

Why we Commemorate ANZAC Day

At dawn on 25th April, 1915 a contingent of Australian and New Zealand Soldiers (ANZAC) landed on Turkey's Gallipoli Peninsula and it was planned that they and other Allied troops would put Turkey, who had joined Germany against the Allies, out of World War I. Horrific battles ensued, but the Turks were unable to evict the Allies and the Allies were unable to overcome the Turkish defences.

In December 1915, the Allies commenced to withdraw, having suffered heavy casualties. It was with this landing that there began to emerge the tradition of ANZAC with the ideals of mateship and sacrifice that distinguish and unite all Australians irrespective of their origins.

The 25th of April each year is the day Australia commemorates with services and marches in cities and towns and throughout the world where servicemen, servicewomen and peacekeepers are stationed, to remember all those who lost their lives in service to their country, in all wars.

We Will Remember Them

Lest We Forget

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