 2 When evil people attack me and try to kill me, they stumble and fall.
- 3 Even if a whole army surrounds me; I will not be afraid; even if enemies attack me, I will trust God.
- 4 I have asked the Lord for one thing; one thing only do I want; to live in the Lord's house all my life, to marvel there at His goodness, and to ask for His guidance.
- 5 In times of trouble He will shelter me; He will keep me safe in His Temple; and make me secure on a high rock.
- 6 So I will triumph over my enemies around me. With shouts of joy I will offer sacrifices in His Temple; I will sing, I will praise the Lord.
- 7 Hear me, Lord, when I call you! Be merciful and answer me!
- 8 When you said, "Come and worship me." I answered, "I will come Lord."
- 9 Don't hide yourself from me!
Don't be angry with me; don't turn your servant away.
You have been my help; don't leave me, don't abandon me' O God, my Saviour.
- 10 My father and mother may abandon me, but the Lord will take care of me.
- 11 Teach me, Lord, what you want me to do, and lead me along a safe path, because I have many enemies.
- 12 Don't abandon me to my enemies, who attack me with lies and threats.
- 13 I know that I will love to see the Lord's goodness in this present life.
- 14 Trust in the Lord.
Have faith, do not despair. Trust in the Lord.

Commemoration Address

Shilpi Salaria and Jack Martin, Co-Vice Captains
Newcastle Grammar School

TRIBUTE LAYING

Lament played by City of Newcastle RSL Pipe Band
Pipers – Pipe Major Ailsa Barnett, Pipe Sergeant Brian Couch, and Pipe Corporal Michele Davidge

Ode of Remembrance (United Commemoration Service):

Mrs Kerrie Thompson, Director City of Newcastle RSL sub branch

*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.*

- LAURENCE BINYON.

LAST POST

Bugler - Lance Corporal Imogen Barker

Silence For The Sacred Minute Of Remembrance

ROUSE

Bugler - Lance Corporal Imogen Barker

Hymn – "O Valiant Hearts"

*O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.*

*Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As you had heard God's message from afar;
All you hoped for, all you had, you gave,
To save mankind - yourselves you scorned to save.*

*Splendid you passed the great surrender made,
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.*

Benediction

Dean of Newcastle the Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

The National Anthem

Advance Australia Fair

Firing of the Guns and Open Day

Fort Scratchley

When: 12:00pm - 4:00pm,
Friday 25 April 2025

**Fort
Times:** 12:00pm - 4:00pm

**Guns
Times:** 1:00pm and 3:00pm

Where: Fort Scratchley

Toilets: Within Fort Scratchley

Parking: On-street, Horseshoe
Beach car park, Nobbys
car park No. 1 and 2.

Public Transport:
<https://newcastletransport.info/>



A four-gun Salute to the Fallen by the 25 Pound Field Gun at Fort Scratchley will be conducted at the conclusion of the Dawn Service at approximately 6:00am. This represents the Navy, Army, Air Force and ANZAC.

At 1:00pm and 3:00pm the firing by the historic 6" Mark V11 Gun that fired on the Japanese submarine on the 8 June 1942.

The Fort Scratchley Historic 150cm Carbon Arc Search Light will light up Nobbys Beach, Nobbys Lighthouse and Christ Church Cathedral prior to the commencement of the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.



Resident Notice

ANZAC Day 2025 Road Closures

Dawn Service, 25 April 2025, 5:00am to 6:00am

Road Closures

Tuesday 22 April, 6.00am to Saturday 26 April, 6:00pm

- Nobbys Beach Car Park No.1 & 2, closed.
- Pasha Way will be closed.

Road Closure

Dawn Service

Friday 25 April, 4.00am to 7.00am

- Horseshoe Beach Road, closed.
- Horseshoe Beach car park, closed.
- Wharf Road at Watt Street roundabout and Nobbys Road roundabout.
- Nobbys Road at Fort Drive and Wharf Road.
- Telford St (Scott St) no right turn into Scott St
- Scott St at Zaara St (residents only), right turn only into Zaara St.
- Fort Drive at Parnell Place, no through road into Fort Drive (residents only).

ANZAC Day March

25 April 2025, 9:00am to 10:00am

Under Police direction, the March will step off at 9.15am at the Cnr of Hunter and St Perkins St, and proceed south along Perkins St, turning right into King St, proceeding west along King St, then left into Auckland St to halt and disband into Civic Park. Road closures will be in place along the route to ensure the safe passage of the parade.

Vehicle access to and from properties along the March route will not be permitted during the road closures.

Residents or businesses are advised to move their vehicles before the closures take effect.

Road Closures Friday 25 April, 7:00am to 10:00am (Form Up)

- Hunter St (Newcomen St to Brown St).
- Wolfe St (Hunter St to Kings St).
- Perkins St (Hunter St to King St).
- Perkins St (King St to Church St)
- Brown St (King St to Hunter St).
- Brown St (King St to Church).
- Crown St (Hunter St to King St).

Road Closures Friday 25 April, 8:00am to 10:00am (March)

- King St (Wolfe St to Auckland St).
- Darby St (Hunter St to Tyrell St).
- Auckland St (Laman St to Kings St.)
- Auckland St (King St to Hunter St)
- Gibson St (Auckland St)

Car Park Closures Friday 25 April 1200am to 1200pm

- Queens Wharf Hotel Carpark, Wharf Rd, Newcastle.

United Commemoration Service

25 April 2025, 10:00am to 11:00am

Road Closures Friday 25 April, 10.00am to 12.00pm

- King St (Darby St and Auckland St).

The City of Newcastle RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Committee apologises in advance for any inconvenience to businesses and residents and appreciates their patience during these important events.

For more information visit: www.newcastlersl.org.au





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