

RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY BRANCH INCORPORATED
ABN 61 268 362 646



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Via email

NATIONAL CEREMONY – ANZAC DAY MARCH 2019

On behalf of the RSL ACT Branch Executive, I have much pleasure in inviting your organisation to participate in the annual ANZAC Day march in Canberra.

The format is similar to that of previous years, and, once again we are grateful to the Australian War Memorial (AWM) for their support to the RSL ACT on the day.

The following information is provided for your planning and assistance:

- Vehicles will be provided for those who find it difficult to march the distance. These vehicles will be located at the top end of Anzac Parade adjacent to the Atatürk Memorial.
- **The march is for veterans only. However, it is recognised some veterans may need assistance to participate fully. These veterans may be accompanied by (one only) friend, relative or carer who is of good health, and be 18 years or over.**
- To address the many requests from relatives to march on behalf of veteran family members, a “relatives” contingent has been introduced and relatives of veterans from all wars may participate. This contingent will be located towards the end of the Order of March. This also allows veterans not to be “pushed back” by numbers of non-veterans within contingents and allows those who are ageing to march a shorter distance.
- The lowering of the Australian National Flag (ANF) to the horizontal as contingents pass the Reviewing Officer is a breach of protocol (ref – Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet publication: *Australian Flags* and the *Army’s Ceremonial Manual*). Therefore, the ANF is not to be lowered for this salute.
- Provision for first aid, water points and toilets will be available.

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- The march is scheduled to step off at 1050 hours. The ANZAC Day Ceremony will commence at 1030h and Ideally, contingents should be fallen in by 0945. Contingent leaders are requested to remind members to turn mobile phones to silent or off.
- Large contingents are asked to form up six abreast.
- Bands have been directed to play at 110 paces per minute.
- On completion of the march past, when contingents reach the veterans' seating area, it is important to follow the directions of AWM staff.
- Seating is available for those marching only and is expected to be fully occupied by those participating. Family or relatives may be able to obtain seating by contacting the AWM in advance.
- The Order of March is being finalised, however, will be similar to previous years.
- Information will be posted to RSL ACT website and updated as required.
- The Canberra Times will also publish the latest information in the days prior to the march.

Below is the RSL ACT Branch website address where you will be able to complete your contingent details, Unit History proforma and return as soon as possible. This information is forwarded to media and AWM commentators so that appropriate recognition of contingents is provided on the day. Unfortunately, late returns may prevent contingents being mentioned as they march past.

<http://www.actrsl.org.au/contingent>

All enquires are to be emailed to renee.mills@rsl.org.au

Kind regards

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