

ANZAC DAY



DAWN SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Cenotaph
Forest Park
Epping

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026
6.00am

The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance
Lest We Forget

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This Commemoration has been possible only by the generous cooperation of many people and organisation. Epping RSL sub-Branch is deeply appreciative of the assistance given. We wish to extend our particular appreciation to the City of Parramatta Council for their participation and assistance in this year's Dawn Service.

ORDER OF SERVICE | "Greater Love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (NIV)

David Taylor OAM | Parade Marshal

Les Rowe | Master of Ceremonies

Rev. Anton Marquez | Officiating Minister

Catafalque Party | 322 City of Ryde Squadron AAF Cadet Corps

WELCOME TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Brian Swan AM | Past President, Epping RSL sub-Branch

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, O abide with me.	I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
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PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Rev. Marquez

ANZAC ADDRESS

Col. Mark Hoare Retd.

HYMN: The Recessional

God of our Fathers, known of old- Lord of our far-flung 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!	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!
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PRAYER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES

Rev. Marquez | Officiating Minister

ACT OF COMMEMORATION

Brian Swan AM | Past President, Epping RSL sub-Branch

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.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Wreath layers please come forward as requested.

THE ODE

Jagjit Rastogi and Jing Wen Au | Epping Boys High School

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 them. (Repeated by all)
"Lest We Forget." (Repeated by all)

The Last Post

SILENCE IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED COMRADES

Reveille

BENEDICTION

Rev. Marquez | Officiating Minister

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ANTHEM | 'God Defend New Zealand'

God of Nations at Thy feet, In the bonds of love we meet, Hear our voices, we entreat, God defend our free land.	Guard Pacific's triple star From the shafts of strife and war, Make her praises heard afar, God defend New Zealand.
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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM | 'Advance Australia Fair'

Australians all let us rejoice, For we are one and free; We've golden soil and wealth for toil, Our home is girt by sea, Our land abounds in nature's gifts	Of beauty rich and rare; In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.
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CATAFALQUE PARTY DISMISSED

David Taylor OAM | Parade Marshal

CLOSURE OF SERVICE

Brian Swan AM | Past President, Epping RSL sub-Branch

PARADE DISMISSED

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