



Tuesday, 19 April 2011

ANZAC Day 2011

ANZAC Day will again pay tribute to those who have served Australia, with commemorations across the day and throughout the State.

The Sydney CBD will again be the focal point in New South Wales this ANZAC Day where tens of thousands of people will pay their respects at Services, Marches and the traditional NRL ANZAC Day Cup at the Sydney Football Stadium.

The Sydney CBD events for ANZAC Day 2011 include:

- 04:15 – Dawn Service, Cenotaph, Martin Place (officials arrive 4:15am, ceremony starts 4:30am)
- 08:30 – Wreath Laying Ceremony, Cenotaph, Martin Place
- 09:00 – ANZAC Day March
- 12:30 – Commemoration Service, Hyde Park ANZAC Memorial
- 16:00 – NRL ANZAC Day Cup Sydney Football Stadium
- 17:00 – Sunset Service, Cenotaph, Martin Place

Bob Crosthwaite, Acting RSL NSW State President, encouraged veterans and the general public to take an active role in this year's commemorations.

“There are many ways throughout the day for people to pay their respects to those who have served our country,” said Mr Crosthwaite.

“Veterans are always encouraged to take part in the many Marches throughout the State. Around 20,000 will do so in the Sydney CBD this year.

“Along with Dawn Service at the Cenotaph, the Commemoration Service will also be held at the Hyde Park ANZAC Memorial at 12.30pm and the increasingly popular Sunset Service will be held at the Cenotaph from 5.00pm.”

People attending any of the events in the Sydney CBD, including the NRL ANZAC Day Cup, are advised to catch public transport.

The 2011 ANZAC Day commemorations are particularly significant for the milestone that will be remembered. Apart from being the 96th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, 2011 will mark the 70th anniversary of the siege of Tobruk where the Australian 9th Division held the North African city for over five months, from April through to September, 1941.

Veteran Olof (Zack) Isaksson remembers his involvement in the conflict and is pleased that it is being remembered.

“It is terrific to see that after 70 years we are still able to remember this significant part of

World War II.," said Mr Isaksson.

"I was in Tobruk as part of the 9th Division for four months with other Australians serving our country."

Also in 1941 Australians were involved in the Battle of Greece and Crete, while in 1951 Australian's were actively involved in the Korean War's Battle of Kapyong.

Important Information for People Attending the Martin Place Dawn Service:

Organisers of the Dawn Service are again encouraging members of the public attending to please eat well before going to the Service and to bring light snacks to have whilst there. Over the years many people have fainted due to not eating before attending the Service.

For road closure information visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au

For public transport information visit www.131500.com.au or call 131 500

For more information about Sydney CBD ANZAC Day commemorations visit www.rslnsw.org.au

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